

## 100 Cloze Test Practice Questions

**Directions (1-5):** In the following passage some words have been omitted and a blank is given in its place. Each of the blank has been denoted by a letter. For each blank, four options are given. Three out of four options fit in the blank grammatically and contextually. Find the word which does not fit the blank. If all the options fit in the blank, the mark “None of these” as answer.

The modest turnouts in Maharashtra and Haryana on Monday could have been expected, considering the \_\_\_\_\_ that had loomed over the Assembly election campaigns in both States. As the first test of public opinion after the Lok Sabha election and given the fact that both these States have been under Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) rule for the last five years, this could have been an occasion to test the party’s overall performance in government. However, that was not how the campaign turned out as the BJP sought to focus the public attention on selective components of its track record related to national security and the Opposition collapsed in both States. Central investigative agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate appeared to be trying to tilt the scale in the ruling party’s favour as they enthusiastically pursued old cases against Opposition leaders, in the midst of the campaign. The BJP has \_\_\_\_\_ cited military operations to score brownie points in domestic politics always, and the claim of a muscular and militarist foreign policy was the mainstay of its campaign this time too. Given that context, the Indian Army’s announcement on the eve of the election that it had conducted another raid on terrorist targets in Pakistan-controlled \_\_\_\_\_ could have helped the BJP. The BJP made fresh promises to the electorate, while it successfully \_\_\_\_\_ any discussion on some of the previous promises that remain undelivered.

Far from showing any sign of recovery since their crushing defeat in the Lok Sabha election, Opposition parties have sunk further, as they continue to grope in the dark for an organising principle. They went to the polls with tired faces and old slogans, as if unaware of the intense appeal of Hindutva hyper nationalism that has \_\_\_\_\_ the public to the economic situation.

**Q1. Which of the following words will not fit in the given blank (A)?**

- (a) lethargy
- (b) sluggishness
- (c) indifference
- (d) vivacity
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(d)**

From the given options (d) does not fit in the given blank contextually.

Vivacity means the quality of being attractively lively and animated, which does not fit contextually.

Hence, option (d) is correct answer choice.

**Q2. Which of the following words will not fit in the given blank (B)?**

- (a) blatantly
- (b) brazenly
- (c) humbly
- (d) flagrantly
- (e) None of these



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**Ans.(c)**

From the given options (c) does not fit in the given blank.  
Hence, option (c) is correct answer choice.

**Q3. Which of the following words will not fit in the given blank (C)?**

- (a) parliament
- (b) terrain
- (c) region
- (d) territory
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(a)**

From the given options (a) does not fit in the given blank.  
Hence, option (a) is correct answer choice.

**Q4. Which of the following words will not fit in the given blank (D)?**

- (a) avoided
- (b) accepted
- (c) averted
- (d) fended off
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(b)**

From the given options (b) does not fit in the given blank.  
Hence, option (b) is correct answer choice.

**Q5. Which of the following words will not fit in the given blank (E)?**

- (a) paralyzed
- (b) numbed
- (c) desensitised
- (d) activated
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(d)**

From the given options (d) does not fit in the given blank.  
Hence, option (d) is correct answer choice.

**Directions (6-10): In the following passage there are five blanks given. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.**

International Nurses Day, celebrated on May 12th, is a day to \_\_\_(A)\_\_\_ the invaluable contributions of nurses worldwide. This annual event \_\_\_(B)\_\_\_ the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. Nurses play a \_\_\_(C)\_\_\_ role in the healthcare system, often working tirelessly under challenging conditions. Their \_\_\_(D)\_\_\_ to patient care and their ability to manage crises effectively are truly commendable. As we honor these healthcare professionals, it is essential to \_\_\_(E)\_\_\_ the need for better working conditions and continuous professional development to ensure they can continue to provide high-quality care.

**Q6. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?**

- (a) eulogize
- (b) denigrate
- (c) obfuscate
- (d) repudiate
- (e) depreciate

**Ans.(a)**

**Eulogize** means to praise enthusiastically, fitting the context of honoring nurses' contributions. Denigrate, obfuscate, repudiate, and depreciate imply criticize, make unclear, reject, and reduce value, respectively, which do not suit the context of celebration and praise.

**Q7. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?**

- (a) diminishes
- (b) exacerbates
- (c) commemorates
- (d) mitigates
- (e) alienates

**Ans.(c)**

**Commemorates** means to recall and show respect for someone or something, fitting the context of marking the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale. Diminishes, exacerbates, mitigates, and alienates suggest reduce, worsen, make less severe, and isolate, respectively, which are not appropriate for honoring an anniversary.

**Q8. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?**

- (a) peripheral
- (b) negligible
- (c) pivotal
- (d) redundant
- (e) transient

**Ans.(c)**

**Pivotal** means of crucial importance, fitting the context of describing the essential role nurses play in healthcare. Peripheral, negligible, redundant, and transient suggest marginal, unimportant, unnecessary, and temporary, respectively, which do not fit the context of an essential role.

**Q9. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?**

- (a) lethargy
- (b) equivocation
- (c) indifference
- (d) dedication
- (e) ambivalence

**Ans.(d)**

**Dedication** means committed to a task or purpose, fitting the context of describing nurses' commitment to patient care. Lethargy, equivocation, indifference, and ambivalence suggest lack of energy, uncertainty, lack of interest, and mixed feelings, respectively, which do not describe commitment.

**Q10. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?**

- (a) obscure
- (b) elucidate
- (c) prevaricate
- (d) censure
- (e) acquiesce

**Ans.(b)**

**Elucidate** means to make something clear, fitting the context of highlighting the need for better working conditions and development. Obscure, prevaricate, censure, and acquiesce imply make unclear, lie, criticize, and agree passively, respectively, which do not fit the context of clarification and emphasis.

**Directions (11-15): In the following passage there are five blanks given. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.**

International Tea Day, observed on May 21st, seeks to \_\_\_(A)\_\_\_ the cultural and economic significance of tea around the world. This day is an opportunity to recognize the \_\_\_(B)\_\_\_ history of tea cultivation and its impact on various societies. Tea production involves a \_\_\_(C)\_\_\_ process that requires careful attention to detail and a deep understanding of the plant. Beyond its economic importance, tea also holds a \_\_\_(D)\_\_\_ place in many cultures, often being associated with rituals and social practices. As we celebrate International Tea Day, it is important to \_\_\_(E)\_\_\_ the labor of tea workers and promote sustainable practices in the industry.

**Q11. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?**

- (a) illustrate
- (b) trivialize
- (c) exacerbate
- (d) illuminate
- (e) obscure

**Ans.(a)**

The first blank (A) requires a word that fits the context of highlighting the importance of tea. The word "illustrate" (a) fits best as it means to explain or make something clear by using examples, charts, pictures, etc. The other options:

- "trivialize" (b) means to make something seem less important.
- "exacerbate" (c) means to make a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse.
- "illuminate" (d) as in to illumine to supply with light
- "obscure" (e) means to make something less clear or less visible. None of these convey the idea of showing the significance as well as "illustrate" does.

**Q12. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?**

- (a) intermittent
- (b) perpetual
- (c) ephemeral
- (d) obsolescent
- (e) transient

**Ans.(b)**

The second blank (B) should describe the long-lasting history of tea cultivation. The word "perpetual" (b) is the correct choice as it means never ending or changing, which fits the context of the history of tea. The other options:

- "intermittent" (a) means occurring at irregular intervals.
- "ephemeral" (c) means lasting for a very short time.
- "obsolescent" (d) means becoming outdated or no longer used.
- "transient" (e) means lasting only for a short time. These do not fit the context of a long-lasting history.

**Q13. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?**

- (a) facile
- (b) perfunctory
- (c) meticulous
- (d) cursory
- (e) haphazard

**Ans.(c)**

The third blank (C) describes the detailed process involved in tea production. "Meticulous" (c) is the best choice as it means showing great attention to detail and being very careful and precise. The other options:

- "facile" (a) means appearing neat and comprehensive only by ignoring the true complexities of an issue; superficial.
- "perfunctory" (b) means carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection.
- "cursory" (d) means hasty and therefore not thorough or detailed.
- "haphazard" (e) means lacking any obvious principle of organization. These do not appropriately describe a careful and detailed process.

**Q14. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?**

- (a) marginal
- (b) peripheral
- (c) seminal
- (d) negligible
- (e) tenuous

**Ans.(c)**

The fourth blank (D) should describe the significant cultural role of tea. "Seminal" (c) is the correct choice as it means strongly influencing later developments; highly original and important. The other options:

- "marginal" (a) means of secondary or minor importance.
- "peripheral" (b) means relating to or situated on the edge.
- "negligible" (d) means so small or unimportant as to be not worth considering.
- "tenuous" (e) means very weak or slight. These do not describe an important cultural role as well as "seminal" does.

**Q15. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?**

- (a) disparage
- (b) venerate
- (c) denounce
- (d) abrogate
- (e) alleviate

**Ans.(b)**

The fifth blank (E) involves showing respect for the labor of tea workers. "Venerate" (b) best fits this blank as it means to regard with great respect. The other options:

- "disparage" (a) means to regard or represent as being of little worth.
- "denounce" (c) means to publicly declare to be wrong or evil.
- "abrogate" (d) means to repeal or do away with.
- "alleviate" (e) means to make (suffering, deficiency, or a problem) less severe. These do not fit the context of showing respect.

**Directions (16-20): In the following passage, some of the words have been given in bold, each of which is indicated by a letter. Given bold words may or may not be contextually and grammatically correct. If not, find the suitable word from the options given for each highlighted word and replace with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful. If the given highlighted word is correct then choose, "No replacement required".**

Animal rights, moral or legal entitlements attributed to nonhuman animals, usually because of the complexity of their **dissuade(A)**, emotional, and social lives or their capacity to experience physical or emotional pain or pleasure. Historically, different views of the scope of animal rights have **sprinkled(B)** philosophical and legal developments, scientific conceptions of animal and human nature, and religious and **ingress (C)** conceptions of the proper relationship between animals and human beings. Since the beginning of the modern animal rights movement, which was **initiated (D)** by philosophers in the 1970s, animal rights has been a popular topic of discussion within the academic study of applied ethics, or the application of **upheaval (E)** moral theories to practical problems.

**Q16. Which of the following word should replace the word (A)?**

- (a) cognitive
- (b) impede
- (c) devout
- (d) inebriate
- (e) No replacement required

**Ans.(a)**

The word "**dissuade**" means **to persuade someone not to do something**, which is **contextually incorrect** here.

The sentence is referring to the **mental, emotional, and social capacities of animals**. Therefore, a word related to **mental processes** is required.

Option Analysis:

A. **cognitive** – relating to mental processes such as thinking, learning, and understanding.

Hindi: संज्ञानात्मक / बौद्धिक

This fits perfectly with the phrase “**cognitive, emotional, and social lives.**”

B. **impede** – to hinder or obstruct something.

Hindi: बाधा डालना / रोकना

Does not fit the context.

C. **devout** – deeply religious.

Hindi: धार्मिक / भक्तिपूर्ण

Irrelevant to the sentence.

D. **inebriate** – to intoxicate; to make drunk.

Hindi: मदहोश करना / नशे में करना

Contextually incorrect.

E. **No replacement required** – incorrect because “**dissuade**” does not fit grammatically or contextually.

Correct phrase:

**the complexity of their cognitive, emotional, and social lives**

Therefore, the correct answer is **A (cognitive)**.

**Q17. Which of the following word should replace the word (B)?**

(a) subdued

(b) fluttered

(c) beckoned

(d) reflected

(e) No replacement required

**Ans.(d)**

Correct Answer: **D (reflected)**

Explanation:

Sentence fragment:

Historically, different views of the scope of animal rights have **sprinkled (B)** philosophical and legal developments, scientific conceptions of animal and human nature, and religious and ingress conceptions of the proper relationship between animals and human beings.

The word “**sprinkled**” means **scattered lightly**, which does **not fit the intended meaning** of the sentence.

The sentence intends to say that different views of animal rights have **influenced or been shown through philosophical, legal, scientific, and religious developments**. The word “**reflected**” fits this context.

Option Analysis (with Hindi meanings):

A. **subdued** – to bring under control; suppressed.

Hindi: दबाना / शांत करना

Does not fit the meaning.

B. **fluttered** – to flap wings or move lightly and quickly.

Hindi: फड़फड़ाना

Contextually incorrect.

C. **beckoned** – to signal or invite someone with a gesture.

Hindi: इशारे से बुलाना

Not appropriate in this context.

D. **reflected** – shown or expressed something clearly.

Hindi: प्रतिबिंबित करना / दर्शाना

This fits the sentence because philosophical and legal developments **reflect** different views of animal rights.

E. **No replacement required** – incorrect because “**sprinkled**” is not suitable here.

Correct sentence fragment:

Historically, different views of the scope of animal rights have **reflected** philosophical and legal developments...

Therefore, the correct answer is **D (reflected)**.

