

Cloze Test Questions for SBI PO Exam

Directions (1-5): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.

The global economy has been experiencing significant fluctuations due to various factors such as technological advancements, geopolitical tensions, and environmental changes. These dynamics have led to a shift in how nations ____ (1) ____ their resources and engage in trade. As a result, countries are increasingly looking towards sustainable development to ensure long-term economic ____ (2) _____. This approach emphasizes the importance of balancing economic growth with environmental protection and social equity. In the realm of international trade, digital technology has ____ (3) ____ as a critical enabler, allowing businesses to operate more efficiently and reach a wider ____ (4) _____. However, the rapid pace of innovation also poses challenges, including the need for updated regulatory frameworks and measures to address digital ____ (5) _____.

Q1.

- (a) squander
- (b) diminish
- (c) replicate
- (d) hinder
- (e) allocate

Q2.

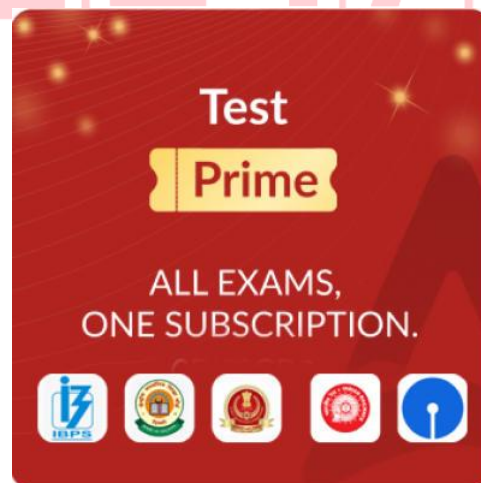
- (a) fluctuation
- (b) adversity
- (c) decrement
- (d) stagnation
- (e) prosperity

Q3.

- (a) receded
- (b) emerged
- (c) dissolved
- (d) plummeted
- (e) wavered

Q4.

- (a) minority
- (b) limitation
- (c) audience
- (d) obstacle
- (e) surplus



Q5.

- (a) divisions
- (b) disparities
- (c) conveniences
- (d) security
- (e) enhancements

Directions (6-10): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.

On February 1 at 11 am, the Finance Minister will set the ____**(6)**____ for the temporary financial plan until the new government takes over. This will be the sixth budget presentation put ____**(7)**____ by the finance minister including five annual and one interim. ____**(8)**____ on the initiative announced in 2022, a strategy will be ____**(9)**____ for achieving self-reliance in oilseeds, such as mustard, groundnut, soya bean, sesame and sunflower. This will cover research in high-yielding varieties, ____**(10)**____ of modern farming techniques, market linkages, procurement, value addition and crop insurance

Q6.

- (a) halt
- (b) conceal
- (c) shield
- (d) cloak
- (e) stage

Q7.

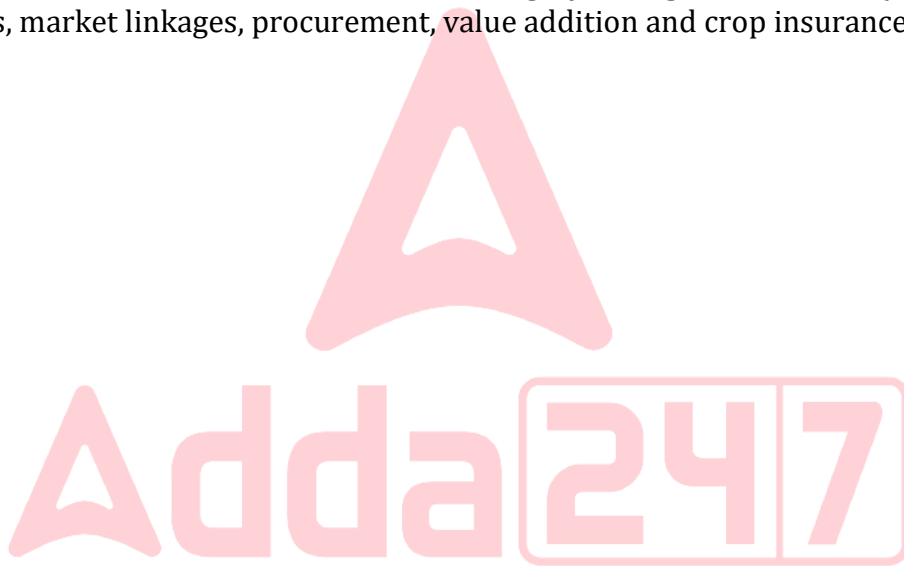
- (a) back
- (b) out
- (c) up
- (d) forth
- (e) into

Q8.

- (a) absorbing
- (b) saturating
- (c) building
- (d) rotating
- (e) dwindling

Q9.

- (a) tangled
- (b) created
- (c) smashed
- (d) applied
- (e) formulated



Q10.

- (a) retention
- (b) abstraction
- (c) probation
- (d) deduction
- (e) adoption

Directions (11-15): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

Much has been written about India's _____ (A) as an economic giant — it is the world's fastest growing big economy, and is currently the fifth largest. Demographics is a major factor in _____ (B) this rise given that the median age is around 28 years and 63% of the population is of working age. However, the labour force participation rate stood at 55.2% in 2022, according to a recent report released by the International Labour Organization (ILO), which goes on to state that falling labour _____ (C) is likely due to growth _____ (D) by the services sector rather than manufacturing. Therefore, while we are certainly not experiencing "jobless growth", more steps _____ (E) to harness the demographic dividend.

Q11. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?

- (a) descendance
- (b) evanescence
- (c) fraudulence
- (d) convenience
- (e) emergence

Q12. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) computing
- (b) bordering
- (c) assigning
- (d) propelling
- (e) depriving

Q13. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) hostility
- (b) casualty
- (c) intensity
- (d) mentality
- (e) verballity

Q14. Which of the following phrases will fit in the given blank (D)?

- (a) be lead
- (b) being led
- (c) been led
- (d) being lead
- (e) be led

Q15. Which of the following phrases will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) are needed
- (b) is need
- (c) are in need
- (d) is in need
- (e) are need in

Directions (16-20): In the following passage there are five blanks given. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.

