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Directions (1-8): In each of the following paragraph, there are three words omitted. Below each sentence(s), there are five options and each option consists of three words which can fill the blanks respectively to make the sentence(s) grammatically and contextually correct. Find the most appropriate set of words that fit into the blanks contextually. If none of the given sets of words fill the blanks appropriately mark option (e) i.e., 'none of these' as your answer choice.

Q1. Asian share markets fell, partly _____ the broad challenges facing the world's second-largest economy as it _____ with the double _____ of the pandemic.

- (a) recluse, perpetual, scrounge
- (b) reflecting, grapples, whammy
- (c) torrent, ineffectual, saunter
- (d) artifice, furtive, ramble
- (e) None of these

Q2. Retail inflation is likely to remain at _____ levels in the next few months on account of supply _____ driven by labour shortage, rather than due to fiscal _____ or other external factors.

- (a) credence, astute, emanate
- (b) crony, stealthy, meander
- (c) anodyne, vacuous, orchestrated
- (d) elevated, constraints, deficit
- (e) None of these

Q3. A \$20-billion fund-raising _____ may take Reliance closer to its _____ of becoming a digital giant, further threatening the _____ plans of U.S. companies.

- (a) fore, unceasing, mauled
- (b) capsized, furtive, spawned
- (c) spree, dream, ambitious
- (d) furtive, nefarious, zapped
- (e) None of these

Q4. Human beings have two _____ traits, the second of which we had _____ reason to suspect that we _____ until the rise of new technologies such as the Internet.

- (a) remarkable, little, possessed
- (b) iniquitous, surreptitious, ambled
- (c) abstain, destitution, ramble
- (d) censure, conjecture, berate
- (e) None of these

Q5. In _____ that they are entitled to the same _____ and relaxations as candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, the Supreme Court has recognized the _____ of the disabled in accessing education or employment,

- (a) pacify, hubbub, anoint

- (b) venture, forte, stride
- (c) holding, benefits, travails
- (d) dissipate, surmise, appease
- (e) None of these

Q6. Many large universities have shown commendable _____ in devising alternatives to _____ students in the present circumstances, including some academically _____ technical universities.

- (a) obviate, mitigate, brazen
- (b) alacrity, evaluate, rigorous
- (c) countermand, belie, garbled
- (d) imbibe, avow, fraught
- (e) None of these

Q7. The Trump administration is considering a _____ ban on travel to the U.S. by members of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) and, a move that would almost certainly prompt _____ against Americans _____ to enter or remain in China.

- (a) carp, lacerate, diced
- (b) enthrall, stymie, didactic
- (c) dichotomies, dotage, median
- (d) sweeping, retaliation, seeking
- (e) None of these

Q8. In May, as the world's demand for crude oil _____ amid a wave of COVID-19 infections, the group of oil-producing nations known as OPEC and its _____ began reducing their oil _____ by around 10% of total global oil production.

- (a) tussles, pariah, migrant
- (b) denouements, outcast, modest
- (c) cratered, Allies, Output
- (d) recluses, insensibility, momentous
- (e) None of these



Directions (9-15): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage followed by four words/phrases. One or more of those words/phrases may fit the blank appropriately. Choose the best set of alternatives among the five given below each question which fill the blanks most appropriately. If none of the words/phrases fill the blanks, choose option (e) i.e. "None of these" as your answer.

