

## Fillers Test Questions for SBI PO Exam

**Directions (1-6):** Each question below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which word from options can be used to fill up the blank to make it meaningful.

**Q1.** She is known for her \_\_\_\_\_ in solving complex mathematical problems.

- (a) recklessness
- (b) obliviousness
- (c) animosity
- (d) indifference
- (e) acuity

**Q2.** The company's new policy is aimed at reducing \_\_\_\_\_ and improving work-life balance.

- (a) productivity
- (b) profits
- (c) stress
- (d) commute
- (e) efficiency

**Q3.** The new restaurant in town offers a \_\_\_\_\_ of cuisines from around the world.

- (a) jumble
- (b) mishmash
- (c) medley
- (d) confusion
- (e) chaos

**Q4.** The athlete had to withdraw from the race due to a/an \_\_\_\_\_ injury.

- (a) casual
- (b) significant
- (c) frivolous
- (d) ridiculous
- (e) trivial

**Q5.** The artist's latest great masterpiece has received \_\_\_\_\_ from art critics around the world.

- (a) disapproval
- (b) contempt
- (c) criticism
- (d) admiration
- (e) disdain

**Q6.** He was surprised by the \_\_\_\_\_ of the ocean and the beauty of the sunset.

- (a) concise
- (b) voracity
- (c) complacency
- (d) benevolence
- (e) splendor

**Directions (7-11):** Each question given below has one blank, which is indicating that something has been omitted. Find out which word from option can be used to fill up the blank to make it meaningful.

**Q7. The \_\_\_\_\_ of new technologies has completely transformed the way we live and work.**

- (a) scrutiny
- (b) implementation
- (c) expedience
- (d) contemplation
- (e) excavation

**Q8. The team's \_\_\_\_\_ performance in the tournament led to their defeat in the finals.**

- (a) exemplary
- (b) mediocre
- (c) exceptional
- (d) unparalleled
- (e) transcendent

**Q9. His \_\_\_\_\_ actions during the crisis earned him praise from all quarters.**

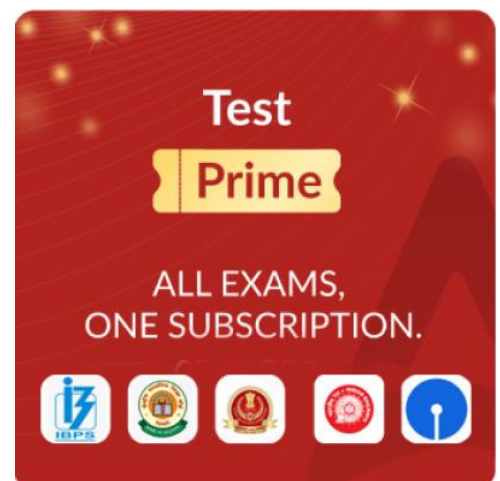
- (a) commendable
- (b) repugnant
- (c) reprehensible
- (d) irresponsible
- (e) repellent

**Q10. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ strategies enabled it to expand its operations rapidly.**

- (a) conservative
- (b) obsolete
- (c) orthodox
- (d) conventional
- (e) innovative

**Q11. The teacher provided \_\_\_\_\_ guidance to her students on how to prepare for the upcoming exams.**

- (a) inadequate
- (b) disrespectful
- (c) trivial
- (d) competent
- (e) inconsistent



**Directions (12-13):** In the following question a sentence is given following with three words. Choose among the following words which reflect its meaning in the sentence correctly.

**Q12.** The travelling company's profits have \_\_\_\_\_ in the last quarter due to the pandemic.

- (A) dwindled
- (B) amplified
- (C) multiplied
- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Only (B)
- (c) Only (C)
- (d) Only (A) and (B)
- (e) Only (A) and (C)

**Q13.** The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the student for his excellent performance in the debate competition.

- (A) lauded
- (B) criticized
- (C) extolled
- (a) Only (A)
- (b) Only (B)
- (c) Only (C)
- (d) Only (A) and (B)
- (e) Only (A) and (C)

**Directions (14-18):** In each question two words are omitted and replaced with blanks. Choose the correct set of words from the given options that can make the sentence meaningful and grammatically accurate.