It is no surprise that the International Energy Agency found that India's carbon emissions grew by 4.8% during 2018, in spite of the national ___(A)___ on climate change in energy policy. There is wide recognition of the fact that Indians are not historically responsible for the problem, and it is the rich nations led by the U.S. that have ___(B)___ in the stock of carbon dioxide linked to extreme climate impacts being witnessed around the globe. As the IEA points out, India's emissions have grown, but per capita remains less than 40% of the global average. Equity among nations is therefore at the centre of the discussion on energy emissions, and the principle of common but ___(C)___ responsibilities is central to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). Reassuring as this may be, the universal challenge of climate change has grown to such ___(D)___ that urgent action to sharply cut carbon emissions is crucial, and all countries, including India, must act quickly. Intensive measures in key sectors — scaling up renewables to raise their share in the energy mix, greening transport, updating building codes and ___(E)___ energy efficiency — will help meet the national pledge under the Paris Agreement to cut energy intensity of GDP by 33-35% by 2030, over 2005 levels.

Q16. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?

- (a) focused
- (b) focus
- (c) intentions
- (d) goals
- (e) None of the above

Q17. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?

- (a) pumped
- (b) boosting
- (c) pumps
- (d) rise
- (e) None of the above

Q18. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?

- (a) differences
- (b) differentiation
- (c) integration
- (d) differentiated
- (e) None of the above

Q19. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?

- (a) assuring
- (b) proportions
- (c) proportional
- (d) measuring
- (e) None of the above

Q20. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?

- (a) risen
- (b) growth
- (c) raising
- (d) raised
- (e) None of the above

Directions (21-25): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

Official figures show the world's third-largest **A.** _____ grew at twice the rate forecast in April to June. But analysts have warned growth will be **B.** _____ this quarter after a state of emergency was **C.** _____ to ease a spike in Covid-19 infections. Meanwhile, new data also shows that the economic recovery of its larger neighbour, China, is losing steam. Preliminary data show Japan's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by an/a **D.** _____ 1.3% in the second quarter of the year. That came after a 3.7% slump in the previous three months. The latest figures were far better than the expected gain of 0.7% and came as spending by individuals and businesses bounced back from the **E.** _____ impact of the coronavirus. However, Japan's recovery remains much slower than has been seen in other advanced economies like the US, which recorded a 6.5% jump in GDP for the second quarter of the year. Japan's relatively weak rebound highlights how the government has struggled to contain the pandemic.

Q21. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?

- (a) landmark
- (b) indigenous
- (c) economy
- (d) mammoth
- (e) None of the above

Q22. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) equatorial
- (b) modest
- (c) fumbling
- (d) jubilant
- (e) None of the above

Q23. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) reimposed
- (b) deranged
- (c) diminutive
- (d) guise
- (e) None of the above

Q24. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?

- (a) devout
- (b) nullified
- (c) reputed
- (d) annualized
- (e) None of the above

Q25. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) acrobatic
- (b) initial
- (c) dimwitted
- (d) embellished
- (e) None of the above

Directions (26-30): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.

Seasonal eating is not just a culinary trend but a sustainable approach to food that celebrates the ___(A)___ cycle of produce. By choosing fruits and vegetables that are in ___(B)___, consumers can enjoy flavors at their peak of ___(C)___. This practice not only supports local agriculture but also minimizes the ___(D)___ footprint associated with long-distance food transport. Furthermore, adapting diets to the season can ___(E)___ nutritional benefits, as fresh produce is more likely to retain its vitamins and minerals. Thus, seasonal eating encourages a harmonious relationship with nature, promoting both environmental health and personal well-being.

Q26. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?

- (a) pernicious
- (b) ephemeral
- (c) cyclical
- (d) transient
- (e) static

Q27. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?

- (a) abundance
- (b) scarcity
- (c) zenith
- (d) nadir
- (e) oblivion

Q28. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?

- (a) decadence
- (b) potency
- (c) malignancy
- (d) stagnation
- (e) obsolescence

Q29. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?

- (a) sonic
- (b) radiant
- (c) magnetic
- (d) ethereal
- (e) carbon

Q30. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?

- (a) exacerbate
- (b) diminish
- (c) obfuscate
- (d) amplify
- (e) nullify



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Directions (31-35): In the following passage there are five blanks given. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.

The negotiation of the Global Plastics Treaty has ___(A)___ a new phase in international environmental governance. While the treaty aims to ___(B)___ the proliferation of plastic waste, experts argue that additional measures are needed to address the ___(C)___ sources of plastic pollution. Innovative recycling technologies and stricter regulations on plastic production are essential to mitigate the impact of waste. Moreover, public awareness campaigns and education are pivotal to ___(D)___ behavior and to promote sustainable practices. As we move beyond the treaty, it is crucial to ___(E)___ strategies that incorporate both technological solutions and community engagement to ensure a sustainable reduction in global plastic usage.

Q31. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?

- (a) heralded
- (b) deprecated
- (c) obfuscated
- (d) rescinded
- (e) vitiated

Q32. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?

- (a) curtail
- (b) proliferate
- (c) magnify
- (d) exacerbate
- (e) instigate

Q33. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?

- (a) abolishable
- (b) negligible
- (c) minimal
- (d) primary
- (e) peripheral

Q34. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?

- (a) regress
- (b) obviate
- (c) inculcate
- (d) coerce
- (e) simulate

Q35. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?

- (a) delineate
- (b) amalgamate
- (c) attenuate
- (d) orchestrate
- (e) recuperate

Directions (36-40): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been denoted by letters. For each blank, five options are given. Choose the most appropriate word from the options that fits the blank appropriately.

High _____ (A) _____ to the Gulf region have put thousands of stranded expatriates from Kerala in a spot, _____ (B) _____ them of chances to return to their destinations. Despite several Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nations relaxing travel _____ (C) _____ after a fall in COVID-19 cases, airline tickets from Kerala remain expensive. The decision of the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to suspend passenger flights till September 30 has been cited as the reason for the high tariffs. Airfares on international scheduled flights on _____ (D) _____ routes have not cooled off even though India has _____ (E) _____ bilateral air bubbles with selected countries from July 2020.

Q36. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?

- (a) resistance
- (b) altitudes
- (c) airfares
- (d) longitude
- (e) leasing

Q37. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) depriving
- (b) assisting
- (c) segregating
- (d) reinforcing
- (e) concluding

Q38. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) abolishments
- (b) restrictions
- (c) forfeitures
- (d) convergences
- (e) deserted

Q39. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?