The historic summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in Singapore is a/an _____ (9) of the power of diplomacy. Until a few months ago, the two countries had been trading nuclear threats, as the North raced along with its nuclear weapons programme. Now, as Mr. Trump shook hands with Mr. Kim, who had once said the U.S. President was "mentally deranged", it was a reminder of Richard Nixon's ground-breaking 1972 visit to Beijing. Through the day, both Mr. Trump and Mr. Kim were keen on _____ (10) the comprehensivemeet in a positive light. The two whimsical leaders deserve full credit for this thaw in relations, given the decades of _____ (11) and the quick diplomacy that pulled the Korean peninsula back from the brink of war. It all began with the new South Korean President Moon Jae-in's expansive outreach to the North. Mr. Kim _____ (12) by sending athletes to the Winter Olympics in South Korea in February. As the relationship between the Koreas improved rapidly, Mr. Kim invited the U.S. President for a meeting. Mr. Trump accepted at once, surprising America's allies and rivals. However, it was not certain whether the meet would take place. Mr. Trump once called it off after threats and counter-threats _____ (13). But the appetite for rapprochement was clearly greater on both sides, and the _____ (14) was back on track. In the brief joint statement after their meeting, Mr. Kim iterated his "firm and _____ (15) commitment to complete denuclearization" of the Korean Peninsula, while Mr. Trump offered security guarantees to the North.

Q9. (I) proclamation
(II) confutation
(III) affirmation
(IV) contradiction

(a) Only (I)
(b) Both (II) and (III)
(c) Both (I) and (III)
(d) Only (III)
(e) None of these

Q10. (I) obscuring
(II) garbling
(III) portraying
(IV) casting

(a) Only (III)

- (b) Both (II) and (III)
- (c) Both (III) and (IV)
- (d) Both (I) and (IV)
- (e) None of these

Q11. (I) animosity
(II) antagonism
(III) amicability
(IV) hostility

- (a) Only (IV)
- (b) Only (II), (III) and (IV)
- (c) Both (III) and (IV)
- (d) Only (I), (II) and (IV)
- (e) None of these

Q12. (I) stiffed
(II) reciprocated
(III) retaliated
(IV) reimbursed

- (a) Only (IV)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (III) and (IV)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None of these

Q13. (I) depreciated
(II) disparaged
(III) downgraded
(IV) trivialized

- (a) Both (I) and (III)
- (b) Only (IV)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (II) and (IV)
- (e) None of these

Q14. (I) session
(II) expulsion
(III) rendezvous
(IV) dethronement

- (a) Both (I) and (III)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Both (II) and (IV)



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- (d) Only (IV)
(e) None of these

Q15. (I) unsteady
(II) steadfast
(III) unswerving
(IV) unwavering

- (a) Only (I)
(b) Only (I), (III) and (IV)
(c) Only (II), (III) and (IV)
(d) Both (III) and (IV)
(e) None of these



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S1. Ans. (b)

Sol. Taking into the consideration of the context of the sentence and the meaning of the given alternatives, the first word to fill the blank is **reflecting**, the word which will fill the second blank is **grapples**, the word which will fill the third blank is **whammy**. Hence, the correct answer is the **option (b)**.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. Taking into the consideration of the context of the sentence and the meaning of the given alternatives, the first word to fill the blank is **elevated**, the word which will fill the second blank is **constraints**, the word which will fill the third blank is **deficit**. Hence, the correct answer is the **option (d)**.

S3. Ans. (c)

Sol. Taking into the consideration of the context of the sentence and the meaning of the given alternatives, the first word to fill the blank is **spree**, the word which will fill the second blank is **dream**, the word which will fill the third blank is **ambitious**. Hence, the correct answer is the **option (c)**.

S4. Ans. (a)

Sol. Taking into the consideration of the context of the sentence and the meaning of the given alternatives, the first word to fill the blank is **remarkable**, the word which will fill the second blank is **little**, the word which will fill the third blank is **possessed**. Hence, the correct answer is the **option (a)**.

S5. Ans. (c)

Sol. Taking into the consideration of the context of the sentence and the meaning of the given alternatives, the first word to fill the blank is **holding**, the word which will fill the second blank is **benefits**, the word which will fill the third blank is **travails**. Hence, the correct answer is the **option (c)**.

S6. Ans. (b)

Sol. Taking into the consideration of the context of the sentence and the meaning of the given alternatives, the first word to fill the blank is **alacrity**, the word which will fill the second blank is **evaluate**, the word which will fill the third blank is **rigorous**. Hence, the correct answer is the **option (b)**.