**Q18. Which of the following word should replace the word (C)?**

(a) subtle

(b) jostled

(c) ethical

(d) flouted

(e) No replacement required

**Ans.(c)**

Correct Answer: **C (ethical)**

Explanation:

Sentence fragment:

Historically, different views of the scope of animal rights have reflected philosophical and legal developments, scientific conceptions of animal and human nature, and religious and **ingress (C)** conceptions of the proper relationship between animals and human beings.

The word “**ingress**” means **an entrance or act of entering**, which does **not fit the context** here.

The sentence refers to **religious and moral ideas about the relationship between animals and humans**. The word “**ethical**” appropriately describes **moral principles or standards of right and wrong**.

Option Analysis (with Hindi meanings):

A. **subtle** – delicate or not obvious.

Hindi: सूक्ष्म / हल्का

Does not fit the phrase logically.

B. **jostled** – pushed or bumped roughly.

Hindi: धक्का देना

Contextually incorrect.

C. **ethical** – relating to moral principles or standards of right and wrong.

Hindi: नैतिक / आचार-संबंधी

Fits perfectly with **religious and ethical conceptions**.

D. **flouted** – openly disregarded a rule or law.

Hindi: उल्लंघन करना

Does not fit the context.

E. **No replacement required** – incorrect because “**ingress**” is inappropriate here.

Correct phrase:

**religious and ethical conceptions of the proper relationship between animals and human beings**

Therefore, the correct answer is **C (ethical)**.

**Q19. Which of the following word should replace the word (D)?**

- (a) abated
- (b) undulated
- (c) mitigated
- (d) depraved
- (e) No replacement required

**Ans.(e)**

Correct Answer: **E (No replacement required)**

Explanation:

Sentence fragment:

Since the beginning of the modern animal rights movement, **which was initiated (D) by philosophers in the 1970s**, animal rights has been a popular topic of discussion...

The word “**initiated**” means **started or begun**, which fits perfectly in the context because the modern animal rights movement **began with philosophers in the 1970s**.

Option Analysis (with Hindi meanings):

A. **abated** – to reduce or lessen in intensity.

Hindi: कम होना / घट जाना

Does not fit the meaning.

B. **undulated** – to move in a wave-like motion.

Hindi: लहराना / तरंगित होना

Contextually incorrect.

C. **mitigated** – to make something less severe.

Hindi: कम करना / हल्का करना

Not suitable here.

D. **depraved** – morally corrupt or wicked.

Hindi: नैतिक रूप से भ्रष्ट

Completely inappropriate in this context.

E. **No replacement required** – correct because “**initiated**” is already the appropriate word.

Therefore, the correct answer is **E (No replacement required)**.

**Q20. Which of the following word should replace the word (E)?**

- (a) dislodge
- (b) vagueness
- (c) normative
- (d) solace
- (e) No replacement required



Ans.(c)

Correct Answer: **C (normative)**

Explanation:

Sentence fragment:

...animal rights has been a popular topic of discussion within the academic study of applied ethics, or the application of **upheaval (E)** moral theories to practical problems.

The word “**upheaval**” means **a violent or sudden change**, which does **not fit grammatically or contextually** with “**moral theories.**”

In ethics, the correct expression is “**normative moral theories.**” These theories deal with **standards or principles of right and wrong** and are applied to practical ethical problems.

Option Analysis (with Hindi meanings):

A. **dislodge** – to force something out of its position.

Hindi: हटा देना / बाहर निकालना

Does not fit the phrase.

B. **vagueness** – lack of clarity or precision.

Hindi: अस्पष्टता

Contextually incorrect.

C. **normative** – relating to standards, rules, or principles, especially in ethics.

Hindi: मानकात्मक / नैतिक सिद्धांतों से संबंधित

Correct, because **normative moral theories** is a standard term in ethics.

D. **solace** – comfort or consolation in distress.

Hindi: सांत्वना / दिलासा

Does not fit the context.

E. **No replacement required** – incorrect because “**upheaval**” is inappropriate here.

Correct phrase:

**the application of normative moral theories to practical problems**

Therefore, the correct answer is **C (normative)**.

**Directions (21-25): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by a letter. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate words.**

The imminent commercial availability of a vaccine for dengue by mid-2026 \_\_\_\_\_ (A) a paradigm shift in public health dynamics. The \_\_\_\_\_ (B) of vaccine development, fraught with the exigencies of clinical trials, epitomize a convoluted journey towards efficacious immunization. The juxtaposition of scientific ingenuity and regulatory exigencies \_\_\_\_\_ (C) a labyrinthine process, where each milestone underscores the arduous trajectory towards tangible fruition. The imprimatur of commercial viability demands meticulous \_\_\_\_\_ (D), navigating through the intricacies of manufacturing scalability and market penetration. Such a juncture augurs a transformative epoch, where the fulcrum of global health pivots on the precipice of innovation, \_\_\_\_\_ (E) humanity towards a resilient frontier against the scourge of dengue.

**Q21. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the highlighted blank (A)?**

- (a) heralds
- (b) exacerbates
- (c) obfuscates
- (d) repudiates
- (e) attenuates

**Ans.(a)**

For blank (A), the best word choice is " **heralds**." The sentence context suggests that the commercial availability of a vaccine represents a significant change or introduction of something new and beneficial in public health. "Heralds" means to announce or signal the arrival of something, which fits perfectly in describing the impact of the vaccine's availability.

(a) **heralds**: Announces or signals the approach of something. (b) **exacerbates**: Makes a problem, bad situation, or negative feeling worse. (c) **obfuscates**: Renders something obscure, unclear, or unintelligible. (d) **repudiates**: Refuses to accept; rejects. (e) **attenuates**: Reduces the force, effect, or value of something.

**Q22. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the highlighted blank (B)?**

- (a) alacrities
- (b) intricacies
- (c) redundancies
- (d) serendipity
- (e) ambiguity

**Ans.(b)**

For blank (B), the best word choice is "intricacies." The sentence describes the process of vaccine development as complex and filled with challenges, particularly the difficulties associated with clinical trials. "Intricacies" refers to the complex and detailed nature of something, which aligns well with describing the complicated path of developing a vaccine.

(a) **alacrity**: Speed and eagerness in responding or acting. (b) **intricacies**: Complex details or patterns. (c) **redundancies**: The state of being not or no longer needed or useful; superfluity. (d) **serendipity**: The occurrence of events by chance in a happy or beneficial way. (e) **ambiguity**: The quality of being open to more than one interpretation; inexactness.

**Q23. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the highlighted blank (C)?**

- (a) diminishes
- (b) proliferates
- (c) delineates
- (d) vilifies
- (e) equivocates

**Ans.(c)**

For blank (C), the best word choice is " **delineates**." The context of the sentence involves describing a complex process in detail, particularly the juxtaposition of scientific ingenuity and regulatory challenges. "Delineates" means to describe or portray something precisely, which fits well in highlighting the complexities and steps involved in the process.

(a) **diminishes**: Makes or becomes less. (b) **proliferates**: Increases rapidly in numbers; multiplies. (c) **delineates**: Describes or portrays something precisely. (d) **vilifies**: Speaks or writes about in an abusively disparaging manner. (e) **equivocates**: Uses ambiguous language so as to conceal the truth or avoid committing oneself.

**Q24. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the highlighted blank (D)?**

- (a) apathy
- (b) conviviality
- (c) scrutiny
- (d) perplexity
- (e) complacency

**Ans.(c)**

For blank (D), the best word choice is "**scrutiny**." The context involves the careful examination and consideration needed to ensure commercial viability, including navigating through the complexities of manufacturing scalability and market penetration. "Scrutiny" refers to detailed and critical examination, fitting perfectly with the requirements for ensuring that the vaccine meets commercial standards.

(a) **apathy**: Lack of interest, enthusiasm, or concern. (b) **conviviality**: The quality of being friendly and lively; friendliness. (c) **scrutiny**: Critical observation or examination. (d) **perplexity**: The state of being confused or bewildered. (e) **complacency**: Self-satisfaction especially when accompanied by unawareness of actual dangers or deficiencies.

**Q25. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the highlighted blank (E)?**

- (a) propelling
- (b) impedes
- (c) recedes
- (d) obliterating
- (e) relinquishes

**Ans.(a)**

For blank (E), the best word choice is "**propelling**." The sentence suggests a forward movement or advancement towards better handling of dengue, reflecting a positive and proactive change in global health dynamics. "Propelling" means to drive or push something forward, which aligns well with the concept of moving humanity towards a new level of resilience against dengue.

(a) **propelling**: Driving, pushing forward, or causing to move in a particular direction. (b) **impedes**: Delays or prevents someone or something by obstructing them; hinders. (c) **recedes**: Goes or moves back or further away from a previous position. (d) **obliterating**: Destroys utterly; wipes out. (e) **relinquishes**: Voluntarily ceases to keep or claim; gives up.

**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.**

As the world \_\_\_(A)\_\_\_ towards the last lap of 2024, a new era of travel is taking shape one that spotlights unique, enriching experiences. At the helm of this transformation is Saudi, a land that seamlessly \_\_\_(B)\_\_\_ the ancient and the modern, all without skimping on tradition and culture. In Saudi, towering skyscrapers \_\_\_(C)\_\_\_ the desert skyline. The whisper of wind across the dunes echoes the footsteps of ancient Bedouin tribes, while the hum of construction signals a nation \_\_\_(D)\_\_\_ a new identity. Add to this a dynamic society rooted in its past and eagerly embracing the future. The national capital, Riyadh, presents a compelling case in this study of contrasts. In Riyadh, \_\_\_(E)\_\_\_ skyscrapers, clad in glass and steel, rise against the backdrop of the sky as symbols of economic power and unyielding ambition.

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

- (a) assaults
- (b) charges
- (c) reverts
- (d) prevents
- (e) proves

**Ans.(b)**

**Analysis of Blank (A):**

The sentence suggests the world is progressing or moving forward to the last part of 2024. The word in the blank should convey movement, particularly forward motion. Let's analyze the options:

**1. Assaults**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To attack someone or something aggressively.
- **Hindi:** हमला करना
- **Inappropriate:** "Assaults" implies aggression or violence, which doesn't align with the context of describing the passage of time.

**2. Charges**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To rush forward or move with energy and speed.
- **Hindi:** तेजी से आगे बढ़ना
- **Appropriate:** This fits the context as it describes the world moving energetically toward the end of 2024, aligning with the dynamic tone of the passage.

**3. Reverts**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To return to a previous state or condition.
- **Hindi:** वापस लौटना
- **Inappropriate:** "Reverts" suggests regression or going back, which contradicts the idea of progressing toward the end of the year.

**4. Prevents**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To stop something from happening.
- **Hindi:** रोकना
- **Inappropriate:** "Prevents" conveys obstruction, which does not fit the context of time moving forward.

**5. Proves**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To demonstrate or establish the truth or validity of something.
- **Hindi:** साबित करना
- **Inappropriate:** "Proves" is unrelated to the movement or passage of time.

**Correct Answer: (b) Charges**

- It effectively conveys forward motion with energy, matching the tone of the passage.

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

- (a) divides
- (b) reduces
- (c) contrasts
- (d) closes
- (e) straddles

**Ans.(e)**

**Analysis of Blank (B):**

The sentence describes Saudi Arabia as a land that balances both ancient and modern elements, emphasizing the blend of tradition with progress. The word in the blank should express this seamless integration.

**1. Divides**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To separate into parts or groups.
- **Hindi:** विभाजित करना।
- **Inappropriate:** "Divides" suggests separation or disconnection, which is opposite to the idea of combining or blending ancient and modern aspects.

**2. Reduces**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To make something smaller or less significant.
- **Hindi:** कम करना।
- **Inappropriate:** "Reduces" doesn't fit the context, as it implies diminishing something, whereas the sentence focuses on balance and harmony.

**3. Contrasts**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To compare two things in a way that highlights differences.
- **Hindi:** अंतर दिखाना।
- **Inappropriate:** "Contrasts" emphasizes differences rather than blending, which is not aligned with the idea of seamlessly combining ancient and modern elements.

**4. Closes**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To bring something to an end or make something inaccessible.
- **Hindi:** बंद करना।
- **Inappropriate:** "Closes" is unrelated to the context of integration.

**5. Straddles**

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To sit or stand with one leg on either side; to combine or encompass different elements or areas.
- **Hindi:** दोनों पक्षों को साथ लाना या समेटना।
- **Appropriate:** "Straddles" perfectly fits the context, as it conveys the idea of spanning and combining ancient and modern aspects seamlessly.

**Correct Answer: (e) Straddles**

- It effectively captures the balance and integration of ancient and modern elements described in the passage.

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

- (a) seal
- (b) plug
- (c) pierce
- (d) depart
- (e) preview

**Ans.(c)**

**Analysis of Blank (C):**

The sentence discusses how skyscrapers interact with the desert skyline. The blank should describe a strong visual or physical relationship between the skyscrapers and the skyline.

**1. Seal**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To close or secure something tightly.

• **Hindi:** सील करना या बंद करना।

• **Inappropriate:** "Seal" suggests closure, which doesn't fit the imagery of skyscrapers standing out against the skyline.