- (a) selected
- (b) hampered
- (c) neglected
- (d) diverted
- (e) concluded

Q40. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) withheld
- (b) surrendered
- (c) established
- (d) prosecuted
- (e) protracted

Directions (41-45): In the following passage there are five blanks given. For each blank, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word that fits the blank.

The recent surge in test flights of private rockets has garnered significant attention, marking a new era in space exploration. These ventures, spearheaded by private companies, promise to ____ (A) ____ the landscape of space travel, making it more accessible and economically viable. However, the journey is fraught with challenges, and the ____ (B) ____ nature of space travel demands rigorous testing and validation. Each test flight offers invaluable data, helping engineers ____ (C) ____ their designs and enhance safety measures. Moreover, the successful deployment of these rockets could ____ (D) ____ a plethora of opportunities, from satellite launches to potential manned missions. Despite the optimism, the industry must navigate regulatory hurdles and technical ____ (E) ____ to achieve its lofty goals.

Q41. Which word appropriately fills in the first blank (A) in the passage?

- (a) obfuscate
- (b) delineate
- (c) transform
- (d) stagnate
- (e) rescind

Q42. Which word appropriately fills in the second blank (B) in the passage?

- (a) prosaic
- (b) mercurial
- (c) immutable
- (d) banal
- (e) torpid

Q43. Which word appropriately fills in the third blank (C) in the passage?

- (a) augment
- (b) truncate
- (c) diminish
- (d) exacerbate
- (e) vitiate

Q44. Which word appropriately fills in the fourth blank (D) in the passage?

- (a) stymie
- (b) preclude
- (c) engender
- (d) obliterate
- (e) obviate

Q45. Which word appropriately fills in the fifth blank (E) in the passage?

- (a) exigencies
- (b) peregrinations
- (c) diatribes
- (d) vicissitudes
- (e) eulogies

Directions (46-50): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately.

In yet another instance of fly ash leaking from the North Chennai Thermal Power Station at Ennore, the video of a pipeline _____ **(A)** _____ large amounts of fly ash into the Kosasthalaiyar river was _____ **(B)** _____ on social media on Monday. A video of the leak was captured by environmentalist Nityanand Jayaraman on Monday morning. "This is probably the second time I am seeing this _____ **(C)** _____ of a big leak. The pipeline was leaking fly ash for more than one-and-a-half hours. On one side, the removal of fly ash is happening. On the other hand, these types of leaks continue," he said. Mr. Jayaraman said the fly ash spill on Monday was directly into the Kosasthalaiyar river. "The fly ash that is being cleared on one side is dumped nearby. When it rains, this will also _____ **(D)** _____ into the river," he added.

Locals say the leaks were a regular feature at the creek and pipeline bursts were common. In July, the Water Resources Department had begun work on _____ **(E)** _____ the backwaters of the Ennore creek.

Q46. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (A)?

- (a) risking
- (b) intruding
- (c) mustering
- (d) dumping
- (e) hiking

Q47. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (B)?

- (a) condemned
- (b) inculpated
- (c) revealed
- (d) reiterated
- (e) disguised

Q48. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (C)?

- (a) class
- (b) tort
- (c) triage
- (d) sort
- (e) smug

Q49. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (D)?

- (a) abstain
- (b) detain
- (c) restrain
- (d) domain
- (e) drain

Q50. Which of the following words will fit in the given blank (E)?

- (a) dredging
- (b) concealing
- (c) prompting
- (d) advancing
- (e) descending

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S1. Ans.(e)

Sol. The correct word is "**allocate**," which means to distribute resources or duties for a particular purpose. "Diminish" means to make or become less, "replicate" means to make an exact copy of, "hinder" means to create difficulties for someone or something, and "squander" means to waste (something, especially money or time) in a reckless and foolish manner.

S2. Ans.(e)

Sol. "**Prosperity**" means the state of being prosperous, which fits the context of long-term economic goals. "Adversity" refers to difficulties or misfortune, "decrement" means a reduction or decrease, "stagnation" means the state of not flowing or moving, and "fluctuation" means an irregular rising and falling in number or amount; variation.

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol. "**Emerg**ed" is the correct answer, meaning to become apparent, important, or prominent. "Receded" means go or move back or further away from a previous position, "dissolved" means to close down or dismiss, "plummeted" means fall or drop straight down at high speed, and "wavered" means shake with a quivering motion.

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct word is "**audience**," referring to the assembled spectators or listeners at an event. "Limitation" means a restriction, "minority" refers to the smaller number or part, "obstacle" means a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress, and "surplus" means an amount of something left over when requirements have been met; an excess.

S5. Ans.(d)

Sol. "**Security**" is the correct choice, especially in the context of addressing challenges posed by rapid innovation, referring to measures taken to protect against espionage or sabotage, crime, attack, or escape. "Divisions" means the action of separating something into parts, "disparities" means a great difference, "conveniences" refers to the state of being able to proceed with something without difficulty, and "enhancements" means an increase or improvement in quality, value, or extent.

S6. Ans.(e)

Sol. The phrase "set the ____ for the temporary financial plan" suggests introducing or presenting something. Among the options, "**stage**" (e) is the best fit because it means setting up or laying the groundwork for something, which aligns with the context of preparing for a financial plan.

- (a) halt: to stop; bring to a standstill
- (b) conceal: to hide; keep from sight
- (c) shield: to protect; defend
- (d) cloak: to cover or hide something
- (e) stage: to present or organize an event or performance

S7. Ans.(d)

Sol. The phrase "put ____ by the finance minister" refers to presenting or introducing something, especially in the context of budget presentations. "**Forth**" (d) is the correct choice here, as "put forth" means to present or propose for consideration.

- (a) back: in the direction of the past or original position
- (b) out: away from the inside or center
- (c) up: towards a higher position; at a higher level
- (d) forth: out or away from a place or point of action
- (e) into: to the inside or interior of

S8. Ans.(c)

Sol. The third blank is in the context of continuing or expanding on an initiative. "**Building**" (c) fits best because it means to develop or expand, which aligns with the idea of continuing an initiative announced previously.

