



## Fill In The Blanks Questions For SSC GD

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## Instructions

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### Question 1

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

During the latter half of the nineteenth century, the importance of child-protection \_\_\_\_\_ a far wider recognition.

- A gained
- B attempted
- C rose
- D increased

**Answer:** A

#### Explanation:

'Gained' is the most appropriate word for the blank. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

### Question 2

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

The study will enable the reader to draw his own \_\_\_\_\_ in each case.

- A advice
- B suggestions
- C conclusions
- D perception

**Answer:** C

#### Explanation:

'Conclusions' is the most appropriate word for the blank. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

### Question 3

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

In the twentieth century, in the civilised countries of Europe, the premature births \_\_\_\_\_ between 5 and 9 per cent., and the still-births between 3 and 4 per cent., of all births.

- A difference

- B vary
- C ranges
- D exist

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

'Vary' is the most appropriate word for the blank. 'Ranges' will make the sentence grammatically incorrect. Hence, option b is the correct answer.

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### Question 4

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

The most important \_\_\_\_\_ in human evolution are the quantity and the quality of individual human beings.

- A cause
- B person
- C resulting
- D factors

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

'Factors' is the most appropriate word as per the context. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

### Question 5

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

If a contest takes place between two nations whose numerical strength is approximately equal, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the two will gain the victory.

- A murkier
- B healthier
- C weaker
- D winner

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

'Healthier' is the most appropriate word as per the context.  
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

### Instructions

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options:

### Question 6

Moreover, English people like old institutions; this House of Peers, therefore, is not only kept on, but is rendered popular by the continual infusion of new \_\_\_\_\_—the continual election to the House of new men with no family connection or influence.

- A breath
- B blood
- C energy
- D members

**Answer:** B

### Explanation:

It has been mentioned that new members with no family connection were elected. Also, the term 'infusion' has been used before the blank. The term 'blood' fits in well. Blood is infused and family connections can be termed as blood relations. 'New blood' captures the fact that people with no family connection were elected. Therefore, option B is the right answer.

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### Question 7

I broke the seal with a great effort—so great a one that I was a long time coming to it; took the unopened missive at last up to my room and only attacked it just before going to bed. I had \_\_\_\_\_ have let it wait till morning, for it gave me a second sleepless night.

- A rather
- B should
- C must
- D better

**Answer:** D

### Explanation:

The author states that he should have opened the letter in the morning for that the letter gave him a sleepless night. 'Better' is the correct term to be used and hence, option D is the right answer.

### Question 8

One evening the table was spread for the evening meal, and now and then Eleanor Dare \_\_\_\_\_ at the window to watch the swaying of the wonderful gray moss draping the mighty live-oaks.

- A paused
- B looked
- C stared
- D visited

**Answer:** A

#### **Explanation:**

We can infer that Dare looked through the window at the swaying of gray moss. However, to look or stare at window makes window the object of observation. 'Paused at the window' captures the fact that Dare was looking through the window. Therefore, option A is the right answer.

### Question 9

There can be no doubt that in the thirties and the forties there were many who looked forward to a Republic as actually certain; that is to say, as certain as the next day's \_\_\_\_\_.

- A meal
- B job
- C sun
- D death

**Answer:** C

#### **Explanation:**

The author states that many people were extremely certain about the formation of a Republic. Therefore, the missing word should emphasize how optimistic the persons were about the Republic.

'Next day's sun' captures how optimistic the people were. There is a certain amount of uncertainty in getting the meal or job the next day. Therefore, option C is the right answer.

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### Question 10

Sydney Smith died in 1845, just at the beginning of those deeper and wider changes of which he suspected nothing; for, though he was a clear-headed man in many ways, he was no \_\_\_\_\_.

- A fool

- B prophet
- C better
- D detective

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Sydney Smith did not predict the changes that were about to happen. The author tries to convey that he was an intelligent person but he could not predict everything. 'Prophet' is the correct term to be used since the author explains how Smith failed to see the future. Therefore, option B is the right answer.