**2. Plug**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To block or fill a hole or gap.

• **Hindi:** भरना या रोकना।

• **Inappropriate:** "Plug" conveys the idea of blocking something, which is irrelevant to the context of skyscrapers and the skyline.

**3. Pierce**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To penetrate or go through something.

• **Hindi:** छेदना या भेदना।

• **Appropriate:** "Pierce" fits well, as it suggests skyscrapers breaking or cutting through the desert skyline, creating a striking visual image.

**4. Depart**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To leave or go away.

• **Hindi:** प्रस्थान करना।

• **Inappropriate:** "Depart" is unrelated to the idea of skyscrapers and their interaction with the skyline.

**5. Preview**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To see or show something in advance.

• **Hindi:** पूर्वावलोकन करना।

• **Inappropriate:** "Preview" does not make sense in the context of describing skyscrapers and the desert skyline.

**Correct Answer: (c) Pierce**

• It conveys the imagery of towering skyscrapers cutting through or standing prominently in the desert skyline.

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

- (a) forging
- (b) stopping
- (c) wrecking
- (d) dismantling
- (e) stemming

**Ans.(a)**

**Analysis of Blank (D):**

The sentence describes Saudi Arabia as a nation **building** or **developing** a new identity. The blank should reflect progress, growth, or transformation.

**1. Forging**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To create or develop something with great effort.

• **Hindi:** गढ़ना या बनाना।

• **Appropriate:** "Forging" fits perfectly, as it conveys the idea of actively creating or building a new identity.

**2. Stopping**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To cease or bring something to a halt.

• **Hindi:** रोकना।

• **Inappropriate:** "Stopping" implies cessation, which contradicts the idea of progress and development.

**3. Wrecking**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To destroy or ruin something.

• **Hindi:** नष्ट करना।

• **Inappropriate:** "Wrecking" is opposite to the intended meaning of creating or building a new identity.

**4. Dismantling**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To take something apart or destroy it systematically.

• **Hindi:** विघटित करना।

• **Inappropriate:** "Dismantling" conveys destruction, which does not fit the context of constructing a new identity.

**5. Stemming**

• **Meaning:**

• **English:** To stop or restrict the flow of something.

• **Hindi:** रोकना।

• **Inappropriate:** "Stemming" suggests restriction or halting, which contradicts the theme of forward momentum and development.

**Correct Answer: (a) Forging**

• It aligns with the positive and constructive theme of creating a new identity.

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

- (a) alerting
- (b) gleaming
- (c) bunching
- (d) cohering
- (e) debuting

**Ans.(b)**

**Analysis of Blank (E):**

The sentence discusses skyscrapers in Riyadh that rise "against the backdrop of the sky as symbols of economic power and unyielding ambition." The blank should describe the appearance of these skyscrapers, focusing on their physical or visual characteristics.

#### 1. Alerting

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To warn or inform someone about something.
- **Hindi:** चेतावनी देना या सतर्क करना।
- **Inappropriate:** "Alerting" does not describe the physical appearance of skyscrapers and is unrelated to the context.

#### 2. Gleaming

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** Shining brightly, especially with reflected light.
- **Hindi:** चमकदार।
- **Appropriate:** "Gleaming" fits perfectly, as it conveys the image of shiny skyscrapers made of glass and steel, aligning with the luxurious and modern theme.

#### 3. Bunching

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To gather or form into a tight group.
- **Hindi:** गुच्छा बनाना।
- **Inappropriate:** "Bunching" suggests clustering, which does not fit the description of skyscrapers.

#### 4. Cohering

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To stick together or form a unified whole.
- **Hindi:** जुड़ना या एकसाथ आना।
- **Inappropriate:** "Cohering" refers to unity or sticking together, which is unrelated to the physical characteristics of skyscrapers.

#### 5. Debuting

- **Meaning:**
- **English:** To present or appear for the first time.
- **Hindi:** शुरुआत करना।



• **Inappropriate:** "Debuting" refers to the first appearance, which does not describe the visual aspect of skyscrapers.

**Correct Answer: (b) Gleaming**

• It perfectly describes the visual imagery of shiny, modern skyscrapers made of glass and steel, fitting the context of luxury and ambition.

**Directions (31-35): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given for each blank to make the paragraph meaningful.**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his first Mann Ki Baat \_\_\_\_\_ (A) for the year, made a mention of the garbage-to-power plant being commissioned inside the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Agriculture Market in Bowenpally. Vegetable and fruit waste is used to \_\_\_\_\_ (B) power to the extent of 500 units a day and 30 kilos of green manure at the plant.

This is being done by making use of 10 tonnes of left over market waste. The power generated is being used to light up the market and also run the canteen in the \_\_\_\_\_ (C) enabling the market committee to make \_\_\_\_\_ (D) savings in power bills. In his address, Mr. Modi said, it was amazing that the market waste was being used profitably. "This is the power of innovation, it was nice to learn about it. This is the journey of \_\_\_\_\_ (E) garbage into gold," the Prime Minister remarked.

**Q32. Which word appropriately fills in the blank (D) in the passage?**

- (a) making
- (b) dubious
- (c) conductive
- (d) substantial
- (e) impressive

**Ans.(d)**

The above passage mentions usage of garbage and wastage for power generation and saving the electricity bills. 'Substantial' will be contextually and grammatically correct. All other options are contextually incorrect. dubious meaning doubtful impressive meaning evoking admiration through size, quality, or skill; grand, imposing, or awesome.

substantial meaning of considerable importance, size, or worth.

**Q33. Which word appropriately fills in the blank (C) in the passage?**

- (a) premises
- (b) locate
- (c) threat
- (d) expand
- (e) adjure

**Ans.(a)**

The above passage mentions usage of garbage and wastage for power generation and saving the electricity bills. 'premises' will be grammatically and contextually correct option. All other will be contextually incorrect. adjure meaning urge or request (someone) solemnly or earnestly to do something.

**Q34. Which word appropriately fills in the blank (B) in the passage?**

- (a) discover
- (b) generate
- (c) tearing
- (d) suggested
- (e) production

**Ans.(b)**

The above passage mentions usage of garbage and wastage for power generation and saving the electricity bills. 'Generate' will be the correct choice. All other options are contextually incorrect.

**Q35. Which word appropriately fills in the blank (A) in the passage?**

- (a) coordinate
- (b) design
- (c) address
- (d) explaining
- (e) accumulate

**Ans.(c)**

The above passage mentions usage of garbage and wastage for power generation and saving the electricity bills. 'Address' will be the correct option. All other options are contextually incorrect.

**Q31. Which word appropriately fills in the blank (E) in the passage?**

- (a) usage
- (b) shows
- (c) made
- (d) focusing
- (e) turning

**Ans.(e)**

The above passage mentions usage of garbage and wastage for power generation and saving the electricity bills. 'Turning' will be contextually and grammatically correct option. All other options are contextually incorrect.

**Directions (36-40): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by a letter. For each blank, five options are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word/phrase in each case.**

Some flowers have found a nifty way to get the blues. They create a blue halo, apparently to (A) \_\_\_\_\_ the bees they need for pollination, scientists reported last Wednesday. Bees are drawn to the color blue, but it's hard for flowers to make that color in their (B) \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, some flowers use a trick of physics. They (C) \_\_\_\_\_ a blue halo when sunlight strikes a series of tiny ridges in their thin waxy surfaces and the ridges alter how the light bounces back, which affects the color that one sees. The halos (D) \_\_\_\_\_ over pigmented areas of a flower, and people can see them over darkly colored areas if they look from certain angles. The halo trick is uncommon among flowers. But many tulip species, along with some (E) \_\_\_\_\_ of daisy and peony, are among those that can do it, said Edwige Moyroud of Cambridge University in England.

**Q36. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?**

- (a) accept
- (b) chew
- (c) develop
- (d) attract
- (e) excuse

**Ans.(d)**

The word that will fit the blank best is 'attract'. Attract means cause to come to a place or participate in a venture by offering something of interest, favorable conditions, or opportunities.

Accept means consent to receive (a thing offered).

Chew means bite and work (food) in the mouth with the teeth, especially to make it easier to swallow.

Develop means grow or cause to grow and become more mature, advanced, or elaborate.

Excuse means attempt to lessen the blame attached to (a fault or offense); seek to defend or justify.

**Q37. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?**

- (a) arms
- (b) petals
- (c) digestion
- (d) stomach
- (e) brain

**Ans.(b)**

The word that will fit the blank best is 'petals'. Petals are each of the segments of the corolla of a flower, which are modified leaves and are typically colored.

Arms means each of the two upper limbs of the human body from the shoulder to the hand.

Digestion means the process of breaking down food by mechanical and enzymatic action in the alimentary canal into substances that can be used by the body.

Stomach means the internal organ in which the major part of the digestion of food occurs, being (in humans and many mammals) a pear-shaped enlargement of the alimentary canal linking the esophagus to the small intestine.

Brain means an organ of soft nervous tissue contained in the skull of vertebrates, functioning as the coordinating center of sensation and intellectual and nervous activity.

**Q38. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?**

- (a) produce
- (b) guard
- (c) haunt
- (d) mention
- (e) obtain

**Ans.(a)**

The word that will fit the blank best is 'produce'. Produce means make or manufacture from components or raw materials.

Guard means watch over in order to protect or control.

Haunt means (of a ghost) to manifest itself at (a place) regularly.

Mention means to refer to something briefly and without going into detail.

Obtain means get, acquire, or secure (something).

**Q39. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?**

- (a) appear
- (b) permit
- (c) receive
- (d) separate
- (e) trade

**Ans.(a)**

The word that will fit the blank best is 'appear'. Appear means come into sight; become visible or noticeable, typically without visible agent or apparent cause.

Permit means to give authorization or consent to (someone) to do something.

Receive means be given, presented with, or paid (something).

Separate means forming or viewed as a unit apart or by itself.

Trade means buy and sell goods and services.

**Q40. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?**

- (a) issues
- (b) policies
- (c) kinds
- (d) stocks
- (e) projects

**Ans.(c)**

The word that will fit the blank best is 'kinds'.

Issues means an important topic or problem for debate or discussion.

Policies means a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by a government, party, business, or individual.

Stocks means a share which entitles the holder to a fixed dividend, whose payment takes priority over that of common-stock dividends.

Projects means an individual or collaborative enterprise that is carefully planned to achieve a particular aim.

**Directions (41-45): 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.**

The online world \_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_ the social norms of the physical world. Women face aggressive and \_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_ trolling on the Internet, designed to undermine and \_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_ them professionally and shame them into silence. A perfect example is the 'Sulli Deals' app recently created on GitHub that auctioned Muslim women. The active participation of vocal women, especially from minority communities, is \_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_ by those who do not wish the social order to be disrupted. This isn't to say that men are not targeted online, but the attacks faced by both sexes are vastly different. Misinformation/disinformation also targets men and women differently and unsurprisingly so, especially in India where gender \_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_ among Internet users is high.

**Q41. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?**

- (a) dwindles
- (b) ratify
- (c) venomous
- (d) plight
- (e) amplifies

**Ans.(e)**

The above passage talks about the internet attacks to offend. There is a large gap between the number of attacks on males and females, especially in India. Therefore, the correct word for the first blank will be *amplifies* which means to add details to something in order to explain it more fully. *dwindles* means to become smaller or weaker. *ratify* means to make an agreement officially acceptable by voting for or signing it. *venomous* means poisonous. *plight* means a bad or difficult state or situation.

**Q42. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?**

- (a) strained
- (b) offensive
- (c) corroborate
- (d) accelerate
- (e) mortify

**Ans.(b)**

The above passage talks about the internet attacks to offend. There is a large gap between the number of attacks on males and females, especially in India. Therefore, the correct word for the second blank will be *offensive* which means unpleasant; insulting. *strained* means not natural or friendly. *corroborate* means to support a statement, idea, etc. by providing new evidence. *accelerate* means to go faster; to make something go faster or happen more quickly. *mortify* means to make somebody feel very embarrassed.

**Q43. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?**

- (a) fatality
- (b) retain
- (c) adapt
- (d) discredit
- (e) expatriate

**Ans.(d)**

The above passage talks about the internet attacks to offend. There is a large gap between the number of attacks on males and females, especially in India. Therefore the correct word for the third blank will be *discredit* which means to make people stop respecting or believing somebody/something *fatality* means a person's death caused by an accident, in war, etc. *retain* means to keep or continue to have something; not to lose. *adapt* means to become familiar with a new situation and to change your behaviour accordingly. *expatriate* means a person who lives outside his/her own country.

**Q44. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?**

- (a) resisted
- (b) segregate
- (c) obligation
- (d) rigorous
- (e) outlaw

**Ans.(a)**

The above passage talks about the internet attacks to offend. There is a large gap between the number of attacks on males and females, especially in India. Therefore, the correct word for the fourth blank will be *resisted* which means to try to stop something happening or to stop somebody from doing something; to fight back against something/somebody. *segregate* means to separate one group of people or things from the rest. *obligate* means the state of having to do something because it is a law or duty, or because you have promised. *rigorous* means done very carefully and with great attention to detail. *outlaw* means to make something illegal.