- (a) absorbing: intensely engaging or interesting
- (b) saturating: to fill or supply beyond capacity; to imbue thoroughly
- (c) building: to construct by assembling and joining parts or materials
- (d) rotating: to turn or cause to turn around an axis or center
- (e) dwindling: to become gradually less until little remains

S9. Ans.(e)

Sol. The phrase "a strategy will be ____ for achieving self-reliance" implies creating or developing a plan. "**Formulated**" (e) is the most appropriate word here, as it means to create or devise methodically, fitting the context of developing a strategy.

- (a) tangled: twisted together; entangled
- (b) created: brought into existence
- (c) smashed: to break violently into pieces; shatter
- (d) applied: to put to use, especially for a particular purpose
- (e) formulated: to devise or develop as a method, strategy, or system

S10. Ans.(e)

Sol. This blank is about actions to be taken concerning high-yielding varieties and modern farming techniques. "**Adoption**" (e) is the correct word because it refers to the act of beginning to use something new or applying new methods, which is consistent with the context of implementing modern farming techniques.

- (a) retention: the act of keeping something in one's possession; continued possession, use, or control
- (b) abstraction: the process of considering something independently of its associations, attributes, or concrete accompaniments
- (c) probation: a period of testing or trial, often used to describe a period of testing someone's ability, character, etc., especially in their work
- (d) deduction: the act of subtracting or taking away a part; also, reasoning from the general to the specific
- (e) adoption: the act of taking up or starting to use or follow; the acceptance of a plan or idea

S11. Ans.(e)

Sol. The most appropriate word to fill in the blank (A) is **(e) emergence**.

Meanings of the words in both Hindi and English:

1. **Descendence (अवरोहण)** – The act of descending or moving downwards.
 - Incorrect: "Descendence" refers to decline or descent, which does not fit the context of India's rise as an economic giant.
2. **Evanescence (क्षणिकता/अल्पकालिकता)** – The process of vanishing or fading away.
 - Incorrect: "Evanescence" refers to something fleeting or temporary, which contradicts the idea of India's sustained economic growth.

3. **Fraudulence (धोखाधड़ी)** – The quality of being deceptive or dishonest.
 - Incorrect: "Fraudulence" refers to deceit, which is irrelevant in the context of describing India's economic growth.
4. **Convenience (सुविधा)** – The state of being able to proceed with something easily or with little effort.
 - Incorrect: "Convenience" refers to ease or comfort, which does not match the context of describing India's economic status.
5. **Emergence (उद्भव/उत्थान)** – The process of coming into prominence or becoming important.
 - Correct: "Emergence" perfectly fits the context, as it describes India's rise as an economic giant.

Explanation:

The word **emergence** is appropriate because it aligns with the context of India's rise as an economic power. Other options like "descendence," "evanescence," "fraudulence," and "convenience" do not convey the idea of a nation becoming a major global player.

Additional Information:

Here are the synonyms, antonyms, and example sentences for each option:

1. Descendence (अवरोहण)

- **Synonym:** Decline (अवनति)
- **Antonym:** Ascent (आरोहण)
- **Sentence:** The descendence of the empire was marked by economic instability and political corruption.

2. Evanescence (क्षणिकता)

- **Synonym:** Fading (धुंधलाना)
- **Antonym:** Permanence (स्थायित्व)
- **Sentence:** The evanescence of the morning mist added a sense of mystery to the landscape.

3. Fraudulence (धोखाधड़ी)

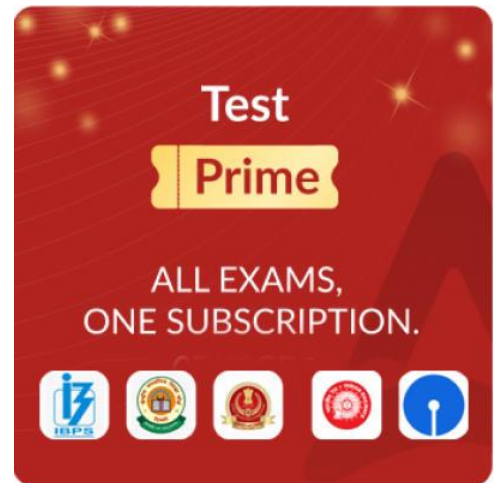
- **Synonym:** Deception (धोखा)
- **Antonym:** Honesty (ईमानदारी)
- **Sentence:** The company was accused of fraudulence after it was discovered they had falsified financial documents.

4. Convenience (सुविधा)

- **Synonym:** Comfort (आराम)
- **Antonym:** Inconvenience (असुविधा)
- **Sentence:** The location of the new supermarket offers great convenience to the local residents.


5. Emergence (उद्भव)

- **Synonym:** Rise (उदय)
- **Antonym:** Decline (पतन)
- **Sentence:** The emergence of India as a global economic power has attracted significant attention from investors worldwide.



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S12. Ans.(d)

Sol. The most appropriate word to fill in the blank (B) is **(d) propelling**.

Meanings of the words in both Hindi and English:

- 1. Computing (गणना करना)** – The use or operation of computers.
 - Incorrect: "Computing" refers to the operation of computers or calculations, which is irrelevant to the context of driving India's economic rise.
- 2. Bordering (सटे होना)** – Lying along the boundary or edge of something.
 - Incorrect: "Bordering" means being adjacent to something, which does not fit the idea of driving or contributing to economic growth.
- 3. Assigning (नियुक्त करना)** – Designating a role or task to someone.
 - Incorrect: "Assigning" refers to giving a task or responsibility, which doesn't convey the idea of driving growth.
- 4. Propelling (प्रेरित करना)** – Driving or pushing something forward.
 - Correct: "Propelling" means driving or pushing something forward, which fits the context of demographics playing a major role in driving India's rise.
- 5. Depriving (वंचित करना)** – Denying someone something essential.
 - Incorrect: "Depriving" refers to taking away or denying something, which contradicts the positive context of growth.

Explanation:

The word **propelling** fits well as it conveys the idea of demographics **driving** or **pushing forward** India's economic rise. Other options like "computing," "bordering," "assigning," and "depriving" do not fit the context of contributing to economic growth.

Additional Information:

Here are the synonyms, antonyms, and example sentences for each option:

1. Computing (गणना करना)

- **Synonym:** Calculating (गणना करना)
- **Antonym:** Estimating (अनुमान लगाना)
- **Sentence:** Modern technology has made computing large sets of data much faster and more accurate.

2. Bordering (सटे होना)

- **Synonym:** Adjacent (सटा हुआ)
- **Antonym:** Distant (दूर)
- **Sentence:** The town is bordering a large forest that is home to a variety of wildlife.

