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100 Important Cloze Test Questions



Direction (1-12) : Given below is a passage divided into XIV segments. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

The UK is the world's fifth largest economy, it contains many areas of immense wealth, its capital is a leading centre of global finance, its entrepreneurs are innovation and agile, and despite the current political turmoil, it has a system of government that rightly remains the envy of much of the world. **(I)** It thus seems patently unjust and **__(A)__** to British values that so many people are living in poverty. **(II)** This is **obvious (1)** to anyone who opens their eyes to see the **deep (2)** growth in foodbanks and the queues waiting outside them, the people sleeping rough in the streets, the growth of homelessness, the sense of **immense (3)** despair that leads even the Government to appoint a Minister for suicide **prevention (4)** and civil society to report on levels of loneliness and isolation. **(III)** And local **__(B)__,** especially in England, which perform vital roles in providing a real social safety net have been gutted by a series of government policies. **(IV)** *Libraries have closed in record numbers, community and youth centres have been shrunk and are underfunded, public spaces and buildings including parks and recreation centres have been sold off.* **(V)** While the labour and housing markets provide the crucial **__(C)__,** the focus of this report is on the contribution made by social security and related policies. **(VI)**

The results? 14 million people, a fifth of the population, live in poverty. Four million of these are below the poverty line, and 1.5 million are **__(D)__. (VII)** The widely respected Institute for Fiscal Studies predicts a 7% rise in child poverty between 2015 and 2022, and various

__(E) (resources) predict child poverty rates of as high as 40%. **(VIII)** *For almost one in every two children to be poor in the twenty-first century Britain is not just a disgrace, but a social calamity and an economic disaster, all rolled into one.* **(IX)** *The country's most respected charitable groups, its leading think tanks, its parliamentary committees, independent authorities like the National Audit Office, and many others, have all drawn attention to the dramatic decline in the fortunes of the least well off in this country.* **(X)** But through it all, the **state (1)** has remained **determinedly (2)** in a **government (3)** of denial while **stubbornly (4)** resisting to acknowledge the situation. **(XI)** Even while devolved **__(F)__** in Scotland and Northern Ireland are frantically trying to devise ways to 'mitigate', or in other words counteract, at least the worst features of the Government's benefits policy, Ministers insisted that all is well and running according to plan. **(XII)** Some tweaks to basic policy have **__(G)__** been made, but there has been a determined resistance to change in response to the many problems. **(XIII)** However, the good news is that/ many of the problems could readily be solved/ if the Government is to acknowledge the problems/ and consider some of the recommendations below. **(XIV)**

1. The first sentence (I) of the passage has been divided into four parts in the given options. There may or may not be an error in one of the parts. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error then choose option (E), "No error" as your answer.
A. The UK is the world's fifth largest economy, it contains
B. many areas of immense wealth, its capital is a leading centre of global finance,

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- C. its entrepreneurs are innovation and agile, and
D. despite the current political turmoil, it has a system of government that rightly remains the envy of much of the world
E. No error
2. Which of the following word given in the options should fill the blank marked as (A) in the second segment (II) of the passage, to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful? Note that the word should also fill both the blanks of the following two sentences to make them contextually meaningful.
(i) _____ to popular myth, the majority of accidents are not caused by speeding or drunkenness.
(ii) The villagers expressed regret that their habitations lacked road connectivity and other basic amenities _____ to the government's tall claims.
A. Complying
B. Contrary
C. Complimentary
D. Cursory
E. Commissioning
3. The third segment (III) in the given passage has four words given in bold. Of these, the positions of two words may be incorrect and need to be exchanged to make the sentence correct. Find the two words which need to be exchanged.
A. 1-2 B. 1-3
C. 1-4 D. 3-4
E. 2-3
4. From the given options, choose the word that can fill the blank marked as (B) in segment IV as well the one marked as (F) in segment XII.
A. Opportunities B. Capital
C. Methodologies D. Authorities
E. Settlements
5. With respect to the context of the passage, which of the following can be inferred from the italicized sentence mentioned in the fifth segment (V) of the passage?
A. The closure of the various institutions of the society will gradually have an adverse effect on the physical health of the growing children.
B. Public welfare institutions have been shut down, thus causing a set back to the social health of the citizens.
C. In order to revive these institutions in the future, the government will have to invest a lot of capital and promote schemes to encourage people for social participation.
D. The closure of the institutions indicates that Britain is undergoing economic crisis.
E. None of these
6. Which of the following word given in the options should fill the blank marked as (C) in the sixth segment (VI) of the passage, to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful. Note that the word should also fill both the blanks of the following two sentences to make them contextually meaningful.
(i) Settled into a _____ of wooded hills, was the little log cabin.
(ii) The conference begins this week against a _____ of unmitigated gloom.
A. Backdrop B. Surrounding
C. Precursor D. Profusion
E. Both A and B
7. Which of the following phrases should fill the blank marked as (D) in the seventh segment (VII) of the passage, to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful?
A. destitute, unable to afford basic essentials
B. suffering poor, inaccessible to basic needs
C. Incapable of influencing the government
D. Struggling to move further down
E. Hit by unemployment
8. In segment VIII of the passage, the blank marked as (F) is followed by a word given in bold. From, the given options, choose the word which should



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replace the word given in bold to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If the given word suits the blank, mark option E, 'No correction required', as the answer.