**Q45. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?**

- (a) impair
- (b) adjure
- (c) disdain
- (d) disparity
- (e) precipitous

**Ans.(d)**

The above passage talks about the internet attacks to offend. There is a large gap between the number of attacks on males and females, especially in India. Therefore, the correct word for the fifth blank will be *disparity* which means a difference, especially one that is caused by unfair treatment. *impair* means to damage something or make it weaker. *adjure* means urge or request (someone) solemnly or earnestly to do something. *disdain* means the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect. *precipitous* means dangerously high or steep.

**Directions (46-50): In the following passage there are five blanks given. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.**

International Bicycle Day, celebrated on June 3rd, aims to \_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_ the numerous benefits of cycling for individuals and communities. This day serves as a reminder of the environmental advantages of bicycles, which produce no emissions and help to \_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_ urban air quality. Cycling also promotes physical health, reducing the risk of various ailments and \_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_ a more active lifestyle. Furthermore, bicycles are an economical mode of transportation, offering a viable alternative to motor vehicles, especially in congested urban areas. By encouraging the use of bicycles, we can work towards creating more \_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_ cities, improving both public health and the environment. As we celebrate International Bicycle Day, it is important to \_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_ infrastructure development that supports safe and accessible cycling for everyone.

**Q48. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?**

- (a) desiccate
- (b) foment
- (c) inculcate
- (d) perpetuate
- (e) obviate

**Ans.(c)**

The correct answer for Blank (C) is:

**C) inculcate**

Rewritten sentence:

“Cycling also promotes physical health, reducing the risk of various ailments and inculcating a more active lifestyle.”

Reason:

The sentence requires a word meaning “to gradually develop or instill.” Cycling helps develop or instill an active lifestyle. “Inculcate” fits perfectly.

Now, meanings of all the given words:

**A) desiccate**

English Meaning: To dry out completely; to remove moisture.

Hindi Meaning: सुखा देना / निर्जल करना

Example (English): The intense heat will desiccate the soil.

Why incorrect:

The context is about promoting an active lifestyle. “Desiccate” relates to drying, which is unrelated.

**B) foment**

English Meaning: To stir up or incite trouble, unrest, or negative feelings.

Hindi Meaning: भड़काना / उकसाना

Example (English): The speech was intended to foment rebellion among the crowd.

Why incorrect:

“Foment” usually has a negative meaning, implying instigating trouble. The passage discusses positive health benefits.

**C) inculcate**

English Meaning: To instill an idea, habit, or value through repeated instruction.

Hindi Meaning: सिखाना / मन में बैठाना

Example (English): Parents should inculcate good values in their children.

Why correct:

Cycling helps develop or instill healthy habits and an active lifestyle. “Inculcate” precisely conveys this gradual development of habits.

**D) perpetuate**

English Meaning: To make something continue for a long time, especially something undesirable.

Hindi Meaning: जारी रखना / बनाए रखना

Example (English): The policy may perpetuate inequality.

Why incorrect:

“Perpetuate” means to continue something that already exists. The sentence talks about developing an active lifestyle, not continuing one.

**E) obviate**

English Meaning: To remove a difficulty or make something unnecessary.

Hindi Meaning: समाप्त करना / टाल देना

Example (English): Wearing a helmet can obviate the risk of serious injury.

Why incorrect:

The context is about promoting and developing a lifestyle, not removing a problem.

Final Answer: **C) inculcate**



**Q49. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?**

- (a) ephemeral
- (b) transient
- (c) tenable
- (d) sustainable
- (e) sporadic

**Ans.(d)**

The correct answer for Blank (D) is:

**D) sustainable**

Rewritten sentence:

“By encouraging the use of bicycles, we can work towards creating more sustainable cities, improving both public health and the environment.”

Reason:

The sentence talks about improving public health and the environment. The word “sustainable” refers to something that can be maintained without harming the environment, which fits perfectly in this context.

Now, meanings of all the given words:

**A) ephemeral**

English Meaning: Lasting for a very short time.

Hindi Meaning: क्षणिक / अल्पकालिक

Example (English): Fame on social media can be ephemeral.

Why incorrect:

The passage talks about long-term environmental improvement. “Ephemeral” means short-lived, which does not suit the idea of long-lasting city development.

**B) transient**

English Meaning: Temporary; lasting for a short time.

Hindi Meaning: अस्थायी / क्षणभंगुर

Example (English): The pain was transient and disappeared quickly.

Why incorrect:

Like “ephemeral,” it suggests something temporary, whereas the passage implies long-term improvement.

**C) tenable**

English Meaning: Capable of being defended or justified.

Hindi Meaning: तर्कसंगत / बचाव योग्य

Example (English): Her argument is logically tenable.

Why incorrect:

“Tenable” relates to arguments or positions that can be defended, not environmental or urban development.

**D) sustainable**

English Meaning: Able to be maintained over the long term without harming the environment.

Hindi Meaning: टिकाऊ / सतत विकास योग्य

Example (English): The government is promoting sustainable energy sources.

Why correct:

The context refers to environmentally friendly cities that improve health and the environment over time. “Sustainable” fits both logically and grammatically.

**E) sporadic**

English Meaning: Occurring at irregular intervals; not continuous.

Hindi Meaning: छिटपुट / अनियमित

Example (English): There were sporadic incidents of rainfall throughout the day.

Why incorrect:

The passage discusses consistent and long-term improvement, not irregular or scattered occurrences.

Final Answer: **D) sustainable**

**Q50. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?**

- (a) eschew
- (b) dissuade
- (c) abrogate
- (d) foster
- (e) undermine

**Ans.(d)**

The correct answer for Blank (E) is:

**D) foster**

Rewritten sentence:

“As we celebrate International Bicycle Day, it is important to foster infrastructure development that supports safe and accessible cycling for everyone.”

Reason:

The sentence requires a verb meaning “to encourage or promote development.” “Foster” means to promote or encourage growth, which fits perfectly in the context of supporting infrastructure development.

Now, meanings of all the given words:

**A) eschew**

English Meaning: To deliberately avoid or stay away from something.

Hindi Meaning: त्यागना / परहेज करना

Example (English): She decided to eschew junk food to maintain good health.

Why incorrect:

The sentence talks about promoting infrastructure development, not avoiding it.

**B) dissuade**

English Meaning: To persuade someone not to do something.

Hindi Meaning: हतोत्साहित करना / रोकना

Example (English): His parents tried to dissuade him from quitting his job.

Why incorrect:

The context requires encouragement of development, not discouragement.

**C) abrogate**

English Meaning: To officially cancel or repeal a law or agreement.

Hindi Meaning: निरस्त करना / रद्द करना

Example (English): The government decided to abrogate the outdated law.

Why incorrect:

The passage refers to encouraging infrastructure development, not canceling it.

**D) foster**

English Meaning: To encourage, promote, or nurture growth or development.

Hindi Meaning: प्रोत्साहित करना / बढ़ावा देना

Example (English): Good policies can foster economic growth.

Why correct:

The sentence clearly implies promoting and supporting infrastructure development. "Foster" accurately conveys this idea.

**E) undermine**

English Meaning: To weaken or damage something gradually.

Hindi Meaning: कमजोर करना / क्षति पहुँचाना

Example (English): Constant criticism can undermine a person's confidence.

Why incorrect:

The context requires strengthening and promoting infrastructure, not weakening it.

Final Answer: **D) foster**

**Q46. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?**

- (a) obfuscate
- (b) extol
- (c) vilify
- (d) repudiate
- (e) denigrate

**Ans.(b)**

The correct answer for Blank (A) is:

- B) extol

Rewritten sentence:

“International Bicycle Day, celebrated on June 3rd, aims to extol the numerous benefits of cycling for individuals and communities.”

Reason:

The sentence requires a verb meaning “to praise or highlight strongly.” “Extol” means to praise enthusiastically, which fits the context perfectly.

Now, meanings of all the given words:

A) Obfuscate

English Meaning: To make something unclear or difficult to understand.

Hindi Meaning: अस्पष्ट करना / उलझाना

Example (English): The speaker tried to obfuscate the issue by giving a confusing explanation.

Why incorrect:

The passage talks about highlighting the benefits of cycling. “Obfuscate” means to make something unclear, which is the opposite of what is needed here.

B) Extol

English Meaning: To praise highly or enthusiastically.

Hindi Meaning: प्रशंसा करना / गुणगान करना

Example (English): The teacher extolled the student’s hard work in front of the class.

Why correct:

The sentence aims to express appreciation and highlight the benefits of cycling. “Extol” perfectly conveys praising or celebrating those benefits.

C) Vilify

English Meaning: To speak badly about someone; to defame.

Hindi Meaning: बदनाम करना / निंदा करना

Example (English): The politician was vilified in the media after the scandal.

Why incorrect:

“Vilify” means to criticize harshly or defame. The passage talks about celebrating benefits, not criticizing them.

D) Repudiate

English Meaning: To reject or refuse to accept something.

Hindi Meaning: अस्वीकार करना / ठुकराना

Example (English): She repudiated the false allegations made against her.

Why incorrect:

The sentence requires a positive verb meaning “to praise” or “highlight,” whereas “repudiate” means to reject.

E) Denigrate

English Meaning: To unfairly criticize or belittle someone or something.

Hindi Meaning: नीचा दिखाना / बदनाम करना

Example (English): It is wrong to denigrate others based on their background.

Why incorrect:

“Denigrate” means to criticize unfairly, which contradicts the idea of celebrating or promoting benefits.

Final Answer: B) extol

**Q47. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?**

- (a) ameliorate
- (b) exacerbate
- (c) proliferate
- (d) obfuscate
- (e) renovate

**Ans.(a)**

The correct answer for Blank (B) is:

**A) ameliorate**

Rewritten sentence:

“...bicycles, which produce no emissions and help to ameliorate urban air quality.”

Reason:

The sentence requires a verb meaning “to improve.” “Ameliorate” means to make something better, which fits perfectly with improving urban air quality.

Now, meanings of all the given words:

**A) ameliorate**

English Meaning: To make something better or improve it.

Hindi Meaning: सुधार करना / बेहतर बनाना

Example (English): The new policies were introduced to ameliorate living conditions in rural areas.

Why correct:

Cycling reduces pollution, thereby improving air quality. “Ameliorate” accurately conveys improvement.

**B) exacerbate**

English Meaning: To make a problem or situation worse.

Hindi Meaning: और अधिक खराब करना / बिगाड़ना

Example (English): Lack of rainfall will exacerbate the water crisis.

Why incorrect:

Cycling improves air quality, not worsens it. “Exacerbate” means to make worse, which contradicts the context.

**C) proliferate**

English Meaning: To increase rapidly in number or spread quickly.

Hindi Meaning: तेजी से बढ़ना / फैलना

Example (English): Fast-food outlets continue to proliferate in urban areas.

Why incorrect:

The sentence requires a verb that directly connects with improving air quality. “Proliferate” refers to increasing in number, not improving quality.

**D) obfuscate**

English Meaning: To make something unclear or confusing.

Hindi Meaning: अस्पष्ट करना / उलझाना

Example (English): The report was written in a way that seemed to obfuscate the main issue.

Why incorrect:

The context is about environmental improvement, not making something unclear.

**E) renovate**

English Meaning: To repair or restore something to good condition.

Hindi Meaning: नवीनीकरण करना / सुधार करना

Example (English): They decided to renovate the old building.

Why incorrect:

“Renovate” is generally used for buildings or physical structures, not abstract concepts like air quality.

Final Answer: **A) ameliorate**

**Directions (51-55): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by a letter. For each blank, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.**

In the first command appointment for a woman officer in the Indian Air Force (IAF), Group Captain Shaliza Dhama has been \_\_\_\_\_ (A) to take over the command of a frontline combat unit in the Western sector. Group Captain Dhama was \_\_\_\_\_ (B) in 2003 as a Helicopter pilot and has over 2,800 hours of flying experience. A Qualified Flying Instructor, she has \_\_\_\_\_ (C) as Flight Commander of a Helicopter Unit in the Western sector. The armed forces have \_\_\_\_\_ (D) up command appointments for women officers following a Supreme Court verdict. The Army recently conducted interviews and \_\_\_\_\_ (E) the first batch of women officers for command appointments.

**Q51. Which of the following word correctly fills Blank (A)?**

- (a) spurned
- (b) discarded
- (c) selected
- (d) raised
- (e) assumed

**Ans.(c)**

The correct answer is option (c)

spurned- to refuse to accept something that feels unworthy

discarded – to get rid of something no longer needed

selected- to choose (something or someone) by making careful decisions

raised – to lift something to a higher position

assumed – to accept something to be true without proof

The context of the sentence in question hints at the first women officer chosen in IAF to take over the command of a frontline combat unit in the western sector. Hence, to complete the sentence with the appropriate meaning ‘selected’ is the correct word.