3. Assigning (नियुक्त करना)

- **Synonym:** Allocating (आवंटित करना)
- **Antonym:** Withholding (रोकना)
- **Sentence:** The manager is responsible for assigning tasks to each team member according to their skills.

4. Propelling (प्रेरित करना)

- **Synonym:** Driving (चलाना)
- **Antonym:** Hindering (बाधा डालना)
- **Sentence:** The strong economy is propelling the company to expand its operations internationally.

5. Depriving (वंचित करना)

- **Synonym:** Denying (अस्वीकार करना)
- **Antonym:** Providing (प्रदान करना)
- **Sentence:** The new policy is depriving some citizens of their basic rights, leading to widespread protests.

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol. The most appropriate word to fill in the blank (C) is **(c) intensity**.

Meanings of the words in both Hindi and English:

1. **Hostility (द्वेष/शत्रुता)** – Unfriendly or antagonistic behavior.
 - Incorrect: "Hostility" refers to animosity or aggression, which doesn't fit the context of labour force dynamics.
2. **Casualty (आकस्मिकता)** – The state of being casual or informal; this is a rare usage and not relevant here.
 - Incorrect: "Casualty" is not a common term in this context and does not fit the idea of labour participation or growth.
3. **Intensity (तीव्रता)** – The strength or degree of something, often used to describe the level of effort or focus.
 - Correct: "Intensity" refers to the level of effort or force, which fits well with the idea of "labour intensity" decreasing due to shifts in the economy.
4. **Mentality (मानसिकता)** – A particular way of thinking or the mental state of a person or group.
 - Incorrect: "Mentality" refers to a mindset or attitude, which doesn't align with the concept of labour participation or economic growth.
5. **Verbality (शाब्दिकता)** – Relating to words or language.
 - Incorrect: "Verbality" is not a relevant term in the context of labour force or economic growth.

Explanation:

The word **intensity** fits the context best as it refers to the level of **labour effort** or **strength**, which is discussed in terms of its reduction in the passage. Other options like "hostility," "casualty," "mentality," and "verbality" do not fit the economic or labour-related context.

Additional Information:

Here are the synonyms, antonyms, and example sentences for each option:

1. Hostility (द्वेष/शत्रुता)

- **Synonym:** Antagonism (विरोध)
- **Antonym:** Friendliness (मित्रता)
- **Sentence:** The negotiations were hindered by the growing **hostility** between the two countries.

2. Casuality (आकस्मिकता)

- **Synonym:** Informality (अनौपचारिकता)
- **Antonym:** Formality (औपचारिकता)
- **Sentence:** The **casuality** of their meeting made the conversation flow easily, without the stiffness of formal introductions.

3. Intensity (तीव्रता)

- **Synonym:** Strength (शक्ति)
- **Antonym:** Weakness (कमजोरी)
- **Sentence:** The **intensity** of the storm took everyone by surprise, causing widespread damage in a short time.

4. Mentality (मानसिकता)

- **Synonym:** Mindset (सोच)
- **Antonym:** Ignorance (अज्ञानता)
- **Sentence:** His **mentality** of continuous improvement helped the team overcome many challenges.

5. Verbality (शाब्दिकता)

- **Synonym:** Articulation (वाक्पटुता)
- **Antonym:** Silence (मौन)
- **Sentence:** His **verbality** in the debate earned him praise for effectively expressing his viewpoints.

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to fill in the blank (D) is **(b) being led**.

Explanation:

In the context of the sentence, "growth **being led** by the services sector" is grammatically correct because it describes an ongoing action where growth is currently driven by the services sector. The present participle form "being led" fits the passive construction, where the subject (growth) is acted upon by the services sector.

- **(a) be lead** is incorrect because "lead" should be in the past participle form "led" in passive constructions.
- **(b) being led** is correct as it reflects the ongoing process of growth being driven by the services sector.
- **(c) been led** is incorrect because "been" is used in past perfect or present perfect tense, which doesn't fit the sentence.
- **(d) being lead** is incorrect because "lead" should be "led" (past participle).
- **(e) be led:** Incorrect because "be led" would indicate a future possibility or a command, not an ongoing action as required in this context.

Additional Information:

Example sentence:

"The company's success is **being led** by its innovative product development team."

Sentence structure and grammatical rule:

- **Subject:** The company's success
- **Verb phrase:** is being led (passive construction)
- **Agent (by whom):** by its innovative product development team

Grammatical Rule:

This sentence uses the **passive voice** in the present continuous tense. The passive voice is formed by:

- **"Be" verb** in the correct tense (in this case, "is" for present continuous)
- **Present participle "being"** to indicate that the action is ongoing
- **Past participle** of the main verb (in this case, "led") to show the action is done to the subject

In the **present continuous passive**, the focus is on the subject (the company's success), while the action (leading) is done by an external agent (the product development team).

Construction formula:

Subject + be (is/am/are) + being + past participle + by (agent)

Example:

- **"The company's success"** (subject) + **"is being led"** (passive verb) + **"by its team"** (agent).

S15. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most appropriate phrase to fill in the blank (E) is **(a) are needed**.

Explanation:

The sentence structure requires the **passive voice** in the present tense to express that additional steps are required. "Are needed" is grammatically correct because:

- The subject "steps" is **plural**, so the verb must be **"are"** (plural form of "be").
- "Needed" is the past participle, used in the passive construction.

Why the other options are incorrect:

- **(b) is need:** Incorrect because "steps" is plural, so "is" should be "are," and "need" should be "needed" to form the passive construction.
- **(c) are in need:** Incorrect because "in need" changes the meaning; it implies a state of need rather than an action that needs to be taken.
- **(d) is in need:** Incorrect for the same reason as (c), and "is" does not agree with the plural subject "steps."
- **(e) are need in:** Incorrect because it is grammatically incorrect; "need in" is not a proper phrase.

Final choice:

The correct phrase is **(a) are needed**.

Additional Information:**Example sentence:**

"New policies **are needed** to address the rising environmental concerns."

Sentence structure and grammatical rule:

- **Subject:** New policies
- **Verb phrase:** are needed (passive voice)
- **Object/Context:** to address the rising environmental concerns

Grammatical Rule:

This sentence uses the **passive voice** in the **present simple tense**. The passive construction focuses on the **subject** ("New policies") while emphasizing that the action (being needed) is necessary without specifying the agent who needs them.

