

Quiz Date: 2nd May 2020

Directions (1-10): In the following questions a paragraph is given with three blanks. The paragraph is then provided with five options which consist of the words that can fill the given blanks. Choose that option as your answer which can fill the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. If none of the given options fills the given blanks then choose option (e), 'None of these' as your answer.

Q1. The first thing we _____ to cut in a crisis is _____ spend and unfortunately, marketing _____ often comes under this umbrella.

- (a) euphoria, money, downtrodden
- (b) benediction, property, impasse
- (c) tend, discretionary, investment
- (d) crucial, merits, increasing
- (e) None of these.

Q2. While it's true that all that matters is _____ and everything else can be figured out in the process, _____ that starting a start-up is not a _____ to the grocery store.

- (a) canvas, blowing, grit
- (b) execution, remember, trip
- (c) disguise, Packing, cleaning
- (d) covers, creeping, suffusing
- (e) None of these.

Q3. Taking the geo _____ further, we believe that planning for more _____ local advertising precision now will pay big benefits during the _____ recovery.

- (a) monetary, property, increase
- (b) money, debentures, moribund
- (c) fiscal, value, lands
- (d) concept, agile, pandemic
- (e) None of these.

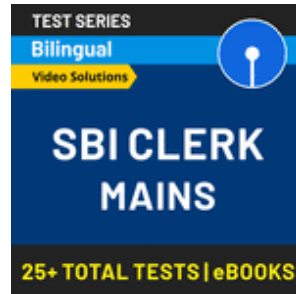
Q4. While the COVID-19 outbreak has _____ havoc on the global economy, certain _____ are experiencing a boom, _____ technology companies.

- (a) cruising, blaring, must
- (b) wreaked, segments, especially
- (c) meandering, fluctuating, outcry
- (d) wavering, changing, mellow
- (e) None of these.

Q5. Stocks have a strong _____ to lose value during a recession which is _____ due to reduced corporate profits _____ by less consumer demand.

- (a) mercy, lieu, certified
- (b) submissions, support, registered

- (c) tendency, primarily, triggered
- (d) adjournments, ad –hoc, moribund
- (e) None of these.



Q6. Company leaders are _____ for the right tools to _____ in an ambitious effort to drive business now and be ready to lead the _____ after we get through the ongoing crisis.

- (a) motif, complete, compensate
- (b) take, reduce, mush
- (c) need, fulfil, pay
- (d) looking, utilize, pack
- (e) None of these.

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Q7. The joint _____ between synthetic biology company and pharmaceutical giant aims to _____ the use of synthetic fertilizer by genetically engineering microbes to provide more _____ to crops.

- (a) venture, reduce, nutrients
- (b) started, manoeuvre, sports
- (c) Insipid, turmoil, paradigm
- (d) handy, vacate, germane
- (e) None of these.

Q8. The _____ is well known alongside Mikhail Fridman as being one of two oligarchs to better _____ the change from President Boris Yeltsin to Putin and the industrial _____ to follow.

- (a) infrastructure, functionality, proven
- (b) paid, economic, altered
- (c) oligarch, navigate, upheaval
- (d) willing, sharing, average
- (e) None of these

Q9. Early disease _____ can help farmers save money by _____ other animals from getting sick and _____ the use of antibiotics.

- (a) developed, funding, hassles
- (b) detection, preventing, conserving
- (c) deficit, surplus, Arrangement
- (d) steering, operational, profitability
- (e) None of these

Q10. If _____ moves forward, though, it's an _____ to better protect savers who have long worked to pay down debt and save for retirement, which the current economic turmoil threatens to _____.

- (a) sober, sorority, lost
- (b) synchronization, timid, simplify
- (c) stimulus, opportunity, upend
- (d) demonetization, luckily, activated
- (e) None of these



Directions (11-15): In the following passage against each number four words are suggested in bold that may or may not fit into the sentence contextually. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Find out the most appropriate option reflecting the word which doesn't fit into the sentence appropriately and thus fail to give a contextual meaning to the paragraph. If no such error is there, mark (e) i.e. 'all are correct' as your answer choice.

(11) It may not have been a case of flattering to **deceive**, yet the **accretion** by farmers in the northern part of the country, which **fizzled** out at Kisan Ghat on Wednesday, did not yield the **bumper** crop they had expected which generally holds true of similar agitations in different parts of the country in recent months. (12) Is that because the farm sector is not in as dire **straits** as the Opposition projects, or that Anna Hazare, Naresh Tikait, etc are **unable** to stir up rural emotions as did Chaudhary Charan Singh or the senior Tikait? Or it could be that farmers have become **immune** to politicians' promises that **seldom** materialise? It's used to be said that India's heart beats in its farmlands, that no longer holds true. (13) And it would be rather **pragmatic** to lay the blame entirely at the BJP's doorstep: other parties have also been indifferent, **hypocritical**. Sure that when the police uses force (excessive force?) to break up farmers' **protest** there is a hue and cry, but the Opposition **subsequently** fights shy of addressing the core causes of rural distress. (14) In terms of sheer numbers the rural vote does count, but politicians seem to believe that it is easier to **garden** electoral majorities by the divisive

polarisation that is easier to secure in an urban **ambience** the “rustics” are not so easily **swayed** by those **pitting** folk against each other on the basis of caste and creed. (15) The Delhi Police, possibly under instructions tried to block the **layoffs** on the UP-Delhi border; but its once-famed capacity to handle large crowds **crumbled** when some of the farmers turned violent after all Delhi was the National Capital and nobody has **monopoly** rights and received considerable political **backing**.

