



Fill in the Blanks Questions For IBPS SO PDF

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Instructions

Direction: Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Question 1

Drawing attention to the pitfalls of ___ solely on Uranium as a fuel for nuclear reactors, Indian scientists warned that Uranium will not last for long and thus research on Thorium as its ___ must be revived.

- A using, substitute
- B believing, replacement
- C depending, reserve
- D reckoning, option
- E relying, alternative

Answer: E

Explanation:

Thorium should be used as a substitute or alternative to Uranium. So, options a) and e) are relevant. Because of the use of the words 'solely on' in the first part of the sentence, we can pick option e) over option a).

Question 2

In an effort to provide ___ for higher education to all, most of the universities have been providing education without adequate infrastructure, thus churning out ___ graduates every year.

- A chances, fresh
- B platform, capable
- C opportunities, unemployable
- D prospects, eligible
- E policy, incompetent

Answer: C

Explanation:

The word in the second blank should have a negative connotation because the sentence says the universities are churning out graduates without providing them with proper education. So, options c) and e) are relevant. Between the two, only option c) makes sense in the first blank. So, option c) is the correct answer.

Question 3

The move to allow dumping of mercury ___ an outcry from residents of the area who ___ that high levels of mercury will affect their health and destroy ecologically sensitive forest area.

- A resulted, insist
- B provoked, fear
- C incited, determined
- D activated, accept
- E angered, believe

Answer: B

Explanation:

Only fear and believe are applicable in the second blank. Between 'provoked' and 'angered', provoked is more suitable in the first blank. So, option b) is the correct answer.

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Question 4

___ has been taken against some wholesale drug dealers for dealing in surgical items without a valid license and maintaining a stock of ___ drugs.

- A Note, overwhelming
- B Step, impressive
- C Execution, outdated
- D Action, expired
- E Lawsuit, invalid

Answer: D

Explanation:

Only 'outdated', 'expired' and 'invalid' are applicable in the second blank. Among the three options, only 'action' is suitable in the first blank because of the use of the words 'has been taken' after the blank. So, option d) is the best answer.

Question 5

Even as the ___ else where in the world are struggling to come out of recession, Indian consumers are splurging on consumer goods and to ___ this growth, companies are investing heavily in various sectors.

- A economies, meet
- B countries, inhibit
- C governments, measure
- D nations, inflict
- E companies, counter

Answer: A

Explanation:

Except option e), all the other words are suitable in the first blank. But, only option a) is applicable in the second blank because companies don't try to reduce the growth.

Instructions

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words/phrases have been printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

Governments have traditionally equated economic progress with steel mills and cement factories. While urban centers thrive and city dwellers get rich, hundreds of millions of farmers remain mired in poverty. However, fears of food shortages, a rethinking of antipoverty priorities and the crushing recession in 2008 are causing a dramatic shift in world economic policy in favour of greater support for agriculture.

The last time when the world's farmers felt such love was in the 470s. At that time, as food prices spiked, there was real concern that the world was facing a crisis in which the planet was simply unable to produce enough grain and meat for an expanding population. Governments across the developing world and international aid organisations plowed investment into agriculture in the early 470s, while technological breakthroughs, like high-yield strains of

important food crops, boosted production. The result was the Green Revolution and food production exploded.

But the Green Revolution became a victim of its own success. Food prices plunged by some 60% by the late 40s from their peak in the mid- 40s. Policymakers and aid workers turned their attention to the poor's other pressing needs, such as health care and education. Farming got starved of resources and investment. By 2004, aid directed at agriculture sank to 3.5% and 'Agriculture lost its glitter'. Also, as consumers in high-growth giants such as China and India became wealthier, they began eating more meat, so grain once used for human consumption got diverted to beef up livestock. By early 2008, panicked buying by importing countries and restrictions slapped on grain exports by some big producers helped drive prices up to heights not seen for three decades. Making matters worse, land and resources got reallocated to produce cash crops such as biofuels and the result was that voluminous reserves of grain evaporated. Protests broke out across the emerging world and fierce food riots toppled governments.

This spurred global leaders into action. This made them aware that food security is one of the fundamental issues in the world that has to be dealt with in order to maintain administrative and political stability. This also spurred the U.S. which traditionally provisioned food aid from American grain surpluses to help needy nations, to move towards investing in farm sectors around the globe to boost productivity. This move helped countries become more productive for themselves and be in a better position to feed their own people.

Africa, which missed out on the first Green Revolution due to poor policy and limited resources, also witnessed a 'change'. Swayed by the success of East Asia, the primary poverty-fighting method favoured by many policymakers in Africa was to get farmers off their farms and into modern jobs in factories and urban centers. But that strategy proved to be highly insufficient. Income levels in the countryside badly trailed those in cities while the FAO estimated that the number of poor going hungry in 2009 reached an all time high at more than one billion.