- The **passive voice** is formed by:
 1. **"Be" verb** in the correct tense (in this case, "are" for present simple to match the plural subject "policies")
 2. **Past participle** of the main verb ("needed")

In the passive voice, the agent performing the action is often omitted because it is either obvious or irrelevant. The focus is on the necessity or action itself.

Construction formula:

Subject + be (is/am/are) + past participle (needed)

Example breakdown:

- **Subject:** New policies (plural)
- **Be verb:** are
- **Past participle:** needed
- **Additional context:** to address environmental concerns.

Thus, the sentence means that **new policies are required**, but it doesn't specify by whom (the agent).

S16. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Focus' is the correct fit for the blank here.

S17. Ans.(a)

Sol. 'Pumped' is the correct fit for the blank here.

S18. Ans.(d)

Sol. 'Differentiated' is the correct fit for the blank here.

S19. Ans.(b)

Sol. 'Proportions' is the correct fit for the blank here.

S20. Ans.(c)

Sol. 'Raising' is the correct fit for the blank here.

S21. Ans.(c)

Sol. Out of all the given options, only option (c) can fill the blank appropriately.

Economy means the state of a country or region in terms of the production and consumption of goods and services and the supply of money.

Landmark means an object or feature of a landscape or town that is easily seen and recognized from a distance, especially one that enables someone to establish their location.

Indigenous means originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native.

Mammoth means huge.

S22. Ans.(b)

Sol. Out of all the given options, only option (b) can fill the blank appropriately.

Modest means (of an amount, rate, or level) relatively moderate, limited, or small.

Equatorial means of, at, or near the equator

Fumbling means doing or handling something clumsily.

Jubilant means feeling or expressing great happiness and triumph.

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol. Out of all the given options, only option (a) can fill the blank appropriately.

Reimposed means impose (something, especially a law or regulation) again after a lapse.

Deranged means mad; insane.

Diminutive means extremely or unusually small.

Guise means an external form, appearance, or manner of presentation, typically concealing the true nature of something.

S24. Ans.(d)

Sol. Out of all the given options, only option (d) can fill the blank appropriately.

Annualized means (of a rate of interest, inflation, or return on an investment) recalculated as an annual rate.

Devout means having or showing deep religious feeling or commitment.

Nullified means make legally null and void; invalidate.

Reputed means widely known and well thought of.

S25. Ans.(b)

Sol. Out of all the given options, only option (b) can fill the blank appropriately.

Initial means existing or occurring at the beginning.

Acrobatic means a spectacular, showy, or startling performance or demonstration involving great agility or complexity.

Dimwitted means stupid or silly.

Embellished means make (something) more attractive by the addition of decorative details or features.

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol. The most appropriate word to fill in the first blank (A) is **(c) cyclical**.

Meanings of the words in both Hindi and English:

- 1. Pernicious (हानिकारक)** – Having a harmful effect, especially in a gradual or subtle way.
 - Incorrect: "Pernicious" implies something harmful, which doesn't match the positive context of celebrating produce.
- 2. Ephemeral (अल्पकालिक)** – Lasting for a very short time.
 - Incorrect: "Ephemeral" means short-lived, which doesn't quite fit the idea of a seasonal, recurring cycle.
- 3. Cyclical (चक्राकार)** – Occurring in cycles; regularly repeated.
 - Correct: "Cyclical" refers to something that happens in regular cycles, which fits the idea of a produce cycle that aligns with seasons.
- 4. Transient (क्षणिक/अस्थायी)** – Lasting only for a short time.
 - Incorrect: "Transient" means temporary, which doesn't capture the recurring nature of seasonal changes.
- 5. Static (स्थिर)** – Lacking in movement or change.
 - Incorrect: "Static" means unchanging, which is the opposite of the dynamic, seasonal nature described in the passage.

Explanation:

The word **cyclical** fits well as it refers to the natural, repeating cycle of seasons and produce. Other options like "pernicious," "ephemeral," "transient," and "static" do not convey the intended meaning of a sustainable, repeating seasonal cycle.

S27. Ans.(a)

Sol. The most appropriate word to fill in the second blank (B) is **(a) abundance**.

Meanings of the words in both Hindi and English:

- 1. Abundance (प्रचुरता)** – A large quantity of something; plentifulness.
 - Correct: "Abundance" means plenty, which fits the idea of choosing fruits and vegetables that are available in large quantities during their season.
- 2. Scarcity (अभाव)** – The state of being in short supply.
 - Incorrect: "Scarcity" means lack or shortage, which contradicts the idea of enjoying seasonal produce when it is at its peak availability.
- 3. Zenith (उच्चतम बिंदु)** – The highest point or peak.
 - Incorrect: While "zenith" refers to a peak, it's typically used to describe a climax or pinnacle, not the availability of seasonal produce.
- 4. Nadir (निम्नतम बिंदु)** – The lowest point.
 - Incorrect: "Nadir" refers to the lowest point, which is not relevant in the context of seasonal produce.
- 5. Oblivion (विस्मृति)** – The state of being forgotten or unknown.
 - Incorrect: "Oblivion" refers to a state of being forgotten, which does not fit the context of fruits and vegetables being in season.

Explanation:

The word **abundance** fits well as it describes the plentiful availability of seasonal fruits and vegetables. Other options like "scarcity," "zenith," "nadir," and "oblivion" either contradict the meaning or do not match the context of produce being readily available.

S28. Ans.(b)

Sol. The most appropriate word to fill in the third blank (C) is **(b) potency**.

Meanings of the words in both Hindi and English:

- 1. Decadence (विलासिता)** – Moral or cultural decline as a result of excessive indulgence.
 - Incorrect: "Decadence" refers to indulgence and moral decay, which doesn't align with the idea of produce at its peak flavor.
- 2. Potency (शक्ति/प्रभावशीलता)** – The quality of being powerful, effective, or strong.
 - Correct: "Potency" refers to strength or richness, which fits well with the idea of flavors being at their peak during the season.