**Q14.** The \_\_\_ of the building is striking, but the \_\_\_ is not very functional.

- (a) architecture, layout
- (b) design, space
- (c) height, accessibility
- (d) facade, interior
- (e) construction, zoning

**Q15.** People who \_\_\_\_\_ their litter in the streets should have to \_\_\_\_\_ heavy fines.

- (a) secure, maintain
- (b) assemble, yield
- (c) discrete, punish
- (d) discard, pay
- (e) disobey, utilize

**Q16. It has become increasingly \_\_\_\_\_ for individuals and organizations to \_\_\_\_\_ a holistic understanding of intricate web of social, economic, and political factors that shape our world.**

- (a) difficult, deliver
- (b) imperative, cultivate
- (c) evident, utilize
- (d) traumatizing, manage
- (e) homogeneous, formulate

**Q17. The \_\_\_\_\_ nature of human consciousness and the elusive search for meaning in an uncertain world continue to \_\_\_\_\_ scholars and philosophers.**

- (a) monotonous, fascinate
- (b) synchronous, cherish
- (c) transparent, jeopardize
- (d) dubious, target
- (e) enigmatic, perplex

**Q18. The \_\_\_\_\_ of artificial intelligence has \_\_\_\_\_ in a new era, raising profound questions about the ethical implications of creating machines that are capable of surpassing human intelligence.**

- (a) nuance, splashed
- (b) creation, delivered
- (c) publish, opened
- (d) advent, ushered
- (e) subsume, terminated

**Directions (8-12): In each sentence a word is missing and replaced by a blank. Choose the best possible word from the given options that can fit into the given blank without altering the intended meaning.**

**Q19. Traditional beliefs can still \_\_\_\_\_ alongside a modern urban lifestyle.**

- (a) eject
- (b) flourish
- (c) float
- (d) plummet
- (e) perish

**Q20. It is idle to \_\_\_\_\_ what the consequences would have been.**

- (a) manipulate
- (b) articulate
- (c) nourish
- (d) cherish
- (e) speculate

**Q21. Her attitude lends a fresh \_\_\_\_\_ to the subject.**

- (a) perspective
- (b) synchrony
- (c) turbulence
- (d) suggestion
- (e) evaluation

**Q22. The book was so \_\_\_\_\_ that I couldn't put it down until I finished reading it.**

- (a) intriguing
- (b) insipid
- (c) irrelevant
- (d) imaginary
- (e) inaccurate

**Q23. The company decided to \_\_\_\_\_ some of its employees due to financial difficulties.**

- (a) train
- (b) terminate
- (c) tolerate
- (d) treasure
- (e) transform

**Directions (8-13): In each of the questions, two words are omitted, which are replaced by blanks. Choose the best combination of the words that can fit into the given blank at the same order so to make a grammatically and logically correct statement.**

**Q24. Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ the policeman's mentoring would have such a positive and \_\_\_\_\_ influence on the troubled young man?**

- (a) believed, tragic
- (b) think, cherished
- (c) realize, impacted
- (d) thought, profound
- (e) imagined, timely

**Q25. It is harder to \_\_\_\_\_ ignorance than to \_\_\_\_\_ knowledge.**

- (a) greet, part
- (b) conceal, acquire
- (c) reflect, divide
- (d) hide, subjugate
- (e) flourish, trouble

**Q26. I am prepared to make some \_\_\_\_\_ on minor details, but I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ on fundamentals.**

- (a) termination, justify
- (b) evaluation, exercise
- (c) compromise, rectify
- (d) emphasis, justify
- (e) concession, compromise

**Q27. The peace \_\_\_\_\_ effectively \_\_\_\_\_ the country's independence.**

- (a) settlement, acknowledged
- (b) advisory, dismissed
- (c) memorandum, terminate
- (d) terminology, subdue
- (e) parameter, hinder

**Q28. He is seeking advice on how to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ economy.**

- (a) advantage, plagued
- (b) reimburse, thriving
- (c) revive, stagnant
- (d) revolve, pungent
- (e) gross, flourished

**Q29. The \_\_\_\_\_ boy was \_\_\_\_\_ to everybody.**

- (a) humble, rude
- (b) tyrannical, manageable
- (c) humble, abusive
- (d) benevolent, gruesome
- (e) courteous, civil

**Directions (18-22): In each of the questions below, a blank has been given. Following the sentence, five options have been given. Find out which of the following options will fit in the sentence.**

**Q30. In order to find the murderer, the detective would have to \_\_\_\_\_ the dark building for evidence.**

- (a) speak
- (b) erode
- (c) investigate
- (d) declining
- (e) concentrate

**Q31. We need to seal off the chemical container before the fumes \_\_\_\_\_ to pervade the entire building.**

- (a) terminate
- (b) cease
- (c) expire
- (d) begin
- (e) quit

**Q32. Successful business leaders are courageous and show a \_\_\_\_\_ for taking risks**

- (a) propensity
- (b) disinclination
- (c) dislike
- (d) dictate
- (e) aversion

**Q33. During football games, referees \_\_\_\_\_ footage and replay it in order to make close calls.**

- (a) repetition
- (b) closeness
- (c) circulation
- (d) suspect
- (e) rewind

**Q34. Without his mother to \_\_\_\_\_ him, the struggling student developed a horrible attitude towards school.**

- (a) undermine
- (b) intimidate
- (c) encourage
- (d) depress
- (e) weaken

**Directions (13-18): In each of the following questions, there are two blanks in each sentence. Below each sentence are given two columns (A) and (B) in which there are some words. You have to choose one word from both columns to give grammatical and contextual meaning to the sentences.**