In India on the other hand, with only 40% of its farmland irrigated, entire economic boom currently underway is held hostage by the unpredictable monsoon. With much of India's farming areas suffering from drought this year, the government will have a tough time meeting its economic growth targets. In a report, Goldman Sachs predicted that if this year too receives weak rains, it could cause agriculture to contract by 2% this fiscal year, making the government's 7% GDP-growth target look 'a bit rich'. Another green revolution is the need of the hour and to make it a reality, the global community still has much backbreaking farm work to do.

Question 6

What motivated the U.S. to focus on investing in agriculture across the globe ?

- A To make developing countries become more reliant on U.S. aid
- B To ensure grain surpluses so that the U.S. had no need to import food
- C To make those countries more self sufficient to whom it previously provided food
- D To establish itself in the market before the high-growth giants such as India and China could establish themselves
- E None of these

Answer: C

Explanation:

"This also spurred the US...to boost productivity." From this we can infer that the US focussed on investing in agriculture, in those countries to which it previously provided food supplies, in order to boost their productivity. Option c) is the best answer.

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Instructions

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Question 7

The numbers ___ by the legitimate online music service providers indicate that a growing number of users are ___ to buy music.

- A morphed, ignoring

- B labelled, thriving
- C figured, fanatic
- D painted, interested
- E touted, willing

Answer: E

Explanation:

Online music providers try to sell their products by claiming that a large number of customers are buying their products. So, touted and morphed are suitable answers. But in the second option, morphed is followed by ignoring which is an incorrect option. Hence option E is the correct answer to the question.

Question 8

If India is ___ on protecting its resources, international business appears equally ___ to safeguard its profit.

- A dreaded, fragile
- B stubborn, weak
- C bent, determined
- D approaching, settled
- E obsessed, prepared

Answer: C

Explanation:

Bent and determined are the correct options for the blanks. Hence C is the correct option for the question. Fragile, weak, approaching and obsessed are incorrect in the context.

Question 9

Brands ___ decision-simplicity strategies make full use of available information to ___ where consumers are on the path of decision making and direct them to the best market offers.

- A diluting, divulge
- B tempting, maintain
- C imputing, overdrive
- D pursuing, assess
- E employing, trust

Answer: D

Explanation:

For the first blank, employing and pursuing are the only two correct options. For the second blank, assess and divulge are the only correct answers. So, the correct option is d as it has both the words as correct options.

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Question 10

Lack of financing options, ___ with HR and technological ___ make small and medium enterprises sector the most vulnerable component of our economy.

- A except, loophole
- B coupled, challenges
- C armed, benefits
- D registered, strategies
- E strengthened, facilities

Answer: B

Explanation:

The second blank has to be in plural and a negative word. Loophole is singular. Facilities, Strategies and benefits are positive sounding words. So, the correct option is (b)

Instructions

Directions : The following questions consist of a single sentence with one blank only. You are given six words as answer choices and from the six choices you have to pick up two correct answers, either of which will make the sentence meaningfully complete.

Question 11

Drugs worth Rs. 3 lakh were ___ from the apartment by the police. (A) manufactured (B) ruptured (C) seized (D) confiscated (E) bought (F) compared

- A (A) and (D)
- B (B)and(C)
- C (C)and(E)
- D (E) and (F)
- E (C)and(D)

Answer: E

Explanation:

Seized means "take hold of suddenly and forcibly". Confiscated means "take or seize (someone's property) with authority."

Both seized and confiscated can be used in the given context

Question 12

A man reportedly____ two passports with the same photograph but under different names was arrested by the commissioner's Task Force. (A) possessing (B) examining (C) surrendering (D) mastering (E) holding (F) fixating

- A (B) and(C)
- B (C)and(F)
- C (A) and (E)
- D (A) and (D)
- E (D)and(E)

Answer: C

Explanation:

Both possessing and holding can be used interchangeably when describing use of passport. The other options are

either in appropriate to be used for passports or are conveying an entirely different meaning.

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Question 13

The Hollywood star and the Bollywood heroine are being ___ as the next big onscreen couple. (A) labelled (B) explained (C) worshiped (D) touted (E) exclaimed (F) shouted

- A (B) and (D)
- B (A) and (C)
- C (B) and (F)
- D (A) and (D)
- E (C) and (D)

Answer: D

Explanation:

Both labelled and touted can be used in the given context. Exclaimed, worshipped, explained, and shouted are absolutely inappropriate in the given context.

Question 14

An organization _____ to the mission of road safety has prepared an action plan for reducing accidents and related injuries and fatalities. (A) specified (B) inaugurated (C) committed (D)kickedoff (E) succumbed (F) dedicated

- A (C) and (F)
- B (A) and (E)
- C (C) and (E)
- D (D) and (F)
- E (A) and (C)

Answer: A

Explanation:

Both committed and dedicated can be used in the given context

Inaugurated, specified, succumbed and kicked off are not appropriate to be used in the given scenario.

Question 15

The ability of a woman to do well does not ___ on whether it is a man's world or not, because everyone has his/her own opportunities. (A) trust (B) depend (C) reckon (D) live (E) rest (F) believe

- A (D) and (E)
- B (B) and (C)
- C (A) and (F)
- D (B) and (E)
- E (C) and (D)

Answer: D



Explanation:

Both depend and rest can be used in the given context

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