3. **Malignancy (दुष्टता/विकृति)** – The quality of being harmful or malevolent, often used in medical terms for cancer.
 - Incorrect: "Malignancy" refers to something harmful or dangerous, which doesn't fit the context of flavorful, fresh produce.
4. **Stagnation (जड़ता/ठहराव)** – The state of being inactive or not moving.
 - Incorrect: "Stagnation" refers to inactivity or lack of growth, which does not align with the dynamic, flavorful peak of produce.
5. **Obsolescence (अप्रचलन)** – The process of becoming outdated or no longer in use.
 - Incorrect: "Obsolescence" means becoming outdated, which is irrelevant to the context of seasonal produce.

Explanation:

The word **potency** fits perfectly because it refers to the strength or richness of flavor, which is what the sentence is describing. Other options like "decadence," "malignancy," "stagnation," and "obsolescence" do not fit the positive and vibrant idea of flavors being at their peak.

S29. Ans.(e)

Sol. The most appropriate word to fill in the fourth blank (D) is **(e) carbon**.

Meanings of the words in both Hindi and English:

1. **Sonic (ध्वनिक)** – Relating to sound or sound waves.
 - Incorrect: "Sonic" refers to sound, which does not relate to the context of food transport and environmental impact.
2. **Radiant (दीप्तिमान)** – Sending out light or heat; glowing.
 - Incorrect: "Radiant" refers to something glowing or shining, which doesn't connect with the environmental footprint mentioned in the sentence.
3. **Magnetic (चुंबकीय)** – Having the properties of a magnet or attracting strongly.
 - Incorrect: "Magnetic" refers to the attraction or force related to magnets, which is unrelated to the environmental impact of food transport.
4. **Ethereal (अलौकिक/सूक्ष्म)** – Extremely delicate and light in a way that seems too perfect for this world.
 - Incorrect: "Ethereal" refers to something otherworldly or delicate, which does not fit the context of the environmental impact of transportation.
5. **Carbon (कार्बन)** – Relating to carbon, especially in the context of environmental impact, such as carbon emissions.
 - Correct: "Carbon" refers to the environmental impact, particularly carbon emissions, which are relevant when discussing the footprint associated with long-distance food transport.

Explanation:

The word **carbon** fits

well in the context of minimizing the **carbon footprint** associated with food transport. Other options like "sonic," "radiant," "magnetic," and "ethereal" do not relate to the environmental impact of transportation.

S30. Ans.(d)

Sol. The most appropriate word to fill in the fifth blank (E) is **(d) amplify**.

Meanings of the words in both Hindi and English:

- 1. Exacerbate (बिगाड़ना)** – To make a problem, situation, or feeling worse.
 - Incorrect: "Exacerbate" means to worsen something, which does not fit the positive context of gaining nutritional benefits from fresh produce.
- 2. Diminish (कम करना)** – To reduce or lessen.
 - Incorrect: "Diminish" means to reduce, which is the opposite of what the sentence is suggesting about increasing nutritional benefits.
- 3. Obfuscate (उलझाना)** – To deliberately make something unclear or confusing.
 - Incorrect: "Obfuscate" refers to making something confusing or unclear, which does not fit the idea of enhancing or increasing benefits.
- 4. Amplify (बढ़ाना/प्रसार करना)** – To increase the strength or effect of something.
 - Correct: "Amplify" means to increase or enhance, which perfectly fits the idea of boosting nutritional benefits from fresh, seasonal produce.
- 5. Nullify (निरस्त करना)** – To cancel or invalidate.
 - Incorrect: "Nullify" means to make something void or ineffective, which does not fit the positive context of enhancing nutrition.

Explanation:

The word **amplify** is the most suitable as it means to increase or enhance the **nutritional benefits** of fresh, seasonal produce. Other options like "exacerbate," "diminish," "obfuscate," and "nullify" do not fit the context of increasing the value or benefits of something positive like nutrition.

S31. Ans.(a)

Sol. Heralded means announced or brought to attention, perfectly fitting the context of introducing a new phase in environmental governance. Deprecated, obfuscated, rescinded, and vitiated imply disapproved, made unclear, revoked, and weakened, respectively, which do not suit the context of beginning.

S32. Ans.(a)

Sol. Curtail means to reduce in extent or quantity; to impose a restriction on activities or development, fitting the treaty's goal of reducing plastic waste. Proliferate, magnify, exacerbate, and instigate imply increasing, enlarging, worsening, and initiating, respectively, which are contrary to reduction.

S33. Ans.(d)

Sol. Primary indicates that the sources mentioned are the main or most crucial sources of plastic pollution, aligning with the context that emphasizes the importance of addressing significant or primary sources to effectively tackle the problem. Abolishable, negligible, minimal, and peripheral do not fit the need for addressing crucial sources of pollution.

S34. Ans.(c)

Sol. Inculcate means to instill (an attitude, idea, or habit) by persistent instruction, matching the need to foster sustainable practices through education. Regress, obviate, coerce, and simulate imply moving backward, removing the need for, forcing, and imitating, respectively, which do not align with education and awareness.

S35. Ans.(d)

Sol. Orchestrate means to arrange or direct the elements of (a situation) to produce a desired effect, fitting the context of coordinating strategies to effectively manage plastic pollution. Delineate, amalgamate, attenuate, and recuperate imply describe, combine, weaken, and recover, respectively, which do not describe strategic planning.

S36. Ans.(c)

Sol. Among the given options, 'airfares' is the most suitable word to fill in the blank. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

- (a) resistance- the refusal to accept or comply with something.
- (b) altitudes- the height of an object or point in relation to sea level or ground level.
- (c) airfares- the price to be paid by an aircraft passenger for a particular journey.
- (d) longitude- the angular distance of a place east or west of the Greenwich meridian
- (e) leasing- grant (property) on lease; let.

S37. Ans.(a)

Sol. Among the given options, 'depriving' is the most suitable word to fill in the blank. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

- (a) depriving- prevent (a person or place) from having or using something.
- (b) assisting- help (someone), typically by doing a share of the work.
- (c) segregating- set apart from the rest or from each other; isolate or divide.
- (d) reinforcing- strengthen or support (an object or substance), especially with additional material.
- (e) concluding- bring or come to an end.

S38. Ans.(b)

Sol. Among the given options, 'restrictions' is the most suitable word to fill in the blank. Hence, option (b) is the right answer choice.

- (a) abolishments- to end the observance or effect of (something, such as a law)
- (b) restrictions- a limiting condition or measure, especially a legal one.
- (c) forfeitures- the loss or giving up of something as a penalty for wrongdoing.
- (d) convergences- a location where air flows or ocean currents meet,
- (e) deserted- (of a place) empty of people.