**Q52. Which of the following word correctly fills Blank (B)?**

- (a) commissioned
- (b) abdicated
- (c) mentioned
- (d) invested
- (e) constrained

**Ans.(a)**

The correct answer is option (a)

commissioned– having achieved the officer rank by receiving an official order

abdicated– to stop managing something in charge of

mentioned- to give a little detail about something

invested– to put money or effort in something to make a profit

constrained – forced to do something against the will

The context of the sentence in question hints at the Group Captain Dhami qualified as the Helicopter pilot with over 2800 hours of flying experience. Hence, to complete the sentence with the appropriate meaning ‘commissioned’ is the correct word.

**Q53. Which of the following word correctly fills Blank (C)?**

(a) satiated

(b) impeded

(c) hindered

(d) served

(e) deficient

**Ans.(d)**

The correct answer is option (d)

satiated– to completely satisfy with a need to not have again

impeded– to make something more difficult for someone to do

hindered- to limit the ability of someone to do something

served– to do work or duty

deficient – not having enough of something

The context of the sentence in question hints at the Group Captain Dhami as a flying instructor worked as flight commander of a helicopter unit in the western sector. Hence, to complete the sentence with the appropriate meaning ‘served’ is the correct word.

**Q54. Which of the following word correctly fills Blank (D)?**

(a) exterminated

(b) ceased

(c) condensed

(d) compressed

(e) opened

**Ans.(e)**

The correct answer is option (e)

exterminated– to kill all the animals or people of a particular type in a particular place

ceased– to stop something

condensed- to remove water from something

compressed– to press something into a smaller space

opened– to unfold or to expand something in size or place or in number

The context of the sentence in question hints at the expansion by the armed forces to command appointments for women officers, a decision by the Supreme Court. Hence, to complete the sentence with the appropriate meaning ‘opened’ is the correct word.

**Q55. Which of the following word correctly fills Blank (E)?**

- (a) vetoed
- (b) approved
- (c) interdicted
- (d) neglected
- (e) deprived

**Ans.(b)**

The correct answer is option (b)

vetoed– an official power or right to refuse to accept something

approved– something officially accepted as being correct

interdicted- an official instruction from a law to refuse to accept something

neglected– to not give enough attention or care to people or responsibilities

deprived – to not have something necessary for an easy life

The context of the sentence in question hints at the army conducting interviews for the first women officers' batch for command appointments and accepting those. Hence, to complete the sentence with the appropriate meaning 'approved' is the correct word.

**Directions (56-60): In the following passage there are blanks given. For each blank five words are suggested in each option, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate words.**

The \_\_\_\_\_ (A) disappearance of water on Venus has long puzzled scientists, but an often-overlooked molecule may provide crucial insights. Recently, researchers have identified phosphine in the Venusian atmosphere, a molecule typically \_\_\_\_\_ (B) with biological processes on Earth. This unexpected discovery has \_\_\_\_\_ (C) a re-evaluation of Venus's atmospheric chemistry and its potential for supporting life. The presence of phosphine implies either previously unknown chemical reactions or the possible existence of microbial life within Venus's hostile environment. Investigating phosphine further could \_\_\_\_\_ (D) the mechanisms behind the historical loss of water on Venus, thereby reshaping our comprehension of the planet's climatological history and its capability to harbor life. This finding \_\_\_\_\_ (E) the importance of revisiting established scientific paradigms with innovative methodologies and advanced technological tools.

**Q56. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the given blank (A)?**

- (a) inscrutable
- (b) rabid
- (c) demented
- (d) cogency
- (e) perturbed

**Ans.(a)**

The correct answer is (a) **inscrutable**.

**Explanation:**

**Blank (A):** The disappearance of water on Venus has long puzzled scientists, but an often-overlooked molecule may provide crucial insights.

The word "**inscrutable**" means something that is difficult to understand or interpret, which fits well in the context of the "disappearance of water on Venus" being something that has puzzled scientists for a long time.

**Word meanings:**

- **(a) Inscrutable**
  - **English:** Impossible to understand or interpret.
  - **Hindi:** अस्पष्ट, जो समझने में कठिन हो।
  - **Why Correct:** "Inscrutable" accurately describes something mysterious or perplexing, like the disappearance of water on Venus.
- **(b) Rabid**
  - **English:** Extremely enthusiastic or fanatical; also, suffering from rabies.
  - **Hindi:** उन्मत्त, पागल।
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Rabid" refers to an extreme or fanatical state and is unrelated to the idea of something being puzzling or hard to understand.
- **(c) Demented**
  - **English:** Insane or mad.
  - **Hindi:** पागल, असमंजस।
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Demented" refers to someone who is mentally disturbed, which doesn't fit the context of scientific puzzling.
- **(d) Cogency**
  - **English:** The quality of being clear, logical, and convincing.
  - **Hindi:** स्पष्टता, प्रभावशीलता।
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Cogency" refers to logical clarity and persuasiveness, which doesn't fit the idea of something being puzzling or mysterious.
- **(e) Perturbed**
  - **English:** Disturbed or troubled in mind.
  - **Hindi:** चिंतित, परेशान।
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Perturbed" refers to being disturbed or upset, which is not the correct description for something that is puzzling or difficult to understand.

Thus, **(a) inscrutable** is the correct word to fill in blank (A).

**Q57. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the given blank (B)?**

- (a) reversed
- (b) affiliated
- (c) estranged
- (d) rehabilitated
- (e) ameliorated

**Ans.(b)**

The correct answer is **(b) affiliated**.



**Explanation:**

**Blank (B):** "Recently, researchers have identified phosphine in the Venusian atmosphere, a molecule typically \_\_\_\_\_ with biological processes on Earth."

The word "**affiliated**" means associated or connected with something, which fits perfectly in this context. It suggests that phosphine is commonly linked or associated with biological processes, which is the intended meaning of the sentence.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

• **(a) Reversed**

• **English:** To change to the opposite direction or state.

• **Why Incorrect:** "Reversed" does not fit in this context because it implies a change in direction or state, which is not related to the relationship between phosphine and biological processes.

• **(c) Estranged**

• **English:** To alienate or separate.

• **Why Incorrect:** "Estranged" means separated or alienated, which is the opposite of what the sentence intends to convey. It doesn't make sense to say phosphine is separated from biological processes.

• **(d) Rehabilitated**

• **English:** Restored to a better state.

• **Why Incorrect:** "Rehabilitated" means improvement or restoration, which does not fit the idea of a connection or relationship between phosphine and biological processes.

• **(e) Ameliorated**

• **English:** Made better or improved.

• **Why Incorrect:** "Ameliorated" refers to improvement, which doesn't fit the context of a molecule being connected with biological processes.

Thus, **(b) affiliated** is the most appropriate word to fill in the blank, as it suggests that phosphine is typically associated or linked with biological processes on Earth.

**Q58. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the given blank (C)?**

- (a) obliterated
- (b) nullified
- (c) caused
- (d) mollified
- (e) condemned

**Ans.(c)**

The correct answer is **(c) caused**.

**Explanation:**

**Blank (C):** "This unexpected discovery has \_\_\_\_\_ (C) a re-evaluation of Venus's atmospheric chemistry and its potential for supporting life."

The word "**caused**" fits perfectly because it means to bring about or initiate something. In this context, the unexpected discovery of phosphine in the atmosphere has **caused** a re-evaluation of Venus's atmospheric chemistry, which is the intended meaning.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

• **(a) Obliterated**

- **English:** To destroy completely.
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Obliterated" means to completely destroy, which doesn't fit the context of causing a re-evaluation or a change in understanding.
  - **(b) Nullified**
  - **English:** To invalidate or make ineffective.
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Nullified" means to cancel out or make something invalid, which is not what the discovery did to the re-evaluation of Venus's atmosphere.
  - **(d) Mollified**
  - **English:** To soften or calm something, especially anger.
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Mollified" means to calm or appease, which does not fit the context of causing a re-evaluation of scientific ideas.
  - **(e) Condemned**
  - **English:** To express disapproval or to denounce.
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Condemned" means to criticize strongly or to denounce, which does not match the idea of leading to a re-evaluation of scientific understanding.
- Thus, **(c) caused** is the best word to complete the sentence, as it accurately reflects the impact of the discovery on the re-evaluation of Venus's atmospheric chemistry.

**Q59. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the given blank (D)?**

- (a) deprecate
- (b) exterminate
- (c) ostracize
- (d) elucidate
- (e) impersonate

**Ans.(d)**

The correct answer is **(d) elucidate**.

**Explanation:**

**Blank (D):** "Investigating phosphine further could \_\_\_\_\_ (D) the mechanisms behind the historical loss of water on Venus, thereby reshaping our comprehension of the planet's climatological history and its capability to harbor life."

The word "**elucidate**" means to make something clear or explain it, which fits perfectly in this context. The sentence suggests that further investigation into phosphine could help **clarify or explain** the mechanisms behind Venus's historical loss of water.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

- **(a) Deprecate**
- **English:** To express disapproval of something.
- **Why Incorrect:** "Deprecate" means to criticize or express disapproval, which does not fit with the idea of explaining or clarifying mechanisms.
- **(b) Exterminate**
- **English:** To destroy or eliminate completely.
- **Why Incorrect:** "Exterminate" means to destroy or kill off, which is unrelated to the idea of explaining or shedding light on the mechanisms behind Venus's water loss.

- **(c) Ostracize**
  - **English:** To exclude someone from a group or society.
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Ostracize" refers to social exclusion, which has no connection to explaining or clarifying scientific mechanisms.
  - **(e) Impersonate**
  - **English:** To pretend to be someone else.
  - **Why Incorrect:** "Impersonate" means to mimic or pretend to be another person, which is not related to investigating or explaining scientific phenomena.
- Thus, **(d) elucidate** is the most appropriate word, as it means to explain or clarify, which aligns perfectly with the idea of shedding light on the mechanisms behind Venus's water loss.

**Q60. Which of the following can appropriately fit in the given blank (E)?**

- (a) renders
- (b) spurns
- (c) abjures
- (d) relinquishes
- (e) emphasizes

**Ans.(e)**

The correct answer is **(e) emphasizes**.

**Explanation:**

**Blank (E):** "This finding \_\_\_\_\_ (E) the importance of revisiting established scientific paradigms with innovative methodologies and advanced technological tools."

The word "**emphasizes**" fits perfectly because it means to give special importance or attention to something. In this context, the finding is drawing attention to the importance of revisiting scientific paradigms, making "emphasizes" the most appropriate choice.

**Why the other options are incorrect:**

- **(a) Renders**
- **English:** To make something in a particular state.
- **Why Incorrect:** "Renders" could mean "makes" but it does not convey the idea of giving importance or highlighting something, which is what the sentence intends.
- **(b) Spurns**
- **English:** To reject or disdain.
- **Why Incorrect:** "Spurns" means to reject or disdain something, which directly contradicts the idea of giving importance or emphasizing something.
- **(c) Abjures**
- **English:** To renounce or give up something.
- **Why Incorrect:** "Abjures" means to renounce or reject something, which doesn't align with the idea of emphasizing the importance of revisiting paradigms.
- **(d) Relinquishes**
- **English:** To give up or surrender something.
- **Why Incorrect:** "Relinquishes" means to give up or let go of something, which doesn't fit the context of highlighting the importance of revisiting paradigms.

Thus, **(e) emphasizes** is the most appropriate word to fill in blank (E), as it correctly conveys the idea of highlighting the importance of revisiting established scientific paradigms.

**Directions (61-65):** Read the following paragraph, which contains five blanks. A list of five words is provided after the paragraph. Select the word that best fits each blank based on the context and meaning.

The increasing reliance on artificial intelligence across industries has sparked a **(A)** \_\_\_\_\_ debate about its ethical implications and long-term consequences. While AI systems have shown remarkable efficiency in automating tasks and processing data, they often operate in a/an **(B)** \_\_\_\_\_ manner, with decision-making processes that lack transparency. This opacity makes it difficult to hold developers and corporations accountable when outcomes are biased or harmful. In response, some experts have called for stricter regulatory frameworks that not only protect rights but also promote **(C)** \_\_\_\_\_ development to ensure fair opportunities for all sections of society. However, creating such frameworks is no easy feat, especially given the **(D)** \_\_\_\_\_ pace at which technology is advancing. As we move forward, striking a balance between innovation and regulation will require sustained dialogue, proactive governance, and a **(E)** \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to responsible technological progress.

**Word List:**

1. opaque
2. accelerated
3. polarizing
4. conscientious
5. equitable

**Q64. Which of the words is most suitable for blank (D)?**

- (a) 2
- (b) 4
- (c) 1
- (d) 3
- (e) 5

**Ans.(a)**

☒☒ **Sentence Context (Blank D):**

*“However, creating such frameworks is no easy feat, especially given the (D) \_\_\_\_\_ pace at which technology is advancing.”*

We need a word that describes the **rapid or fast-moving pace** of technological advancement.

☒☒ **Required Meaning for Blank (D):**

The word must indicate **high speed, rapid growth, or swift advancement**.

☒☒ **Option-wise Analysis:**

**(a) 2 – Accelerated**

- **Meaning:** Made faster; increasing in speed
- **हिंदी:** तेज़ गति से बढ़ता हुआ
- **Example:** *The digital revolution has accelerated global connectivity.*

•  **Correct:** Describes **fast-moving pace** perfectly. “ **Accelerated pace**” is a common and grammatically correct phrase.

