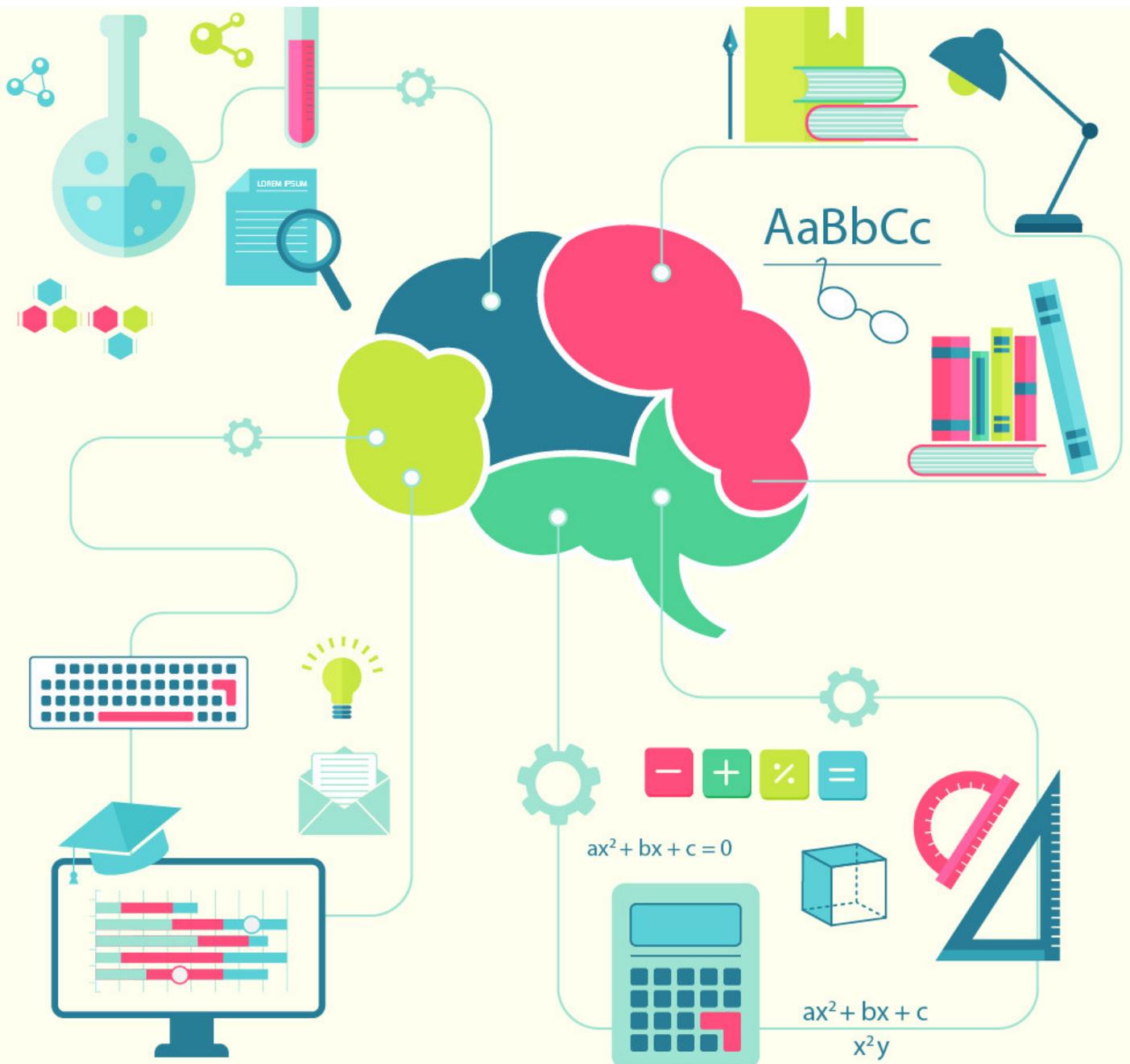


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## Instructions (1 - 5) :

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

### 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

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## 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

## 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- c) Execution, outdated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

## 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

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## Instructions (6 - 10) :

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### Question 6:

When you want to digitalise a city \_\_\_\_\_ with millions, you don't bet \_\_\_\_\_ the odds.

- a) proceeding, into
- b) teeming, against
- c) undergoing, adhere
- d) dangling, for
- e) falling, above

### 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

### 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

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## 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

## 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

## Solutions :

### 1) Answer (A)

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).

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## 2) Answer (C)

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.

## 3) Answer (B)

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.

## 4) Answer (D)

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.

## 5) Answer (A)

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.

## 6) Answer (B)

The right preposition to be used when using odds is "against". Hence, only option b is correct.

## 7) Answer (E)

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.

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## 8) Answer (C)

'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.

## 9) Answer (D)

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.

## 10) Answer (B)

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)

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