S39. Ans.(a)

Sol. Among the given options, 'selected' is the most suitable word to fill in the blank. Hence, option (a) is the right answer choice.

- (a) selected- carefully chosen as being the best or most suitable.
- (b) hampered- hinder or impede the movement or progress of.
- (c) neglected- not receiving proper attention; disregarded.
- (d) diverted- draw (the attention) of someone from something.
- (e) concluded- arrive at a judgment or opinion by reasoning.

S40. Ans.(c)

Sol. Among the given options, 'established' is the most suitable word to fill in the blank. Hence, option (c) is the right answer choice.

(a) withheld- refuse to give (something that is due to or is desired by another).

(b) surrendered- stop resisting an enemy or opponent and submit to their authority.

(c) established- having existed or done something for a long time and therefore recognized and generally accepted

(d) prosecuted- institute or conduct legal proceedings against (a person or organization).

(e) protracted- lasting for a long time or longer than expected or usual.

S41. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is: "**transform**".

Analysis:

"Transform" means to make a thorough or dramatic change in form, appearance, or character, fitting the context of changing the landscape of space travel. The other options do not fit this context:

- "obfuscate" means to render obscure, unclear, or unintelligible.
- "delineate" means to describe or portray precisely.
- "stagnate" means to cease developing; become inactive or dull.
- "rescind" means to revoke, cancel, or repeal.

S42. Ans.(b)

Sol. The correct answer is: "**mercurial**".

Analysis:

"Mercurial" means subject to sudden or unpredictable changes of mood or mind, fitting the context of the unpredictable nature of space travel. The other options do not fit this context:

- "prosaic" means commonplace or dull.
- "immutable" means unchanging over time.
- "banal" means so lacking in originality as to be obvious and boring.
- "torpid" means mentally or physically inactive.

S43. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is: "**augment**".

Analysis:

"Augment" means to make something greater by adding to it, fitting the context of improving designs and enhancing safety measures. The other options do not fit this context:

- "truncate" means to shorten by cutting off the top or the end.
- "diminish" means to make or become less.
- "exacerbate" means to make a problem worse.
- "vitiate" means to spoil or impair the quality or efficiency of.

S44. Ans.(c)

Sol. The correct answer is: “engender”.

Analysis:

"Engender" means to cause or give rise to, fitting the context of creating opportunities. The other options do not fit this context:

- "stymie" means to prevent or hinder the progress of.
- "preclude" means to prevent from happening.
- "obliterate" means to destroy completely.
- "obviate" means to remove a need or difficulty.

S45. Ans.(a)

Sol. The correct answer is: “exigencies”.

Analysis:

"Exigencies" means urgent needs or demands, fitting the context of the challenges the industry must navigate. The other options do not fit this context:

- "peregrinations" means travels or journeys.
- "diatribes" means forceful and bitter verbal attacks.
- "vicissitudes" means changes of circumstances or fortune, typically ones that are unwelcome.
- "eulogies" means speeches that praise someone highly, typically someone who has just died.

S46. Ans.(d)

Sol. Among the given words, the most suitable word to fill in the first blank will be ‘dumping’. No other word could imply a similar meaning and also do not fit in contextually in the given statement. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

(a) risking- expose (someone or something valued) to danger, harm, or loss.

(b) intruding- put oneself deliberately into a place or situation where one is unwelcome or uninvited.

(c) mustering- assemble (troops), especially for inspection or in preparation for battle.

(d) dumping- deposit or dispose of (rubbish, waste, or unwanted material), typically in a careless or hurried way.

(e) hiking- the activity of going for long walks, especially across the country.

S47. Ans.(c)

Sol. Among the given words, the most suitable word to fit in the blank will be ‘revealed’. All other words do not fall in line with the context of the statement. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.

(a) condemned- sentenced to a particular punishment, especially death.

(b) inculpated- accuse or blame.

(c) revealed- make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others.

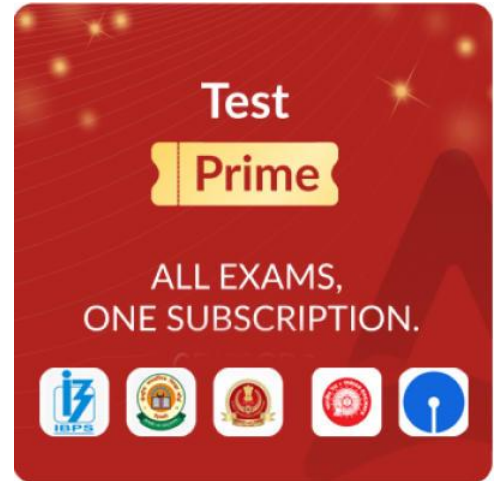
(d) reiterated- say something again or a number of times, typically for emphasis or clarity.

(e) disguised- having changed one's appearance in order to conceal one's identity.

S48. Ans.(d)

Sol. Among the given words, the most suitable word to fit in the blank will be 'sort'. All other words do not fall in line with the context of the statement. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.

- (a) class- assign or regard as belonging to a particular category.
- (b) tort- a wrongful act or an infringement of a right.
- (c) triage- decide the order of treatment of (patients or casualties).
- (d) sort- a category of things or people with a common feature; a type.
- (e) smug- having or showing an excessive pride in oneself or one's achievements.



S49. Ans.(e)

Sol. Among the given words, the most suitable word to fit in the blank will be 'drain'. All other words do not fall in line with the context of the statement. Hence, option (e) is the most suitable answer choice.

- (a) abstain- restrain oneself from doing or enjoying something.
- (b) detain- officially seize and hold (goods).
- (c) restrain- control (a strong urge or emotion).
- (d) domain- an area of territory owned or controlled by a particular ruler or government.
- (e) drain- deprive of strength or vitality.

S50. Ans.(a)

Sol. Among the given words, the most suitable word to fit in the blank will be 'dredging'. All other words do not fall in line with the context of the statement. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.

- (a) dredging- bring up or clear (something) from a river, harbour, or other area of water with a dredge.
- (b) concealing- not allow to be seen; hide.
- (c) prompting- the action of saying something to persuade.
- (d) advancing- move forwards in a purposeful way.
- (e) descending- moving or sloping downwards.