**(b) 4 – Conscientious**

- **Meaning:** Guided by moral awareness; careful
- हिंदी: सजग, नैतिक
- **Example:** *He took a conscientious approach to leadership.*
- **Incorrect:** Describes ethical behavior, not **speed**.

**(c) 1 – Opaque**

- **Meaning:** Unclear, not transparent
- हिंदी: अपारदर्शी
- **Example:** *Opaque procedures hinder public trust.*
- **Incorrect:** Refers to **lack of clarity**, not pace or speed.

**(d) 3 – Polarizing**

- **Meaning:** Causing division or disagreement
- हिंदी: विभाजनकारी
- **Example:** *The decision was polarizing among stakeholders.*
- **Incorrect:** Unrelated to pace or technological progress.

**(e) 5 – Equitable**

- **Meaning:** Fair and impartial
- हिंदी: न्यायसंगत
- **Example:** *We need equitable access to technology.*
- **Incorrect:** About fairness, not rate of change.

**Final Answer: (a) 2 – Accelerated**

**Summary Table:**

Option	Word	Meaning (English)	Hindi Meaning	Correct?	Why / Why Not
(a) 2	<b>Accelerated</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Sped up, rapid</b>	तेज़ गति से बढ़ता हुआ	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Correct phrase: “accelerated pace” — fits perfectly</b>
(b) 4	Conscientious	Morally careful	सजग, नैतिक	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Describes ethics, not speed
(c) 1	Opaque	Unclear	अपारदर्शी	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Related to clarity, not speed
(d) 3	Polarizing	Divisive	विभाजनकारी	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unrelated to pace
(e) 5	Equitable	Fair and impartial	न्यायसंगत	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	About fairness, not advancement speed

**Q65. Which of the words is most suitable for blank (E)?**

- (a) 3
- (b) 1
- (c) 4
- (d) 5
- (e) 2

Ans.(c)

☒☒ **Sentence Context (Blank E):**

“As we move forward, striking a balance between innovation and regulation will require sustained dialogue, proactive governance, and a (E) \_\_\_\_\_ commitment to responsible technological progress.”

We need a word that describes a **strong, sincere, or deeply-rooted commitment** to ethical and responsible technological advancement.

☒☒ **Required Meaning for Blank (E):**

A word that reflects **moral responsibility, integrity, or deep ethical intent**.

☒☒ **Option-wise Analysis:**

**(a) 3 - Polarizing**

- **Meaning:** Causing division or disagreement
- हिंदी: विभाजनकारी
- **Example:** *The new law became a polarizing topic.*
- ✗ **Incorrect:** Describes something **divisive**, not a type of commitment.

**(b) 1 - Opaque**

- **Meaning:** Not transparent or hard to understand
- हिंदी: अपारदर्शी
- **Example:** *Opaque systems make accountability difficult.*
- ✗ **Incorrect:** Describes **lack of clarity**, not a moral quality.

**(c) 4 - Conscientious** ✓

- **Meaning:** Guided by conscience; careful and ethical
- हिंदी: सजग, नैतिक रूप से जिम्मेदार
- **Example:** *We need conscientious leaders in the tech industry.*
- ✓ **Correct:** A **conscientious commitment** means a **deep, responsible and ethical dedication**, which matches the sentence perfectly.

**(d) 5 - Equitable**

- **Meaning:** Fair and impartial
- हिंदी: न्यायसंगत
- **Example:** *The committee focused on equitable distribution of funds.*
- ✗ **Incorrect:** Though positive, “**equitable commitment**” is not a common phrase and doesn’t fully capture the **ethical and intentional** nature required here.

**(e) 2 - Accelerated**

- **Meaning:** Sped up
- हिंदी: तेज़ गति से बढ़ता हुआ
- **Example:** *An accelerated commitment may result in rushed outcomes.*
- ✗ **Incorrect:** “Accelerated” refers to **speed**, not the **ethical depth** of commitment.

✓ **Final Answer: (c) 4 - Conscientious**

**Summary Table:**

Option	Word	Meaning (English)	Hindi Meaning	Correct?	Why / Why Not
(a) 3	Polarizing	Divisive, causing disagreement	विभाजनकारी	✗	Irrelevant to “commitment”; opposite tone
(b) 1	Opaque	Not transparent, unclear	अपारदर्शी	✗	Refers to <b>clarity</b> , not ethics or responsibility
(c) 4	<b>Conscientious</b> ✔	<b>Ethical, morally guided</b>	सजग, नैतिक	✔	<b>Perfect for expressing deep, ethical commitment</b>
(d) 5	Equitable	Fair, unbiased	न्यायसंगत	✗	Positive, but doesn't describe the <b>depth or moral nature</b>
(e) 2	Accelerated	Sped up, rapid	तेज़ गति से बढ़ता हुआ	✗	About <b>speed</b> , not quality or intention of commitment

Q61. Which of the words is most suitable for blank (A)?

- (a) 1  
(b) 5  
(c) 4  
(d) 2  
(e) 3

**Ans.(e)**

Let's analyze **Blank (A)** in the context of the sentence:

*“The increasing reliance on artificial intelligence across industries has sparked a (A) \_\_\_\_\_ debate about its ethical implications and long-term consequences.”*

We are describing the **type of debate** that AI has sparked — likely one that is intense, emotional, and **divides opinion**.

☑☑ We need a word that means **divisive or emotionally charged** — a debate that creates opposing views.

☑☑ **Option-wise Analysis with Meanings:**

**(1) Opaque**

- **English:** Not transparent; hard to understand
- **हिंदी:** अपारदर्शी, अस्पष्ट
- **Example:** *The rules were so opaque that nobody understood them.*
- **Incorrect:** Refers to **lack of clarity**, which fits **later** in the passage, not here.

**(2) Accelerated**

- **English:** Made faster or more rapid
- **हिंदी:** तीव्र, तेज़ गति से बढ़ता हुआ
- **Example:** *The accelerated pace of AI development poses new challenges.*
- **Incorrect:** Refers to **speed**, not the nature of a debate.

### (3) Polarizing

- **English:** Causing strong disagreement or division among people
- **हिंदी:** विभाजनकारी, विभाजित करने वाला
- **Example:** *The new law proved to be a polarizing issue in parliament.*
- **Correct:** A “ **polarizing debate**” is one that **divides opinion strongly**, which perfectly matches the context.

### (4) Conscientious

- **English:** Acting with care and moral responsibility
- **हिंदी:** ईमानदार, नैतिक रूप से सतर्क
- **Example:** *He’s a conscientious worker who always checks his facts.*
- **Incorrect:** Describes a **person’s behavior**, not a debate.

### (5) Equitable

- **English:** Fair and impartial
- **हिंदी:** न्यायसंगत, निष्पक्ष
- **Example:** *We need an equitable education system for all children.*
- **Incorrect:** Fits better for rules/policies than for a **debate**.

**Final Answer: (e) 3 – Polarizing**

#### ☑☑ Summary Table:

Word	English Meaning	Hindi Meaning	Example Sentence	Correct?	Why / Why Not
<b>Opaque</b>	Not clear or transparent	अपारदर्शी	<i>The system’s logic was opaque to most users.</i>		About lack of clarity, not debate tone
<b>Accelerated</b>	Sped up	तेज गति से बढ़ता हुआ	<i>Technology has accelerated rapidly in recent years.</i>		Refers to speed, not debate
<b>Polarizing</b>	Causing division or strong disagreement	विभाजनकारी	<i>The topic became a polarizing national issue.</i>		Perfect fit for type of debate
<b>Conscientious</b>	Ethical, morally responsible	ईमानदार, सजग	<i>She is a conscientious employee.</i>		Refers to people, not discussions
<b>Equitable</b>	Fair and unbiased	न्यायसंगत	<i>Equitable laws protect all citizens equally.</i>		About fairness, not the divisive nature of a debate

**Q62. Which of the words is most suitable for blank (B)?**

- (a) 3
- (b) 2
- (c) 5
- (d) 1
- (e) 4

**Ans.(d)**

Let’s analyze **Blank (B)** in the context of the sentence:

#### ☑☑ Sentence Context:

“While AI systems have shown remarkable efficiency in automating tasks and processing data, they often operate in a (B) \_\_\_\_\_ manner, with decision-making processes that lack transparency.”

We need a word that describes **how AI systems operate** — and the sentence mentions that their **decision-making lacks transparency**, which is the key clue.

☑☑ **Required Meaning for Blank (B):**

The word must mean “**unclear, not transparent, hard to understand or interpret.**”

☑☑ **Option-wise Analysis:**

**(a) 3 – Polarizing**

- **Meaning:** Dividing opinion, causing disagreement
- हिंदी: विभाजनकारी
- **Example:** *The new law was a polarizing issue.*
- ✘ **Incorrect:** This refers to **opinions**, not **clarity** or how a system works.

**(b) 2 – Accelerated**

- **Meaning:** Made faster
- हिंदी: तेज़ गति से बढ़ता हुआ
- **Example:** *The pandemic accelerated digital transformation.*
- ✘ **Incorrect:** Refers to **speed**, not lack of clarity.

**(c) 5 – Equitable**

- **Meaning:** Fair and just
- हिंदी: न्यायसंगत
- **Example:** *We need an equitable healthcare system.*
- ✘ **Incorrect:** It describes **fairness**, not **opacity** or operational style.

**(d) 1 – Opaque** ☑

- **Meaning:** Not transparent, difficult to understand
- हिंदी: अपारदर्शी, अस्पष्ट
- **Example:** *The algorithm's logic is opaque to most users.*
- ☑ **Correct:** This fits perfectly. It **directly matches the phrase “lack transparency.”**

**(e) 4 – Conscientious**

- **Meaning:** Careful and morally responsible
- हिंदी: ईमानदार, सजग
- **Example:** *She is a conscientious worker.*
- ✘ **Incorrect:** Describes **people**, not systems; doesn't fit grammatically or contextually.

☑ **Final Answer: (d) 1 – Opaque**

☑☑ **Summary Table:**

Option	Word	Meaning (English)	Hindi Meaning	Correct?	Why / Why Not
(a) 3	Polarizing	Divisive, causing disagreement	विभाजनकारी	✘	About opinions, not AI's decision-making process
(b) 2	Accelerated	Made faster	तेज़ गति से बढ़ता हुआ	✘	About speed, not clarity
(c) 5	Equitable	Fair and impartial	न्यायसंगत	✘	Not about transparency or system functioning
(d) 1	<b>Opaque</b> ☑	<b>Not transparent, hard to understand</b>	अस्पष्ट, अपारदर्शी	☑	<b>Perfectly fits the context of lacking transparency</b>
(e) 4	Conscientious	Careful and moral	ईमानदार, सजग	✘	Describes people, not AI systems

Q63. Which of the words is most suitable for blank (C)?

- (a) 1
- (b) 3
- (c) 2
- (d) 4
- (e) 5

Ans.(e)

🔍 Sentence Context (Blank C):

"...some experts have called for stricter regulatory frameworks that not only protect rights but also promote (C) \_\_\_\_\_ development to ensure fair opportunities for all sections of society."

We need a word that reflects **fairness and justice** in development — matching the idea of "**fair opportunities for all.**"

✅ Option-wise Explanation with Meanings & Examples:

(a) 1 – Opaque

• **Meaning (English):** Not clear or transparent

• हिंदी अर्थ: अपारदर्शी

• **Example:** *The decision-making process in the company was opaque and confusing.*

• ❌ **Incorrect:** "Opaque development" implies secrecy or lack of clarity, which **contradicts** the fairness implied in the sentence.

(b) 3 – Polarizing

• **Meaning (English):** Causing strong disagreement or division

• हिंदी अर्थ: विभाजनकारी

• **Example:** *The new policy proved to be highly polarizing among citizens.*

• ❌ **Incorrect:** "Polarizing development" suggests conflict or opposition — **not fairness or inclusivity.**

(c) 2 – Accelerated

• **Meaning (English):** Sped up or happening faster

• हिंदी अर्थ: तेज़ गति से बढ़ता हुआ

• **Example:** *The pandemic accelerated the shift to digital education.*

• ❌ **Incorrect:** Refers to **speed**, but fairness and equality — not speed — is the focus in the sentence.

(d) 4 – Conscientious

• **Meaning (English):** Guided by a strong sense of morality; careful and ethical

• हिंदी अर्थ: सजग, नैतिक

• **Example:** *A conscientious leader always considers the impact of their decisions.*

• ❌ **Incorrect (for this sentence):** While ethical, it doesn't directly align with **fair distribution** or **equal opportunity** across society.