**Instructions**

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options:

**Question 11**

**In the Ottoman or Turkish empire, the sovereign, though in other respects absolute master of the lives and fortunes of his subjects, has \_\_\_\_\_ right to impose a new tax.**

- A the
- B absolute
- C similar
- D no

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The author states that the sovereign power had absolute rights in all matters. Then, he provided an exception, which is evident by the use of 'but'. Therefore, the author should have mentioned that the sovereign had no right to impose a tax and hence, option D is the right answer.

**Question 12**

**No longer seeking nor caring that my name should be blazoned abroad on title-pages, I smiled to think that it had now another kind of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- A cheapstake
- B regret
- C passion
- D vogue

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The author smiled thinking that not putting the name on the cover had some kind of charm. 'Vogue' means style and it is the correct word to be used in the given context. Therefore, option D is the right answer.

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### Question 13

The \_\_\_\_\_ was soon made, I imagine, that the new Surveyor had no great harm in him.

- A invention
- B escalation
- C discovery
- D prophecy

**Answer: C**

### Explanation:

The author intends to convey that it was soon known that the new surveyor was harmless. 'Discovery' is the correct term to be used and hence, option C is the right answer.

### Question 14

It is a little remarkable, that—though \_\_\_\_\_ to talk overmuch of myself and my affairs at the fireside, and to my personal friends—an autobiographical impulse should twice in my life have taken possession of me, in addressing the public.

- A disinclined
- B eager
- C bold
- D fearsome

**Answer: A**

### Explanation:

The author is not the kind of person who talks about himself at the fireside but the impulse to write an autobiography has taken over him twice. Therefore, 'disinclined' is the correct term to be used and hence, option A is the right answer.

### Question 15

Our own experience has corroborated the lessons taught by the examples of other nations.

- A collaborated
- B placated

C corroborated

D venerated

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The author intends to convey that their experience has proved the examples from other nations. 'Corroborated' is the correct term to be used and hence, option C is the right answer.

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### Question 16

The Italians, who had long since \_\_\_\_\_ the exercise of arms, were surprised, after forty years' peace, by the approach of a formidable Barbarian, whom they abhorred, as the enemy of their religion, as well as of their republic.

A endorsed

B renounced

C continued

D considered

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The Italians were surprised by the approach of the barbarian. Also, they had close to 40 years of peace. Therefore, it is more likely that the Italians had stopped using arms altogether. Therefore, 'renounced' is the correct term to be used and hence, option B is the right answer.

**Instructions**

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options:

### Question 17

The State cannot possibly insist that every individual should devote himself to the acquirement of general culture, for the most talented person is at times unable to \_\_\_\_\_ his own living.

A earn

B live

C dream

D detest

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The author intends to convey that the state should not force people towards attainment of general culture since even the well-read man cannot earn for himself at times. Therefore, option A is the right answer.

**Question 18**

Although the view that the child imitates everything instinctively is erroneous, it is \_\_\_\_\_ that education will prove successful only in cases in which the personality of the child's teacher is one which puts a good example before the child's eyes

- A doubtful
- B dubious
- C absurd
- D unquestionable

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The author intends to convey that though whether the claim that a child imitates whatever he sees is questionable, a good teacher should not be a bad example in front of the child. Therefore, 'unquestionable' is the correct term to be used and hence, option D is the right answer.

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**Question 19**

The five thousand years of the old Biblical chronology must be multiplied a hundred times, and still we find that half a million years ago our primitive forefathers must have travelled \_\_\_\_\_ from the cradle of the race.

- A little
- B nowhere
- C far
- D away

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The author intends to convey that even if we rewind the clocks by half a million years, the progress that was made by the primitive men of that time was astounding. 'Far' is the correct term to be used and hence, option C is the right answer.

### Question 20

Ram, Karan, and Das were three poor ryots who lived by their daily toil, and earned \_\_\_\_\_ more than enough to supply their families with the bare necessities of life.

- A scarcely
- B way
- C exactly
- D exponentially

**Answer:** A

### Explanation:

It has been given that the three persons were extremely poor. Therefore, they should have barely made enough to feed themselves and their families. 'Scarcely' is the correct to be used and hence, option A is the right answer.