**Q35. Healthcare should be a universal right, with access to \_\_\_\_\_ and comprehensive care available to all individuals, \_\_\_\_\_ of income or status.**

Column (A):

- (1) exorbitant
- (2) affordable
- (3) prohibitive

Column (B):

- (4) limitless
- (5) regardless
- (6) fruitless

- (a) (1-4)
- (b) (2-5)
- (c) (3-5)
- (d) (1-6)
- (e) (3-6)

**Q36. Homelessness is a \_\_\_\_\_ that affects millions of individuals and families worldwide, highlighting the urgent need for coordinated efforts to \_\_\_\_\_ shelter, support, and resources for those in need.**

Column (A):

- (1) quandary
- (2) serenity
- (3) composure





**Q39. Poverty is a complex issue that requires \_\_\_\_\_ solutions that address the root causes of economic \_\_\_\_\_ and provide support for those experiencing hardship.**

Column (A):

- (1) perfunctory
- (2) exhaustive
- (3) dismissive

Column (B):

- (4) symmetry
- (5) conformity
- (6) disparity

- (a) (3-4)
- (b) (2-5)
- (c) (3-5)
- (d) (2-6)
- (e) (1-6)

**Q40. Environmental sustainability is a critical \_\_\_\_\_ for the future of our planet and requires us to take immediate action to \_\_\_\_\_ our carbon footprint.**

Column (A):

- (1) discern
- (2) concern
- (3) condone

Column (B):

- (4) abate
- (5) inflame
- (6) amplify

- (a) (1-6)
- (b) (2-4)
- (c) (1-4)
- (d) (2-6)
- (e) (3-5)

## Solutions

### S1. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** The correct word for the given blank is 'acuity.' The word "acuity" refers to sharpness or keenness, particularly in senses or skills, which fits well in the context of solving complex mathematical problems. The other words do not fit the context of the sentence.

- (a) recklessness: a behavior or attitude that involves taking risks without considering the potential consequences.
- (b) obliviousness: not aware of or not concerned about what is happening around one.
- (c) animosity: strong hostility.
- (d) indifference: lack of interest, concern, or sympathy.

**S2. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the given blank is '**stress**.' It means pressure or tension exerted on a material object. The word "stress" fits well in the context of a policy aimed at improving well-being and work-life balance for employees.

The other words do not fit the context of the sentence.

(a) productivity: the effectiveness of productive effort, especially in industry, as measured in terms of the

rate of output per unit of input.

(b) profits: a financial gain, especially the difference between the amount earned and the amount spent in buying, operating, or producing something.

(d) commute: travel some distance between one's home and place of work on a regular basis.

(e) efficiency: the ability to do something or produce something without wasting materials, time, or energy.

**S3. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the given blank is '**medley**.' The word "medley" refers to a mixture or combination of various things, which fits well in the context of offering a variety of cuisines.

The other words do not fit the context of the sentence.

(a) jumble: an untidy and confused mixture of things.

(b) mishmash: a confused mixture.

(d) confusion: lack of understanding; uncertainty.

(e) chaos: complete disorder and confusion.

**S4. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the given blank is '**significant**.' It means sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy. The word "significant" accurately describes an injury that is important or notable enough to affect the athlete's participation in the race.

The other words do not fit the context of the sentence.

(c) frivolous: not having any serious purpose or value.

(d) ridiculous: deserving or inviting derision or mockery; absurd.

(e) trivial: of little value or importance.

**S5. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the given blank is '**admiration**.' It means respect and warm approval. The word "admiration" reflects a positive response and appreciation from the art critics for the masterpiece. The other words do not fit the context of the sentence.

(a) disapproval: a feeling or expression of strong disapproval or harsh criticism.

(b) contempt: the feeling that a person or a thing is beneath consideration, worthless, or deserving scorn.

(c) criticism: the expression of disapproval of someone or something based on perceived faults or mistakes.

(e) disdain: the feeling that someone or something is unworthy of one's consideration or respect.

**S6. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the given blank is ‘splendor’. It means magnificent and splendid appearance; grandeur. The word "splendor" captures the idea of impressive beauty and magnificence, which fits well with the description of the ocean and the sunset.

The other words do not fit the context of the sentence.

- (a) concise: giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief but comprehensive.
- (b) voracity: the quality of being voracious; greediness; an insatiable appetite for something.
- (c) complacency: a feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements.
- (d) benevolence: the quality of being well-meaning; kindness.