(e) 5 – Equitable ✅

• **Meaning (English):** Fair and impartial; treating everyone justly

• हिंदी अर्थ: न्यायसंगत, समान अधिकार देने वाला

• **Example:** *An equitable education system provides quality learning to all children regardless of background.*

•  **Correct:** "Equitable development" **perfectly fits** the context of ensuring **fair opportunities for all sections of society.**

**Final Answer: (e) 5 – Equitable**

**Summary Table:**

Option	Word	English Meaning	हिंदी अर्थ	Example Sentence	Correct?	Why / Why Not
(a) 1	Opaque	Not clear or transparent	अपारदर्शी	<i>The government's opaque policies raised public concern.</i>	✗	Opposite of fairness; implies hidden or unclear development
(b) 3	Polarizing	Divisive; causes strong disagreement	विभाजनकारी	<i>Her views on the topic were polarizing.</i>	✗	Implies controversy, not inclusion or equality
(c) 2	Accelerated	Made faster	तेज गति से बढ़ता हुआ	<i>Technology has accelerated global connectivity.</i>	✗	Refers to speed, not fairness or social justice
(d) 4	Conscientious	Ethical and morally guided	सजग, नैतिक	<i>He is a conscientious policymaker who values sustainability.</i>	✗	Ethical but doesn't imply equal opportunity
(e) 5	<b>Equitable</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fair and impartial</b>	न्यायसंगत	<i>We must aim for equitable development in rural areas.</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

**Directions (66-70):** In the passage below, there are blanks indicated by letters. For each blank, three words are provided that could fill the blank appropriately. Choose the option with the best combination of words that fits the sentence both grammatically and contextually as the answer.

Delhi's Connaught Place has \_\_\_(I)\_\_\_ its mojo and the restaurants there are \_\_\_(II)\_\_\_ once again. It is pretty much the same story with most Indian metros. Kolkata's Park Street is booming too. In Mumbai, the Churchgate Street restaurants seem to be back to the 1960s/1970s heyday. The restaurants had made their \_\_\_(III)\_\_\_ on what was called continental cuisine in those days. When I look back on the continental dishes of that era, I wonder if the people who cooked them had any idea of what the original versions of these dishes were like. Certainly, I doubt if they knew how any of them had been created. Let's take Chicken Tetrizzini, a great Calcutta dish, which \_\_\_(IV)\_\_\_ its popularity to the legendary Sky Room restaurant which, if I remember correctly, closed in the early 1990s. It is a heavy combination of chicken, pasta, cream, and cheese. If that sounds \_\_\_(V)\_\_\_ fattening and rich, you are on the right track.

**Q66. Which of the following words will fit in the blank (I)?**

- (A) recovered
- (B) regained
- (C) lost
- (a) Both (A) and (B)
- (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (A)
- (d) All (A), (B), and (C)
- (e) Only (C)

**Ans.(a)**

- **Recovered** (पुनः प्राप्त किया): Fits contextually, as it refers to regaining something that was lost (like mojo).
- **Regained** (फिर से प्राप्त किया): Also fits well, implying the return of something that was previously lost.
- **Lost** (गया हुआ): Does not fit in this context, as the sentence talks about regaining something, not losing it.

**Correct Answer:** (a) Both (A) and (B)

**Q67. Which of the following words will fit in the blank (II)?**

- (A) thriving
- (B) prospering
- (C) fading
- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) Both (A) and (B)
- (d) All (A), (B), and (C)
- (e) Only (C)

**Ans.(c)**

- **Thriving** (फल-फूल रहा): Works perfectly, as it suggests that the restaurants are doing well again.
- **Prospering** (समृद्धि प्राप्त करना): Also works, indicating the restaurants are growing or flourishing.
- **Fading** (सुरझाना): Incorrect here, as it contradicts the idea of restaurants doing well again.

**Correct Answer:** (c) Both (A) and (B)

**Q68. Which of the following words will fit in the blank (III)?**

- (A) reputations
- (B) fame
- (C) knowledge
- (a) Both (A) and (B)
- (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (A)
- (d) All (A), (B), and (C)
- (e) Only (C)



Ans.(a)

- **Reputations** (प्रतिष्ठा): Best fit, as it refers to the recognition or fame that the restaurants gained.
- **Fame** (प्रसिद्धि): Also correct, implying the recognition these restaurants earned for their continental cuisine.
- **Knowledge** (ज्ञान): Does not fit, as the sentence is about reputation and fame, not knowledge.

**Correct Answer:** (a) Both (A) and (B)

**Q69. Which of the following words will fit in the blank (IV)?**

- (A) owes
- (B) gives
- (C) attributes
- (a) Both (A) and (B)
- (b) Both (A) and (C)
- (c) Only (A)
- (d) All (A), (B), and (C)
- (e) Only (C)

Ans.(b)

- **Owes** (कर्जदार होना): Correct, as it refers to something gaining its popularity due to something else (the Sky Room restaurant).
- **Gives** (देता है): Does not fit, as it doesn't convey the right relationship between the popularity and the restaurant.
- **Attributes** (विशेषता): Fits well, as it suggests that the popularity is attributed to the Sky Room restaurant.

**Correct Answer:** (b) Both (A) and (C)

**Q70. Which of the following words will fit in the blank (V)?**

- (A) chubbily
- (B) shockingly
- (C) terrifyingly
- (a) Both (A) and (B)
- (b) Both (B) and (C)
- (c) Only (A)
- (d) All (A), (B), and (C)
- (e) Only (C)

Ans.(b)

**Correct Answer: (b) Both (B) and (C)**

**Explanation:**

•  **chubbily**

Chubbily means "in a chubby manner."

Grammatically, it does not fit before "fattening and rich."

Contextually, it is awkward. We don't say "chubbily fattening."

Incorrect.

- **Shockingly** (आश्चर्यजनक रूप से): Works well, as it expresses how unexpectedly rich the dish is. "Shockingly" conveys the surprise or unexpected nature of how rich and fattening the dish is.
  - **Terrifyingly** (डरावनी तरह से): Best fit, as it emphasizes how fattening and rich the dish is in a dramatic manner. "Terrifyingly" adds intensity and dramatizes the richness and fattening nature of the dish, which aligns well with the context.
- Hence, **(b) Both (B) and (C)** is the correct answer option.

**Directions (71-75):** In the following passage there are five blanks given. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.

Unemployment among youth is a major issue in many parts of the world. The lack of job opportunities for young people not only \_\_\_\_\_ **(A)**\_\_\_\_\_ their financial stability, but also their mental health and overall well-being. Unemployed youth often face difficulties \_\_\_\_\_ **(B)**\_\_\_\_\_ finding work due to a lack of experience or qualifications, and this can have long-term consequences for their future. Governments and organizations can play an important role in \_\_\_\_\_ **(C)**\_\_\_\_\_ youth unemployment by investing in education and skills training programs, creating job opportunities, and providing financial support for those who are struggling to make ends meet. It's also important for society to recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ **(D)**\_\_\_\_\_ of young people and encourage them to pursue their passions and interests. By working together, we can help unemployed youth to build brighter futures and \_\_\_\_\_ **(E)**\_\_\_\_\_ to the growth and prosperity of our communities.

**Q71. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?**

- (a) affect
- (b) affects
- (c) affecting
- (d) effects
- (e) affected

**Ans.(b)**

The best option to fill in the given blank is (b) "affects." The subject of the sentence is "lack of job opportunities," which is singular, so the verb must also be singular. The correct form of the verb in the third person singular (present tense) is "affects."

Option (a) "affect" is incorrect because it is not in the correct form for the subject-verb agreement.

Option (c) "affecting" is incorrect because it is a present participle form, which cannot act as the main verb in the sentence.

Option (d) "effects" is incorrect because it is a noun, not a verb, and does not match the verb tense used in the sentence.

Option (e) "affected" is incorrect because it is in the past tense and does not match the present tense used in the sentence.

**Q72. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?**

- (a) by
- (b) in
- (c) from
- (d) for
- (e) to

**Ans.(b)**

Correct answer choice: **B (in)**

• The correct structure is “**difficulties in + verb(-ing)**”, which is the standard pattern for expressing trouble doing something.

Sentence: “*Unemployed youth often face difficulties **in** finding work...*”

Why the other options don't fit

- **by**: shows method (by doing), not used with “difficulties” here
- **from**: shows separation/source, not correct with “difficulties”
- **for**: would need a noun after it (for work), not “finding” in this structure
- **to**: used with “difficulty” less naturally; the fixed pattern is “difficulty in doing”

**Q73. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?**

- (a) furthering
- (b) rendering
- (c) tackling
- (d) fostering
- (e) greeting

**Ans.(c)**

The correct option to fill in the given blank is (c) "tackling." The sentence talks about the actions that governments and organizations can take to address or solve the issue of youth unemployment. The word "tackling" means to deal with a problem in a determined and efficient way, which accurately conveys the intended meaning in the context of the sentence.

Option (a) "furthering" means to advance or make progress in a particular direction, which is not suitable in this context.

Option (b) "rendering" means to provide or give, but it is not the appropriate word to use in this sentence.

Option (d) "fostering" means to encourage the development or growth of something, which is not as appropriate as "tackling" in this context.

Option (e) "greeting" means to welcome or acknowledge someone with words or gestures, which is not relevant to the context of the sentence.

**Q74. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?**

- (a) relativity
- (b) stance
- (c) potential
- (d) opinion
- (e) conviction

**Ans.(c)**

The correct option to fill in the given blank is (c) "potential." The sentence talks about the importance of recognizing the abilities or possibilities of young people and motivating them to follow their interests. The word "potential" means having or showing the capacity to become or develop into something in the future, which accurately conveys the intended meaning in the context of the sentence.

Option (a) "relativity" means the dependence of various physical phenomena on relative motion, which is not relevant to the context of the sentence.

Option (b) "stance" means a person's posture or position or attitude or opinion on an issue, but it does not fit the context of the sentence.

Option (d) "opinion" means a view or judgment formed about something, not the best choice of word to use in this context.

Option (e) "conviction" means a firmly held belief or opinion, which is not the best fit for the context of the sentence.

**Q75. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?**

- (a) obstruct
- (b) pretend
- (c) elaborate
- (d) contribute
- (e) preclude

**Ans.(d)**

The correct option to fill in the given blank is (d) "contribute." The sentence talks about the importance of working together to help unemployed youth to build brighter futures, and the word "contribute" accurately conveys the meaning of adding to or being a part of something that leads to growth and prosperity.

Option (a) "obstruct" means to block or hinder progress, which is the opposite of the intended meaning in the context of the sentence.

Option (b) "pretend" means to act as if something is true when it is not, which is not relevant to the context of the sentence.

Option (c) "elaborate" means to add more detail or complexity to something, which does not fit the context of the sentence.

Option (e) "preclude" means to prevent or make something impossible, which is not the intended meaning in the context of the sentence.

**Directions (76-80): 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.**

The IMF's latest update to its World Economic Outlook \_\_\_\_\_ (A) the starkly widening variance in the global recovery from the economic strains caused by the pandemic. And the primary fault line \_\_\_\_\_ (B) the divergence of the world's economies into two blocs — those that are normalising activities from the COVID-19-\_\_\_\_\_ (C) curbs and those that are still struggling — is vaccine access and the pace of vaccination coverage. Three months since its April forecast, the IMF \_\_\_\_\_ (D) the global economy to expand at an unchanged pace of 6% this year. But it sees the world's advanced economies registering faster growth than forecast earlier, while emerging markets and developing economies are expected to post \_\_\_\_\_ (E) slower recoveries.

**Q80. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?**

- (a) appreciably
- (b) tortuous
- (c) hurl
- (d) stature
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(a)**

Going through the above passage it can be seen that the main idea discussed in it is global recovery from economic upheavals caused by Covid-19. The correct word for the fifth blank will be 'appreciably' which means 'to an appreciable extent; considerably.' tortuous means full of twists and turns. hurl means throw or impel (someone or something) with great force. stature means a person's natural height.

**Q76. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?**

- (a) tempered
- (b) spotlights
- (c) lacuna
- (d) shuttered
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(b)**

Going through the above passage it can be seen that the main idea discussed in it is global recovery from economic upheavals caused by Covid-19. The correct word for the first blank will be 'spotlights' which means 'the centre of public attention or interest'. tempered means having a specified temper or disposition. lacuna means an unfilled space; a gap. shuttered means close the shutters of (a window or building).

**Q77. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?**

- (a) ratification
- (b) estrange
- (c) dissonance
- (d) precipitating
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(d)**

Going through the above passage it can be seen that the main idea discussed in it is global recovery from economic upheavals caused by Covid-19. The correct word for the second blank will be 'precipitating' which means 'to cause (an event or situation, typically one that is undesirable) to happen suddenly, unexpectedly, or prematurely.' ratification means the action of signing or giving formal consent to a treaty, contract, or agreement, making it officially valid. estrange means cause (someone) to be no longer on friendly terms with someone. dissonance means lack of harmony among musical notes.

**Q78. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?**

- (a) induced
- (b) illicit
- (c) provocative
- (d) squabbling
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(a)**

Going through the above passage it can be seen that the main idea discussed in it is global recovery from economic upheavals caused by Covid-19. The correct word for the third blank will be 'induced' which means 'bring about or give rise to.' illicit means forbidden by law, rules, or custom. provocative means causing anger or another strong reaction, especially deliberately. squabbling means quarrel noisily over a trivial matter.