### Question 21

Going up a steep place, my horse stumbled and threw me, and I fell down a \_\_\_\_\_; but my dress caught in some bushes, and though hurt I was able to regain the road and again mount my horse.

- A horse
- B while
- C sea
- D precipice

**Answer:** D

### Explanation:

To 'fall down something' means to fall from something (usually something tall). We can eliminate options B and C. It has already been given that the horse threw the author off. 'Fell down a horse' will be incorrect due to multiple reasons (the horse has already been introduced). Precipice is a term used to refer to a cliff and hence, option D is the right answer.

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### Question 22

The physical division of land into continents, though obvious, \_\_\_\_\_ the existence of a certain measure of geographical theory.

- A follows

**B** presupposes

**C** considers

**D** colours

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The continents should have existed even before someone defined them. Therefore, the missing word should mean that continents predate their definition. 'Presupposes' is the correct term to be used and hence, option B is the right answer.

**Instructions**

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options:

**Question 23**

**If the aim of the State is to secure a population which is not merely numerous, but also of good quality, care must be taken that the number of conceptions, pregnancies, and deliveries shall not be unduly \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**A** small

**B** great

**C** more

**D** less

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

To ensure quality, the number of births should not be high. Therefore, only 'great' and 'more' can fill the blank. 'Great' is a better word to be used than 'more' since no comparison has been made in the sentence. Therefore, option B is the right answer.

**Question 24**

**It is perfectly obvious that whenever a conflict of interests arises, the well-being of our descendants is unhesitatingly \_\_\_\_\_ .**

**A** resigned

**B** broached

**C** removed

**D** sacrificed

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The author uses the word 'unhesitatingly' before the blank. The author intends to convey that when a conflict arises, we do not care much about the well-being of our descendants. Therefore, 'sacrificed' is the correct term to be used and hence, option D is the right answer.

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### Question 25

A rise in the price of the necessaries of life affects the lower classes of the population more especially, but its influence upon the general death-rate is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A tremendous
- B trifling
- C moving
- D detrimental

**Answer: B**

#### **Explanation:**

In the first part of the sentence, the author talks about how the rise of price affects poor people. The second part of the sentence is connected to the first part using 'but its influence'. Therefore, the second part of the sentence should provide an information that is in stark contrast to the first part. Therefore, the author should have mentioned that the effect of rise in prices of goods on death rate is not much. 'Trifling' is the correct term to be used and hence, option B is the right answer.

### Question 26

The value of the individual depends upon two factors, upon the capacities and qualities he has \_\_\_\_\_, and upon the capacities and qualities he has acquired.

- A inherited
- B developed
- C donated
- D born

**Answer: A**

#### **Explanation:**

The author talks about 2 type of qualities. The author talks about the acquired qualities towards the end of the sentence. Therefore, the author should have talked about the qualities that one is born with before talking about acquired qualities. 'Inherited' is the correct term to be used and hence, option A is the right answer.

### Question 27

The most important \_\_\_\_\_ in human evolution are the quantity and the quality of individual human beings.

- A problem
- B parameter
- C factors
- D questions

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

As we can see, the sentence talks about both quantity and quality of human beings. Therefore, a plural term should have been used to fill the blank. 'Factors' is a better term to be used than 'questions' and hence, option C is the right answer.

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**Instructions**

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options:

**Question 28**

**Death comes to everyone, whether his parents and other relatives desire it or not, but those only are born whose parents \_\_\_\_\_ it.**

- A detest
- B desire
- C endorse
- D protest

**Answer:** B

**Explanation:**

The author intends to convey that death comes to everyone regardless of whether their parents desire it or not. However, only those who are desired by their parents to be born are born. 'Desire' is the correct term to be used and hence, option B is the right answer.

**Question 29**

**The large families of the proletariat provide a greater supply of labour, and this leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ in wages.**

- A surge
- B default

- C fall
- D difference

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

It has been given that the proletariat supplies more people. As the supply increases, the price will fall. Therefore, the wages will fall due to increased population and hence, option C is the right answer.