**S7. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the blank is ‘implementation’. The sentence is talking about how new technologies have changed the way we live and work. In this context, the blank needs a word that fits the idea of putting new technologies into action or use, which is the central concept of the sentence.

- (a) scrutiny means critical observation or examination.
- (b) implementation means the process of putting a decision or plan into effect.
- (c) expedience means the quality of being convenient and practical despite being improper or immoral.
- (d) contemplation means the action of looking thoughtfully at something for a long time.
- (e) excavation means the action of excavating something, especially an archaeological site.

**S8. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the blank is ‘mediocre’. The sentence is discussing the performance of a team in a tournament and how that performance contributed to their defeat in the finals. The blank needs a word that describes the quality of the team's performance in the tournament.

- (a) exemplary means serving as a desirable model; representing the best of its kind.
- (b) mediocre means of only moderate quality; not very good.
- (c) exceptional means unusual; not typical.
- (d) unparalleled means having no parallel or equal; exceptional.
- (e) transcendent means beyond or above the range of normal or physical human experience.

**S9. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the blank is ‘commendable’. The sentence is discussing someone's actions during a crisis and how those actions led to praise from various sources. The blank needs a word that describes the nature of the person's actions.

- (a) commendable means deserving praise.
- (b) repugnant means extremely distasteful; unacceptable.
- (c) reprehensible means deserving censure or condemnation.
- (d) irresponsible means not showing a proper sense of responsibility.
- (e) repellent means causing disgust or distaste.

**S10. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the blank is ‘innovative’. The sentence is discussing the strategies employed by a company and how these strategies contributed to the rapid expansion of its operations. The blank needs a word that describes the nature of the company's strategies.

- (a) conservative means averse to change or innovation and holding traditional values.
- (b) obsolete means no longer produced or used; out of date.
- (c) orthodox means conforming to what is generally or traditionally accepted as right or true.
- (d) conventional means based on or in accordance with what is generally done or believed.
- (e) innovative means featuring new methods; advanced and original.

**S11. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct word for the blank is 'competent'. The sentence is discussing the kind of guidance that a teacher provided to her students on preparing for upcoming exams. The blank needs a word that describes the quality of the guidance.

- (a) inadequate means lacking the quality or quantity required; insufficient for a purpose.
- (b) disrespectful means showing a lack of respect or courtesy; impolite.
- (c) trivial means of little value or importance.
- (d) competent means having the necessary ability, knowledge, or skill to do something successfully.
- (e) inconsistent means not staying the same throughout.

**S12. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct option is option (a). Only 'dwindled' can fit into the blank. The word that correctly reflects the meaning of the sentence is "dwindled." The sentence states that the traveling company's profits have decreased in the last quarter due to the pandemic. **"Dwindled" means to become smaller, weaker, or less in number, and it fits the context of the sentence.** The other options, "amplified" and "multiplied," mean to increase or grow, which is the opposite of what the sentence is conveying. Therefore, the correct answer is (a) Only (A). The meaning of the words is given below:

**Dwindled:** to become smaller in size or amount or fewer in number.

**Amplified:** to make larger or more powerful.

**Multiplied:** to increase greatly in number or amount; to reproduce.

This makes "dwindled" grammatically and contextually correct.

**S13. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct option is option (e). 'Lauded' and 'extolled' both can be fit into the blank. Both **"lauded"** and **"extolled"** can be used in the blank to convey the meaning that the teacher praised or complimented the student for his excellent performance in the debate competition. Both words mean to praise highly or applaud, and they are suitable synonyms for each other in this context.

Therefore, the correct answer is (e) Only (A) and (C).

The meaning of the words is:

**Lauded:** praise (a person or their achievements) highly, especially in a public context.

**Criticized:** indicate the faults of (someone or something) in a disapproving way.

**Extolled:** praise enthusiastically.

**S14. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The sentence would read: **"The architecture of the building is striking, but the layout is not very functional."** This makes the sentence meaningful and grammatically accurate, as it refers to the impressive external appearance (architecture) of the building but highlights that the internal arrangement (layout) is not practical or functional.

**Architecture:** the art and technique of designing and building

**Layout:** the act or process of planning or laying out in detail

**Design:** a plan or drawing produced to show the look and function or workings of a building, garment, or other object before it is made.

**Height:** the measurement of someone or something from head to foot or from base to top.

**Accessibility:** the quality of being able to be reached or entered.

**Facade:** a deceptive outward appearance

**Interior:** being within; inside of anything; internal; inner; further toward a center

**Zoning:** divide into or assign to zones

### S15. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The sentence would read: "**People who discard their litter in the streets should have to pay heavy fines.**" This makes the sentence meaningful and grammatically accurate, as it talks about individuals who throw their litter on the streets and suggests that they should be subjected to heavy fines as a consequence.