S7. Ans. (d)

Sol. Taking into the consideration of the context of the sentence and the meaning of the given alternatives, the first word to fill the blank is **sweeping**, the word which will fill the second blank is **retaliation**, the word which will fill the third blank is **seeking**. Hence, the correct answer is the **option (d)**.

S8. Ans. (c)

Sol. Taking into the consideration of the context of the sentence and the meaning of the given alternatives, the first word to fill the blank is **cratered**, the word which will fill the second blank is **allies**, the word which will fill the third blank is **output**. Hence, the correct answer is the **option (c)**.

S9. Ans. (c)

Sol. Option (c) is the correct choice.

Proclamation means a public or official announcement dealing with a matter of great importance.

Affirmation means the action or process of affirming something.

Confutation means the act of refuting someone's point forcefully

Contradiction means a combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one another.

Proclamation and Affirmation are the words that will fill the blank most appropriately in reference of the paragraph.

S10. Ans. (c)

Sol. Option (c) is the correct choice.

Obscuring means keeping from being seen; concealing.

Garbling means reproducing (a message, sound, or transmission) in a confused and distorted way

Portraying means depicting someone or something in a particular way

Casting means reflecting or portraying

Portraying and Casting are the words that will fill the blank most appropriately in reference of the paragraph as the heads of both the countries were interested in portraying in front of the world a positive image after their historic meeting in Singapore.

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. Option (d) is the correct choice.

Animosity means strong hostility

Antagonism means active hostility or opposition

Amicability means characterized by friendliness

Hostility means unfriendliness or opposition

Animosity, Antagonism and Hostility are the words that will fill the blank most appropriately in reference of the paragraph as it can be understood from the paragraph that USA and North Korea has decades of hostility towards each other until recent meeting of the two leaders of both the nations.

S12. Ans. (b)

Sol. Option (b) is the correct choice.

Stiffed means cheated (someone) out of something, especially money.

Reciprocated means responded to (a gesture or action) by making a corresponding one.

Retaliated means made an attack in return for a similar attack.

Reimbursed means repaid (a person who has spent or lost money).

Reciprocated is the only word that will fill the blank most appropriately in reference of the paragraph as it can be understood from the paragraph that after an approach from South Korean President, the North Korean President, Mr. Kim also responded in a similar gesture and sent athletes from his country to Winter Olympics. None of the other words fit in the blank appropriately.

S13. Ans. (e)

Sol. Option (e) is the correct choice.

Depreciated means diminished in value over a period of time.

Disparaged means regarded or represented as being of little worth.

Downgraded means reduced to a lower grade, rank, or level of importance.

Trivialized means made (something) seem less important, significant, or complex than it really is.

Hence, none of the word fits in the blank in context of the paragraph as it can be understood that a meeting cannot be called off because of decrease in threats and counter-

threats. It will be the opposite case. Hence, the word that should fit here is 'escalated' which is not one of the options.

S14. Ans. (a)

Sol. Option (a) is the correct choice.

Expulsion means the action of forcing someone to leave an organization.

Rendezvous means a meeting at an agreed time and place.

Session means a meeting of an official body, especially a legislature, council, or court of law, to conduct its business.

Session and **Rendezvous** are the words that will fill the blank most appropriately in reference of the paragraph as it can be understood from the lines that 'the appetite for rapprochement was clearly more' which indicates that both the leaders were eager to meet each other, hence the arrangement was back on track.

S15. Ans. (c)

Sol. Option (c) is the correct choice.

Unsteady means liable to fall or shake; not steady in position

Steadfast means resolutely or dutifully firm and unwavering.

Unswerving means not changing or becoming weaker; steady or constant.

Unwavering means not wavering; steady or resolute

Steadfast, Unswerving and Unwavering are the words that will fill the blank most appropriately in reference of the paragraph as the blank is preceded by the word 'firm' which means that the word that should fill the blank should be close in meaning to 'firm' to emphasize on the commitment.

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