

Solution

1. Ans. A.

This statement should be filled by understanding the most appropriate structure of the statement. The pronoun in the blank space would be the object of the sentence. You use a subjective pronoun (E.G. "she") as the subject of a sentence. E.G. What song did **we** sing as kids? On the other hand, objective pronouns are used as the object of a sentence as in the given sentence. Thus, 'us three' should be used here. Option A is the correct answer.

2. Ans. C.

'Diligence' means careful and persistent work or effort.

'Viability' means ability to work successfully.

'Assess' means to evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.

The key here is to look into the second blank and the relevance of the fillers in the second blank. Option A is incorrect because of the 'diligence' is a noun, while we require a verb in the blank. Option B is incorrect because of 'financial involving' making no sense.

Option D is incorrect because of the second blank being followed by 'of'. It would have been correct if the blank was followed by 'for'.

Option E is incorrect because 'assessing financial activity' is not a relevant phrase.

So, option C is the correct response.

3. Ans. C.

In the first statement, two historians are together making an effort to find the lost heritage. Since it's a joint effort, the word 'concerted' will be appropriate. In the second statement, a planned crackdown on deep-seat corruption is being made, hence concerted which also means 'planned' or 'coordinated' fits well. Hence option C is the apt answer.

4. Ans. D.

The first sentence mentions that the subject asked for directions to a location. So both "address" and "place" can fit. But you would "address" a crowd and not place it. 'Address' as a noun is the location of a particular place, while as a verb, it is to speak to a person or a gathering. 'Look' is to find something, or to regard something in a particular way. Using 'looking' as the second blank (in the second sentence) would signify the police's take on the case. As 'address' and 'looking' fit the blanks contextually, option D is the required answer.

5. Ans. D.

The first blank focuses on the foreign attackers. Hence, "invaders", meaning a person or group that invades a country, region, or other place, would suit. The second blank focuses on how they enforces their beliefs on our people. Hence, "practices" is most suitable. The third blank focuses on how the forcing of their beliefs has led to the deterioration in today's social state. Hence, "conditions" is most suitable. Therefore, the correct answer is D.

6. Ans. C.

The word 'extradite' means to hand over a person accused or convicted of a crime of the jurisdiction of the foreign state in which the crime was committed.

The word 'fugitive' means a person who has escaped from captivity or is in hiding. It also means quick to disappear; fleeting.

The word 'coup' means a sudden, violent, and the illegal seizure of power from a government. It also means an instance of successfully achieving something difficult.

We can clearly decipher that 'extradite' fits in the first blank and fugitive will make no sense in the third blank.

Therefore, the correct sequence is option C.

7. Ans. A.

Enable means to give (someone) the authority or means to do something; make it possible for. Allow means let (someone) have or do something. Accords means give or grant someone (power, status, or recognition).

Endows means provide with a quality, ability, or asset.

Using an USB is not a status or power. So, 'accords' is the wrong choice. 'Endow' is used when we want to say that something is gifted, generally something that cannot be returned or retracted. But, the sentence says that the USB is *plugged*, which means it can be removed. So, 'endow' is a wrong choice. Also, "endow" takes the preposition "with". Hence, the correct answer is A.

8. Ans. A.

The meaning of the phrases are as follows: (A): Glass ceiling: Th term glass ceiling refers to a discriminatory barrier perceived by women and minorities that prevents them from rising to positions of power or responsibility.



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(B): Armchair critic: An armchair critic is someone who gives advice based on theory rather than practice.

(C): Hammer and tongs: If people are going at it hammer and tongs, they are arguing fiercely, with a lot of energy and noise.

(D): Mug's game: An unprofitable or ill-advised activity that only a fool (mug) would do is called a mug's game.

(E): Pain in the neck: If you refer to someone as a pain in the neck, you think they are very irritating or annoying.

Clearly, option A fits perfectly in the context of the sentence.

Therefore, option A is the apt answer.

9. Ans. D.

The blank would carry a phrase which would indicate the reason for the extensive investment by the investors. To dig so deep into their pockets means to spend a lot or invest extensively. The second half mentions that the action would encourage gains. Only option D fits here as supporting unique startups can be a key to get profits. Here, "unicorn" refers to a start-up company valued at more than a billion dollars, typically in the software or technology sector. The other options are either completely irrelevant or indicate negative things.

10. Ans. C.

This sentence has a negative tone as it talks about the exclusion of Indian students from a particular list. Option 1 and 2 have a positive meaning as the words 'affably' and 'amiable' relate to friendliness. That is why they don't fit the context of the sentence. Option 3 conveys 'anger' over this situation which makes it the correct option.

11. Ans. C.

The sentence talks about the superior people harassing the transgender. The word here should convey what they feel. The only word that fits in the first blank is 'empowered' which means 'strong enough' or being entitled to certain rights'. The word in the second blank must convey a negative meaning as it is talking about the activities of the anti-human rights authorities. Thus the words 'voice' and 'express' are incorrect here. The word 'menace' which means 'threaten' fits here. Option C has the correct combination.

12. Ans. E.

'Aspects' mean a particular part or feature of something. 'Pollutants' mean a substance that pollutes something, especially water or the atmosphere. 'Employ' means give work to (someone) and pay them for it. 'Operate' means (of a person) control the functioning of (a machine, process, or system). 'Manipulate' means control or influence (a person or situation) cleverly or unscrupulously. The passage hints towards unscrupulous usage of the environment for our own betterment. Thus, option E is the best fit answer for the given blanks.

13. Ans. B.

Though, words 'crack' and 'twist' seems to fit into the blank, the word 'elbow' would suffer an injury and seems to be most appropriate out of four given alternatives. The another bold word would also replace by 'to' because it is correct preposition that should follow 'lose' in the context as one would lose **to** an opponent. Thus, option B is the correct answer.



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