**Assemble:** gather together in one place for a common purpose.

**Yield:** produce or provide (a natural, agricultural, or industrial product).

**Discrete:** individually separate and distinct

**Punish:** inflict a penalty or sanction on someone for (such an offence)

**Discard:** get rid of (someone or something) as no longer useful or desirable.

**Pay:** give (someone) money that is due for work done,

**Disobey:** fail to obey

**Utilize:** make practical and effective use of.

### S16. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** The sentence would read: "**It has become increasingly imperative for individuals and organizations to cultivate a holistic understanding of the intricate web of social, economic, and political factors that shape our world.**" This makes the sentence meaningful and grammatically accurate, as it conveys the idea that it is essential or necessary (imperative) for people and organizations to actively develop or nurture (cultivate) a comprehensive understanding of the complex interplay of various factors that influence our world.

**Imperative:** an essential or urgent thing.

**Cultivate:** prepare and use (land) for crops or gardening.

**Evident:** clearly seen or understood; obvious.

**Utilize:** make practical and effective use of.

**Traumatizing:** subject to lasting shock as a result of a disturbing experience or physical injury.

**Homogenous:** of the same kind; alike.

**Formulate:** create or prepare methodically.

### S17. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** The sentence would read: "**The enigmatic nature of human consciousness and the elusive search for meaning in an uncertain world continue to perplex scholars and philosophers.**" This makes the sentence meaningful and grammatically accurate, as it describes how the mysterious or puzzling (enigmatic) aspects of human consciousness and the challenging quest for meaning in an uncertain world continue to cause confusion or bewilderment (perplex) among scholars and philosophers.

**Monotonous:** dull, tedious, and repetitious; lacking in variety and interest.

**Fascinate:** strongly attracted and interested.

**Synchronous:** existing or occurring at the same time.

**Cherish:** protect and care for (someone) lovingly.

**Transparent:** allowing light to pass through so that objects behind can be distinctly seen.

**Jeopardize:** put (someone or something) into a situation in which there is a danger of loss, harm, or failure.

**Dubious:** hesitating or doubting.

**Enigmatic:** difficult to interpret or understand; mysterious.

**Perplex:** make (someone) feel completely baffled.

### S18. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The sentence would read: "**The advent of artificial intelligence has ushered in a new era, raising profound questions about the ethical implications of creating machines that are capable of surpassing human intelligence.**" This makes the sentence meaningful and grammatically accurate, as it talks about how the arrival or beginning (advent) of artificial intelligence has introduced a new era, which leads to deep questions about the ethical consequences of developing machines with intelligence surpassing that of humans.

**Nuance:** a subtle difference in or shade of meaning, expression, or sound.

**Splashed:** cause (liquid) to strike or fall on something in irregular drops.

**Creation:** the action or process of bringing something into existence.

**Delivered:** provided

**Publish:** prepare and issue

**Opened:** allowing access, passage, or a view through an empty space

**Advent:** the arrival of a notable person or thing.

**Ushered:** show or guide (someone) somewhere.

**Subsume:** include or absorb (something) in something else.

**Terminated:** bring to an end.

### S19. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** The sentence gives the essence of continuation though the word "alongside" thus, the correct word will be, "flourish". The sentence would then read: "Traditional beliefs can still flourish alongside a modern urban lifestyle." To flourish means to thrive, prosper, or be in a healthy and successful state, which implies that traditional beliefs can coexist successfully with a modern urban lifestyle.

**Eject:** force or throw (something) out in a violent or sudden way.

**Flourish:** grow stronger

**Float:** rest or move on or near the surface of a liquid without sinking.

**Plummet:** fall or drop straight down at high speed

**Perish:** die, especially in a violent or sudden way.

### S20. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** The best word that can fit into the blank without altering the intended meaning is "speculate." The sentence would then read: "It is idle to speculate what the consequences would have been." To speculate means to form opinions or theories about something without having all the information, which fits the context of wondering about the consequences without knowing for sure.

**Manipulate:** handle or control (a tool, mechanism, information, etc.) in a skillful manner.

**Articulate:** having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently.

**Nourish:** provide with the food or other substances necessary for growth, health, and good condition.

**Cherish:** protect and care for (someone) lovingly.

**Speculate:** review in an idle or casual way and with an element of doubt or without sufficient reason to reach a conclusion

**S21. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The best word that can fit into the blank without altering the intended meaning is "perspective." The sentence would then read: "Her attitude lends a fresh perspective to the subject." A perspective refers to a particular way of looking at or interpreting something, which implies that her attitude brings a new and different viewpoint to the subject.

Perspective: a particular attitude towards or way of regarding something; a point of view.