**Question 30**

Even in prehistoric times a minimal degree of Child-Protection was \_\_\_\_\_ to tribal existence.

- A indispensable
- B tangential
- C immaterial
- D vestigial

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Child protection should have been crucial to tribal existence. They would have been driven to extinction had it not been the case. Therefore, 'indispensable' is the correct word to be used and hence, option A is the right answer.

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**Question 31**

The life of Count Bismarck has been so much \_\_\_\_\_, by interested and disinterested persons, that it is thought the present publication, which tells "a plain unvarnished tale," will not be unwelcome.

- A repeated
- B misinterpreted
- C redeemed
- D read

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The author states that the plain, unvarnished tale will not be unwelcome. This implies that people will like this plain tale of Bismarck's life. Had the story been already read or told numerous times, there is no reason for people to like a plain story. Therefore, the accounts so far must have been heavily distorted. 'Misinterpreted' is the correct term to be used and hence, option B is the right answer.

### Question 32

People are afraid to criticise Anatole France adversely; he seems to have \_\_\_\_\_ the position now accorded to Galileo.

- A retained
- B released
- C remained
- D attained

**Answer:** D

#### **Explanation:**

From the sentence, we can infer that the author compared the position occupied by Anatole France now to the one that Galileo enjoyed. We can eliminate 'remained', and 'released'. 'Attained' is a better word to be used than 'retained' in the given context since the author is unlikely to compare a position at an intermittent point in time.

Therefore, 'attained' is the correct word to be used and hence, option D is the right answer.

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### Question 33

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

\_\_\_\_\_ people are more than commonly disagreeable, it is my foolish habit to contract a kindness for them.

- A Instead
- B Unless
- C Many
- D Most

**Answer:** B

#### **Explanation:**

'Unless' is the most appropriate word for the blank. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

### Question 34

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

The dates of the birth and death of Tacitus are uncertain, but it is \_\_\_\_\_ that he was born about 54 A. D. and died after 117.

- A intention
- B chances
- C probable
- D trust

**Answer:** C

#### **Explanation:**

'Probable' is the most appropriate word for the blank. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

#### **Instructions**

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

### Question 35

Most of the locals felt that the dilapidated Church was in need of a major \_\_\_\_\_.

- A revamp
- B recoup
- C replica
- D revue

**Answer:** A

#### **Explanation:**

We can infer that the people felt that the Church needs to be renovated. 'Revamp' means to renovate. Therefore, option A is the right answer.

### Question 36

The apex court ruled that the accusation that the opposition \_\_\_\_\_ on the election commission is largely baseless.

- A argues
- B places
- C addresses

D issues

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The opposition accuses the election commission. Therefore 'place the accusation' is the correct expression and hence, option B is the right answer.

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**Question 37**

Though the centre has announced some compensation, they have failed to correctly \_\_\_\_\_ the damage caused by the storm.

A access

B decide

C assess

D conceive

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

We can infer that the centre has failed to correctly take the damage caused by the storm in to account. 'Assess' means to evaluate something, and hence, is the correct term to be used. Therefore, option C is the right answer.

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**Question 38**

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

The state of Israel benefits to the tune of billions of dollars per year in US foreign \_\_\_\_\_.

A country

B aid

C travel

D policy

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

'Aid' is the most appropriate word for the blank. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

**Question 39**

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

The best possible \_\_\_\_\_ of this stunt is that it will simply be ignored both by its supposed enforcers and its prospective victims.

- A trial
- B recommendation
- C prerequisite
- D outcome

**Answer:** D

**Explanation:**

'Outcome' is the most appropriate word for the blank. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

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**Question 40**

Fill in the blank with an appropriate word from the given options.

The new rule is a dumb and dangerous piece of political grandstanding, and there's no doubt who's \_\_\_\_\_ it.

- A ahead
- B favour
- C behind
- D forward

**Answer:** C

**Explanation:**

'Behind' is the most appropriate word for the blank. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

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