**Q79. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?**

- (a) transgressed
- (b) projects
- (c) upend
- (d) adroit
- (e) None of these

**Ans.(b)**

Going through the above passage it can be seen that the main idea discussed in it is global recovery from economic upheavals caused by Covid-19. The correct word for the fourth blank will be “projects’ which means estimate or forecast (something) on the basis of present trends or data. transgressed means spread over (an area of land). upend means set or turn (something) on its end or upside down. adroit means clever or skilful.

**Directions (81-85): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by a letter. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.**

Recent advancements in early childhood education emphasize the importance of \_\_\_(A)\_\_\_ learning environments that nurture a child’s curiosity and potential. Educators are now \_\_\_(B)\_\_\_ traditional pedagogies in favor of more dynamic, interactive methods. These approaches often incorporate \_\_\_(C)\_\_\_ learning, where children are encouraged to explore and interact with their surroundings as a fundamental part of their education. By \_\_\_(D)\_\_\_ such methods, teachers can foster cognitive and social development that is \_\_\_(E)\_\_\_ to traditional rote learning.

**Q81. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?**

- (a) static
- (b) mutable
- (c) invigorating
- (d) arduous
- (e) stagnant

**Ans.(c)**

**Invigorating** means giving strength or energy to; it correctly describes the nature of learning environments that are aimed at stimulating a child’s curiosity. Static, mutable, arduous, and stagnant suggest unchanging, changeable, difficult, and inactive respectively, which do not reflect an energizing educational setting.

**Q82. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?**

- (a) eschewing
- (b) adhering
- (c) distorting
- (d) mitigating
- (e) capitulating

**Ans.(a)**

**Eschewing** means deliberately avoiding or abstaining from, fitting the context of moving away from traditional pedagogies. Adhering, distorting, mitigating, and capitulating imply sticking to, altering the truth, making less severe, and surrendering, respectively, which are not relevant to abandoning old methods.

**Q83. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?**

- (a) extraneous
- (b) expository
- (c) experiential
- (d) expeditious
- (e) exhaustive

**Ans.(c)**

**Experiential** means involving or based on experience and observation, accurately describing the type of learning that emphasizes direct interaction with the environment. Extraneous, expository, expeditious, and exhaustive imply irrelevant, explanatory, speedy, and thorough respectively, which do not align with the hands-on learning described.

**Q84. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?**

- (a) deploying
- (b) rescinding
- (c) repudiating
- (d) obfuscating
- (e) undermining

**Ans.(a)**

**Deploying** means to use something effectively; it correctly describes the action of implementing new educational methods. Rescinding, repudiating, obfuscating, and undermining suggest revoking, rejecting, confusing, and weakening respectively, which do not fit the context of application.

**Q85. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?**

- (a) antithetical
- (b) synonymous
- (c) concomitant
- (d) tantamount
- (e) congruent

**Ans.(a)**

**Antithetical** means directly opposed or contrasted; it fits the context of describing how modern methods differ significantly from traditional rote learning. Synonymous, concomitant, tantamount, and congruent imply being the same, occurring together, equivalent, and in agreement, respectively, which do not describe opposition.

**Directions (86-90):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by a letter. For each blank, four options are given. Find the word which fits the blank most appropriately. If none of the four options fits the blank mark 'None of these' as your answer.

The Delhi government on Thursday sent a show-cause notice to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD), \_\_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_\_ an article by a prominent newspaper, which said that tree transplantation for constructing a new Parliament building was being done \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ the Delhi government's condition of approval. "A show-cause notice was sent on Thursday and the CPWD \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_ to file a reply within 15 days about the facts of the news article," a Delhi government official said. The approval was given for transplanting 404 trees. The trees were \_\_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_\_ to be transplanted near the existing Parliament, close to the India Gate area, as per permission. Multiple drivers of trucks transporting the trees and a CPWD official had confirmed that "large trees" were being taken to the eco-park at night. Workers at the NTPC Eco Park in Kalindi Kunj also confirmed the development and said that at least "15-20 big trees" from Parliament \_\_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_\_ to the park.

**Q86. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?**

- (a) treating
- (b) cursing
- (c) citing
- (d) texting
- (e) forcing

**Ans.(c)**

The concerned sentence states that the Delhi government sent a show-cause notice to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) on Thursday, mentioning a prominent newspaper article as the cause. Thus, we can infer that 'citing' is the most appropriate filler. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

- (a) treating- to behave towards or deal with in a certain way.
- (b) cursing- to utter offensive words in anger or annoyance.
- (c) citing- to mention something as proof for a theory or as a reason why something has happened.
- (d) texting- the action or practice of sending text messages.
- (e) forcing- to make something happen or make someone do something difficult.

**Q87. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?**

- (a) terminating
- (b) violating
- (c) eradicating
- (d) eliminating
- (e) construing

**Ans.(b)**

The concerned sentence states that the Delhi government sent a show-cause notice to the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) on Thursday, citing an article in a renowned newspaper alleging that tree transplantation for the construction of a new Parliament building was done without the Delhi government's sanction. Thus, we can infer that 'violating' is the most appropriate filler. Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

- (a) terminating- to bring to an end.
- (b) violating- to break or fail to comply with (a rule or formal agreement).
- (c) eradicating- to destroy completely; put an end to.
- (d) eliminating- leading to exclusion from consideration or further participation.
- (e) construing- to interpret (a word or action) in a particular way.

**Q88. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?**

- (a) have been asked
- (b) are to be asked
- (c) should be asked
- (d) has been asked
- (e) could be asked

**Ans.(d)**

The concerned sentence states that on Thursday, a show-cause notice was issued, and the CPWD was given 15 days to respond to the facts in the news article. Thus, we can infer that 'has been asked' is the most appropriate filler from both grammatical and contextual aspects. Hence, option (d) is the right answer choice.

**Q89. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?**

- (a) constituted
- (b) facilitated
- (c) supposed
- (d) truncated
- (e) reversed

**Ans.(c)**

The concerned sentence states that the trees were meant to be moved near the existing Parliament. Thus, we can infer that 'supposed' is the most appropriate filler. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

- (a) constituted- to give legal or constitutional form to (an institution); established by law.
- (b) facilitated- to make (an action or process) easy or easier.
- (c) supposed- to be expected to do something, or something planned or expected.
- (d) truncated- shortened in duration or extent.
- (e) reversed- turned the other way round or up or inside out.

**Q90. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?**

- (a) had to be transplanted
- (b) has to be transplanted
- (c) have been transplanted
- (d) were been transplanted
- (e) has been transplanted

**Ans.(c)**

The concerned sentence states that the Workers at the NTPC Eco Park in Kalindi Kunj corroborated the news, claiming that "15-20 huge trees" from Parliament have been transplanted to the park. Thus, we can infer that 'have been transplanted' is the most appropriate filler from both grammatical and contextual aspects.

**Detailed Analysis:**

Workers at the NTPC Eco Park in Kalindi Kunj also confirmed the development and said that at least "15-20 big trees" from Parliament \_\_\_\_ to the park.

C fits: have been transplanted

Why each option is right or wrong

A had to be transplanted

Incorrect. After “had to,” we use the base form of the verb, not “been.”

Correct pattern: had to be transplanted

B has to be transplanted

Incorrect for meaning and time. “Has to be transplanted” shows necessity (something that must happen), but the sentence reports a completed action confirmed by workers. Also, “15–20 big trees” is plural, so “has” doesn’t match.

C have been transplanted

Correct. Subject is plural (15–20 big trees). “Have been transplanted” is present perfect passive, suitable when reporting an action that has occurred (recently) and is relevant now.

D were been transplanted

Incorrect. “Were been” is not a valid verb structure. Passive forms are either “were transplanted” (simple past passive) or “have been transplanted” (present perfect passive).

E has been transplanted

Incorrect because the subject is plural (trees), so it should be “have been,” not “has been.”

So, the best fit is have been transplanted.

**Directions (91-95): In the following passage there are blanks and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. From the given options, find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option “No correction required” as the correct choice.**

US Vice--President Kamala Harris **A**\_\_\_\_\_ (**inoculated**) a new broadside against China as she **B**\_\_\_\_\_ (**nailed**) her Southeast Asian tour in Hanoi Thursday, **C**\_\_\_\_\_ (**applauding**) the U.S. would continue to push back against Beijing’s **D**\_\_\_\_\_ (**claims**) in disputed Asian waters. The comments came on the final day of a regional trip in which Washington has sought to **E**\_\_\_\_\_ (**capture**) relations in Asia after the turbulent Donald Trump years and stress its commitment to Southeast Asian allies.

**Q91. Which of the following word should replace the word (A)?**

- (a) Adulterated
- (b) Devastated
- (c) Befitted
- (d) Launched
- (e) No correction required.

**Ans.(d)**

Among the given words, ‘Launched’ could successfully replace ‘Inoculated’ to provide correct meaning to the statement. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Launched means introduce (a new product or publication) to the public for the first time.

**Q92. Which of the following word should replace the word (B)?**

- (a) Escorted
- (b) Emptied
- (c) Ended
- (d) Returned
- (e) No correction required.

**Ans.(c)**

Among the given words, 'Ended' could successfully replace 'Nailed' to provide correct meaning to the statement. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

Ended means come or bring to a final point; finish.

**Q93. Which of the following word should replace the word (C)?**

- (a) Warning
- (b) Embarking
- (c) Praising
- (d) Allocating
- (e) No correction required.

**Ans.(a)**

Among the given words, 'Warning' could successfully replace 'Applauding' to provide correct meaning to the statement. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

Warning means a statement or event that warns of something or that serves as a cautionary example.

**Q94. Which of the following word should replace the word (D)?**

- (a) Riots
- (b) Solidarity
- (c) Casualties
- (d) Hardships
- (e) No correction required.

**Ans.(e)**

The given highlighted word is correct and does not require any improvements. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Q95. Which of the following word should replace the word (E)?**

- (a) Accolade
- (b) Extinct
- (c) Condemn
- (d) Restore
- (e) No correction required.

**Ans.(d)**

Among the given words, 'Restore' could successfully replace 'Capture' to provide correct meaning to the statement. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

Restore means bring back or re-establish (a previous right, practice, or situation).

**Directions (96-100): 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.**

Official figures show the world's third-largest **A.** \_\_\_\_\_ grew at twice the rate forecast in April to June. But analysts have warned growth will be **B.** \_\_\_\_\_ this quarter after a state of emergency was **C.** \_\_\_\_\_ to ease a spike in Covid-19 infections. Meanwhile, new data also shows that the economic recovery of its larger neighbour, China, is losing steam. Preliminary data show Japan's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by an/a **D.** \_\_\_\_\_ 1.3% in the second quarter of the year. That came after a 3.7% slump in the previous three months. The latest figures were far better than the expected gain of 0.7% and came as spending by individuals and businesses bounced back from the **E.**

\_\_\_\_\_ impact of the coronavirus. However, Japan's recovery remains much slower than has been seen in other advanced economies like the US, which recorded a 6.5% jump in GDP for the second quarter of the year. Japan's relatively weak rebound highlights how the government has struggled to contain the pandemic.

**Q96. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?**

- (a) landmark
- (b) indigenous
- (c) economy
- (d) mammoth
- (e) None of the above

**Ans.(c)**

Out of all the given options, only option (c) can fill the blank appropriately.

Economy means the state of a country or region in terms of the production and consumption of goods and services and the supply of money.

Landmark means an object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognized from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location.

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

Mammoth means huge.

**Q97. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?**

- (a) equatorial
- (b) modest
- (c) fumbling
- (d) jubilant
- (e) None of the above

**Ans.(b)**

Out of all the given options, only option (b) can fill the blank appropriately.

Modest means (of an amount, rate, or level) relatively moderate, limited, or small.

Equatorial means of, at, or near the equator

Fumbling means doing or handling something clumsily.

Jubilant means feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph.

**Q98. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?**

- (a) reimposed
- (b) deranged
- (c) diminutive
- (d) guise
- (e) None of the above

**Ans.(a)**

Out of all the given options, only option (a) can fill the blank appropriately.

Reimposed means impose (something, especially a law or regulation) again after a lapse.

Deranged means mad; insane.

Diminutive means extremely or unusually small.

Guise means an external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something.

**Q99. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?**

- (a) devout
- (b) nullified
- (c) reputed
- (d) annualized
- (e) None of the above

**Ans.(d)**

Out of all the given options, only option (d) can fill the blank appropriately.

Annualized means (of a rate of interest, inflation, or return on an investment) recalculated as an annual rate.

Devout means having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.

Nullified means make legally null and void; invalidate.

Reputed means widely known and well thought of.

**Q100. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?**

- (a) acrobatic
- (b) initial
- (c) dimwitted
- (d) embellished
- (e) None of the above

**Ans.(b)**

Out of all the given options, only option (b) can fill the blank appropriately.

Initial means existing or occurring at the beginning.

Acrobatic means a spectacular, showy, or startling performance or demonstration involving great agility or complexity.

Dimwitted means stupid or silly.

Embellished means make (something) more attractive by the addition of decorative details or features.

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