Synchrony: simultaneous action, development, or occurrence.

Turbulence: a state of conflict or confusion.

Suggestion: an idea or plan put forward for consideration.

Evaluation: the making of a judgement about the amount, number, or value of something; assessment.

**S22. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The best word that can fit into the blank without altering the intended meaning is "intriguing." The sentence would then read: "The book was so intriguing that I couldn't put it down until I finished reading it." To be intriguing means to arouse curiosity or interest, which implies that the book was so interesting that the person couldn't stop reading until the end.

Intriguing: very interesting because of being unusual or mysterious

Inspid: lacking flavour; weak or tasteless.

Irrelevant: not connected with or relevant to something.

Imaginary: existing only in the imagination

Inaccurate: not accurate.

**S23. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The best word that can fit into the blank without altering the intended meaning is "terminate." The sentence would then read: "The company decided to terminate some of its employees due to financial difficulties." To terminate employees means to end their employment or dismiss them from their jobs, which is an appropriate action taken by the company in response to financial difficulties.

Train: point or aim something, typically a gun or camera, at.

Terminate: bring to an end.

Tolerate: allow the existence, occurrence, or practice of

Treasure: a quantity of precious metals, gems, or other valuable objects.

Transform: make a marked change in the form, nature, or appearance of.

**S24. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The correct combination of words that can fit into the given blanks and create a grammatically and logically correct statement is:

**"Whoever thought the policeman's mentoring would have such a positive and profound influence on the troubled young man?"**

In this sentence, "thought" fits in the first blank, indicating that someone had the belief or idea about the outcome of the policeman's mentoring. The word "profound" fits in the second blank, describing the depth or significance of the influence that the mentoring had on the troubled young man.

**Tragic:** causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow.

**Cherished:** protect and care for (someone) lovingly.

**Profound:** very great or intense

**Impacted:** strongly affected by something

**S25. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The correct combination of words that can fit into the given blanks and create a grammatically and logically correct statement is:

**"It is harder to conceal ignorance than to acquire knowledge."**

In this sentence, "conceal" fits in the first blank, meaning to hide or keep something secret, in this case, ignorance. The word "acquire" fits in the second blank, meaning to gain or obtain knowledge. The sentence conveys the idea that hiding or pretending ignorance is more challenging than gaining knowledge.

**Greet:** give a polite word of recognition or sign of welcome when meeting

**Conceal:** not allow to be seen; hide

**Acquire:** buy or obtain (an asset or object) for oneself.

**Reflect:** think deeply or carefully about.

**Subjugate:** bring under domination or control, especially by conquest.

**Flourish:** grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way

**Trouble:** difficulty or problems

**S26. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct choice is option (e), "concession, compromise"

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be **"I am prepared to make some concession on minor details, but I cannot compromise on fundamentals."**

In this sentence:

**"Concession"** fits in the first blank, meaning that the speaker is willing to give in or make some allowances on minor details. It implies a willingness to make compromises or adjustments on smaller, less significant issues.

**"Compromise"** fits in the second blank, indicating that the speaker cannot make compromises when it comes to fundamentals. The word "compromise" here means to give up or weaken principles or beliefs. The sentence as a whole conveys the idea that the speaker is open to making some concessions on less important matters but is firm and unyielding when it comes to fundamental or essential principles.

**Termination:** the action of terminating something or the fact of being terminated.

**Justify:** show or prove to be right or reasonable.

**Evaluation:** the making of a judgement about the amount, number, or value of something; assessment.

**Compromise:** an agreement or settlement of a dispute that is reached by each side making concessions.

**Rectify:** put right; correct

**Concession:** a thing that is granted, especially in response to demands.

**S27. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The correct choice is option (a), "settlement, acknowledged"

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be **"The peace settlement effectively acknowledged the country's independence."**

In this sentence:

**"Settlement"** fits in the first blank, referring to an agreement or resolution that resolves a dispute or conflict. The phrase "peace settlement" implies an agreement to end hostilities or conflicts peacefully.

**"Acknowledged"** fits in the second blank, indicating that the peace settlement recognized or accepted the country's independence. It means that the agreement officially recognized the country's sovereignty and self-governance.



The sentence as a whole suggests that the peace settlement played a significant role in confirming and validating the country's independence.

**Settlement:** an official agreement intended to resolve a dispute or conflict

**Acknowledged:** accept or admit the existence or truth of.

**Advisory:** having or consisting in the power to make recommendations but not to take action enforcing them.

**Dismissed:** order or allow to leave; send away.

**Memorandum:** a written message in business or diplomacy.

**Terminate:** bring to an end.

**Terminology:** the body of terms used with a particular technical application in a subject of study, profession, etc

**Subdue:** overcome, quieten, or bring under control (a feeling or person).

**Parameter:** a limit or boundary which defines the scope of a particular process or activity.

**Hinder:** make it difficult for (someone) to do something or for (something) to happen.

### S28. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The correct choice is option (c), "revive, stagnant"

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be "He is seeking advice on how to **revive** the **stagnant** economy."