Q11.

- (a) deceive
- (b) accretion
- (c) fizzled
- (d) bumper
- (e) All are correct

Q12.

- (a) straits
- (b) unable
- (c) immune
- (d) seldom
- (e) All are correct

Q13.

- (a) pragmatic
- (b) hypocritical
- (c) protest
- (d) subsequently
- (e) All are correct

Q14.

- (a) garden
- (b) ambience
- (c) swayed
- (d) pitting
- (e) All are correct

Q15.

- (a) layoffs
- (b) crumbled
- (c) monopoly
- (d) backing
- (e) All are correct



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Solutions:

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. **“tend, discretionary, investment”** can fill in the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S2. Ans. (b)

Sol. **“execution, remember, trip”** can fill in the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S3. Ans. (d)

Sol. **“concept, agile, pandemic”** can fill in the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S4. Ans. (b)

Sol. **“wreaked, segments, especially”** can fill in the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. **“tendency, primarily, triggered”** can fill in the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. **“looking, utilize, pack”** can fill in the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

S7. Ans. (a)

Sol. **“venture, reduce, nutrients”** can fill in the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. “**oligarch, navigate, upheaval**” can fill in the given blanks in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S9. Ans. (b)

Sol. “**detection, preventing, conserving**” can fill in the given blank in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (b)** is the right answer choice.

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. “**stimulus, opportunity, upend**” can fill in the given blank in the exact order as given in the option. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

S11. Ans. (b)

Sol. The passage is describing about the dwindling concern towards the farming sector of the country. Though the farmlands are considered as the heartbeats of the country, yet their issues are ignored by political parties. Thus, in context of the theme of the passage, the word “accretion” stands inappropriate as it means growth or increase by the gradual accumulation of additional layers or matter. The most suitable word to replace ‘accretion’ is ‘agitation’ which means a state of anxiety or nervous excitement. All the other words are precise in context of the passage; hence, the option (b) ‘accretion’ is the most suitable answer choice.

Deceive means deliberately cause (someone) to believe something that is not true, especially for personal gain.

Fizzled means make a feeble hissing or spluttering sound.

Bumper means exceptionally large, fine, or successful.

S12. Ans. (e)

Sol. The passage is describing about the dwindling concern towards the farming sector of the country. Though the farmlands are considered as the heartbeats of the country, yet their issues are ignored by political parties. All the given words are correct with reference to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Straits means a narrow passage of water connecting two seas or two other large areas of water.

Immune means protected or exempt, especially from an obligation or the effects of something.

Seldom means not common; infrequent.

S13. Ans. (a)

Sol. Since the passage describes about the dwindling concern towards the farming sector of the country the incoherent word becomes “pragmatic”. Pragmatic means dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations. As the sentence mentions here that the blame of the poor condition of farmers should not be laid entirely upon BJP. All the parties are indifferent towards their issue. Thus, the most appropriate word to replace the incoherent word “pragmatic” is “unrealistic”. All the given words are correct with reference to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Hypocritical means behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case.

Protest means an organized public demonstration expressing strong objection to an official policy or course of action.

S14. Ans. (a)

Sol. The inaccurate word among the highlighted word is “garden”.

Thus, ‘garner’ would be an appropriate word to form a coherent sentence. ‘Garner’ means gather or collect (something, especially information or approval). All the given words are correct with reference to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Ambience means the character and atmosphere of a place.

Swayed means move or cause to move slowly or rhythmically backwards and forwards or from side to side.

Pitting means set someone or something in conflict or competition with.

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. The inaccurate word among the highlighted word is “layoffs”. ‘Layoffs’ means temporary suspension or permanent termination of employment of an employee or, more commonly, a group of employees. Since, the passage has mentioned about the protest of farmers, ‘layoffs’ becomes irrelevant in the context of the passage. The more appropriate word should have been “procession” which means a number of people or vehicles moving forward in an orderly fashion, especially as part of a ceremony. All the given words are correct with reference to the theme of the paragraph. Hence, option (a) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Crumbled means cause (something) to break apart into small fragments.

Monopoly means the exclusive possession or control of the supply of or trade in a commodity or service.

Backing means help or support.

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