In this sentence:

"**Revive**" fits in the first blank, meaning to bring back to life, restore, or rejuvenate. Here, it implies finding a way to improve or restore the economy to a better state.

"**Stagnant**" fits in the second blank, describing an economy that is not growing or developing and remains inactive or sluggish. It indicates a lack of progress or advancement in the economy.

The sentence as a whole suggests that the person is looking for guidance on how to revitalize or improve an economy that has been stagnant, showing no signs of growth or progress.

**Advantage:** a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favourable or superior position.

**Plagued:** a thing causing trouble or irritation

**Reimburse:** repay (a person who has spent or lost money).

**Thriving:** prosperous and growing; flourishing.

**Revive:** restore to life or consciousness

**Stagnant:** not moving or increasing

**Revolve:** move in a circle on a central axis

**Pungent:** having a sharply strong taste or smell.

**Gross:** very obvious and unacceptable.

**Flourished:** grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way

### S29. Ans.(e)

**Sol.** The correct choice is option (e), "courteous, civil"

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be "The **courteous** boy was **civil** to everybody."

In this sentence:

"**Humble**" fits in the first blank, describing the boy as modest, unassuming, or not arrogant.

"**Abusive**" fits in the second blank, indicating that the boy's behavior towards others was offensive, harmful, or characterized by insults and cruelty.

The sentence as a whole suggests that despite the boy being humble in his demeanor or attitude, he treated others poorly and exhibited abusive behavior towards them.

**Humble:** having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's importance.

**Rude:** offensively impolite or bad-mannered

**Tyrannical:** exercising power in a cruel or arbitrary way.

**Manageable:** able to be controlled or dealt with without difficulty.

**Studious:** spending a lot of time studying or reading.

**Benevolent:** well-mannered and kind.

**Gruesome:** causing repulsion or horror; grisly.

**Courteous:** polite, respectful, or considerate in manner.

**Civil:** relating to ordinary citizens and their concerns, as distinct from military or ecclesiastical matters.

### S30. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The correct choice is option(c) 'investigate' to form a correct sentence. The word "investigate" means to examine or inquire systematically in order to discover the truth or obtain evidence. In the given context, the detective needs to investigate the dark building to find evidence related to the murderer.

**speak**- to say words or to have a conversation

**erode** - to rub or rubbed away gradually

**investigate** - to examine a crime or a problem carefully, to discover a truth

**declining**- to gradually become less or worse

**concentrate** - to direct the attention towards a work or an activity

### S31. Ans.(d)

**Sol.** The correct choice is option(d) 'begin' to form a correct sentence. The word "begin" fits the context of the sentence. It implies that the sealing of the chemical container needs to be done before the fumes start spreading or pervading throughout the building.

**terminate**- to (cause something) to end or stop

**cease**- to stop something

**expire** - something to end after a specific period of time

**begin**- to start to happen or exist

**quit** - to leave a job or an activity

### S32. Ans.(a)

**Sol.** The correct choice is option(a) 'propensity' to form a correct sentence. The word "propensity" means a natural inclination or tendency to behave in a particular way or to adopt a particular attitude. In the given sentence, it implies that successful business leaders have a natural inclination or tendency to take risks.

**propensity** - the fact that someone is likely to behave in some way; inclination

**disinclination**- a feeling of not doing something

**dislike**- to not like something or someone

**dictate**- to give orders with total authority

**aversion**- a feeling of not liking something to do

**S33. Ans.(e)**

**Sol.** The correct choice is option(e) 'rewind' to form a correct sentence. The word "rewind" means to go back or play back a recording, such as a video or audio, to a previous point. In the context of the sentence, referees use "rewind" to refer to the action of going back in the recorded footage and replaying it to make close calls during football games.

**repetition** – the act of doing or saying something again

**closeness**– being close in position or time

**circulation**– the process in which something such as information, or goods passes from one person to another

**suspect**– to think or believe something to be true or probable

**rewind**- wind (a tape or film) back to the beginning.

**S34. Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** The correct choice is option(c) 'encourage' to form a correct sentence. The word "encourage" means to give support, confidence, or hope to someone. In the given sentence, the absence of his mother's encouragement resulted in the student developing a negative attitude towards school.

**undermine**– to make someone less confident to achieve something

**intimidate**– to threaten someone to persuade a task

**encourage** – to make someone likely to do something

**depress**–to make someone feel unhappy and hopeless

**weaken**–to cause someone to become less powerful or effective

**S35. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate words to fill in the given blanks are "affordable" and "regardless".

Column (A):

"Exorbitant" means excessively high or unreasonable in cost or price.

"Affordable" means reasonably priced or within one's financial means.

"Prohibitive" means excessively high or unaffordable, often to the point of preventing or discouraging purchase or use.

Column (B):

"Limitless" means without bounds or restrictions, often used to describe something that has no limits.

"Regardless" means without regard or consideration for something else, often used to emphasize a focus on one particular issue or perspective.

"Fruitless" means without success or result, often used to describe a failed effort or endeavour.

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be "Healthcare should be a universal right, with access to **affordable** and comprehensive care available to all individuals, **regardless** of income or status."

**S36. Ans.(a)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate words to fill in the given blanks are "quandary" and "furnish".

Column (A):

"Quandary" refers to a state of uncertainty or confusion, often caused by facing a difficult decision or situation.

"Serenity" refers to a state of calmness and tranquility, often associated with inner peace or a sense of harmony with one's surroundings.

"Composure" refers to the ability to remain calm and maintain control of one's emotions, even in difficult or stressful situations.

Column (B):

"Furnish" means to provide or supply something, often in the context of furniture or other items needed for a space.

"Divest" means to get rid of or dispose of something, often in the context of selling off assets or shedding responsibilities.

"Relieve" means to ease or alleviate something, often used to describe the act of reducing pain, stress, or discomfort.

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be "Homelessness is a **quandary** that affects millions of individuals and families worldwide, highlighting the urgent need for coordinated efforts to **furnish** shelter, support, and resources for those in need."

### S37. Ans.(c)

**Sol.** The most appropriate words to fill in the given blanks are "paramount" and "egalitarian".

Column (A):

"Extraneous" means irrelevant or unrelated to the matter at hand, often seen as unnecessary or superfluous.

"Incidental" means occurring as a minor or secondary consequence of something else, often not considered significant.

"Paramount" means of utmost importance or significance, often considered as the highest priority or most essential element.

Column (B):

"Egalitarian" means promoting or believing in the idea of equality, often used to describe social or political systems that aim to eliminate discrimination and privilege.

"Preferential" means showing favour or bias towards something or someone, often at the expense of others.

"Blinkered" means having a narrow and limited view of something, often due to being unwilling or unable to consider other perspectives or information.

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be "Access to quality education is **paramount** for promoting social mobility and creating a more **egalitarian** society."

### S38. Ans.(b)

**Sol.** The most appropriate words to fill in the given blanks are "thwarting" and "augmented".

Column (A):

"Buildout" refers to the process of expanding or developing something, often in a construction or real estate context.

"Thwarting" refers to the action of preventing or obstructing something from happening or succeeding.

"Proliferation" refers to the rapid increase or spread of something, often used to describe the growth of a population or the expansion of a concept or technology.

Column (B):

"Constricted" means restricted or narrow in scope, size, or ability.

"Augmented" means increased or expanded, often in a positive sense of improving or enhancing something.

"Diminutive" means small or tiny in size, often used to describe something that is cute or endearing.

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be "Gun violence **thwarting** requires a multifaceted approach that includes comprehensive background checks and **augmented** support for mental health services."

**S39. Ans.(d)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate words to fill in the given blanks are “exhaustive” and “disparity”.

Column (A):

"Perfunctory" means performing a task with minimum effort, attention or interest.

"Exhaustive" means thorough and comprehensive, covering all possible aspects of something.

"Dismissive" means showing indifference or lack of interest towards something, often by disregarding or belittling it.

Column (B):

"Symmetry" means having a balanced and harmonious arrangement of parts or elements.

"Conformity" means the state of complying with established standards, rules or norms.

"Disparity" means a significant difference or inequality between two or more things, often in terms of quantity, quality, or status.

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be “Poverty is a complex issue that requires **exhaustive** solutions that address the root causes of economic **disparity** and provide support for those experiencing hardship.”

**S40. Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** The most appropriate words to fill in the given blanks are “concern” and “abate”.

Column (A):

"Discern" means to perceive or recognize something, often through careful observation or analysis.

"Concern" means to feel anxious or worried about something, or to show interest in something.

"Condone" means to approve of or accept behaviour that is considered wrong or immoral.

Column (B):

"Abate" means to reduce or decrease in intensity or amount.

"Inflame" means to provoke or intensify strong emotions, often negative ones such as anger or hatred.

"Amplify" means to increase in volume, size, or strength, often in a figurative sense such as to enhance or emphasize something.

Hence, the correct sentence formed will be “Environmental sustainability is a critical **concern** for the future of our planet and requires us to take immediate action to **abate** our carbon footprint.”