- A. Columns B. Soothsayers
 C. Expert D. Sources
 E. No correction required
9. Segments IX and X have been italicised. Which of the following statement can come in between the two sentences to maintain the continuity of the paragraph?
 A. However, every cloud has a silver lining.
 B. But the full picture of low-income well-being in the UK cannot be captured by statistics alone.
 C. One must also not shy away from accepting the bitter truth that the annual exports have drastically declined.
 D. But to get a clearer picture, one must further conduct statistical research.
 E. This would tarnish the historical legacy carried by Britain, a country which once ruled the world.
10. The eleventh segment (XI) in the given passage has four words given in bold. Of these, the positions of two words may be incorrect and need to be exchanged to make the sentence correct. Find the two words which need to be exchanged.
 A. 1-2 B. 1-3
 C. 2-3 D. 2-4
 E. 1-4
11. Which of the following word should fill the blank marked as G in segment XIII to make it contextually correct and meaningful?
 A. Suspiciously B. Willingly
 C. Rigorously D. Seriously
 E. Reluctantly
12. The last sentence (XIV) of the passage has been divided into four parts in the given options. There may or may not be an error in one of the parts. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error then choose option (E), "No error" as your answer.

- A. However, the good news is that
 B. many of the problems could readily be solved
 C. if the Government is to acknowledge the problems
 D. and consider some of the recommendations below
 E. No error

Direction (13-17) : Given below is a passage in which each line is numbered (13)-(17). Four words in each sentence are highlighted. Find out which word is not grammatically/contextually suitable in each of the numbered sentences.

(13) There is a need to question **those** in power as it is fundamental to **preserve** the nation and a **truthful** democratic society, President Pranab Mukherjee **said** on Thursday. (14) He also **underscored** the need for **more** accommodation in public **discourse** as democracy will be the "loser" if people **refused** to hear voices other than their own. (15) Delivering the Ramnath Goenka Memorial Lecture, he said all **stakeholders** in a democratic system, **from** parties to business leaders, citizens to institutions, have to **realise** that asking questions is good and **healthy**. (16) Mukherjee said people in power, across the **spectrum** of politics, business or civil society, by **virtue** of the position they enjoy, tend to **dominate** the discourse and **effect** its direction. (17) He said Indian civilisation has always celebrated **plurality** and promoted **tolerance** as these have been binding **people** together for centuries despite **negligible** differences.

13. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 1?
 A. Those B. Preserving
 C. Truthful D. Said
 E. All correct
14. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 2?
 A. Underscore B. More
 C. Discourse D. Refused
 E. All correct

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15. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 3?
 A. Stakeholders B. From
 C. Realise D. Healthy
 E. All correct
16. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 4?
 A. Spectrum B. Virtue
 C. Dominate D. Effect
 E. All correct
17. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 5?
 A. Plurality B. Tolerance
 C. People D. Negligible
 E. All correct

Direction (18-22): In the following passage, there are blanks, each followed by a word given in bold. All these bold words are jumbled and do not necessarily fit in the blank against them. Find the appropriate fit for every blank and mark the answer accordingly. If none of the bold words fit in the blank, mark option E, "None of these" as the answer.

Cloud computing is a method for delivering information technology (IT) services in which resources are **(A) (viable)** from the Internet through web-based tools and applications, as opposed to a direct connection to a server. Rather than keeping files on a **(B) (seamless)** hard drive or local storage device, cloud-based storage makes it possible to save them to a remote database. As long as an electronic device has access to the web, it has access to the data and the software programs to run it. The rise of cloud-based software has offered companies from all sectors several benefits, including the ability to use software from any device, either via a native app or a browser. As a result, users can carry their files and settings to other devices in a completely **(C) (proprietary)** manner. Cloud computing offers big businesses some serious cost-saving potential. Before the

cloud became a **(D) (tangible)** alternative, companies were required to purchase, construct and maintain costly information management technology and infrastructure. Now, instead of investing millions in huge server centres, a firm can use "lite" versions of workstations with **(E) (retrieved)** fast internet connections. The cloud-like structure allows users to upgrade software more quickly – because software companies can offer their products via the web rather than through more traditional, **(F) (lightning)** methods involving discs or flash drives.

18. Find the appropriate word for blank A.
 A. Proprietary B. Retrieved
 C. Seamless D. Lightning
 E. None of these
19. Find the appropriate word for blank B.
 A. Lightning B. Retrieved
 C. Viable D. Proprietary
 E. None of these
20. Find the appropriate word for blank C.
 A. Seamless B. Retrieved
 C. Lightning D. Viable
 E. None of these
21. Find the appropriate word for blank D.
 A. Seamless B. Lightning
 C. Tangible D. Viable
 E. None of these
22. Find the appropriate word for blank F.
 A. Seamless B. Proprietary
 C. Viable D. Tangible
 E. None of these

Direction (23-32): In the passage given below, there are blanks, each followed by a word given in bold. Every blank has four alternative words given in options (A), (B), (C) and (D). Find the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction/change required' as the answer.

Information technology training for IT managers and systems analysts may seem superfluous; these **(1)** **(genres)** are usually well-learned in



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their areas of **__(2)__ (information)**. But, do they understand how a company's technology fits into the bigger picture from a business **__(3)__ (profits)**? That's where management training becomes important. Every manager who plays a role in researching, selecting or implementing enterprise technology needs to have a firm **__(4)__ (grasp)** on the basics of emerging technologies, as well as how they serve a larger business purpose, to ensure that technology is being used to the company's best strategic advantage. Information technology training can help managers determine the impact of new technologies and how to **__(5)__ (access)** their business processes. A program of continual information technology training is **__(6)__ (asked)** to the success of any IT team. Technology is constantly **__(7)__ (rewarding)**, and it seems that there is a new application released every day that is meant to simplify doing business. This can be **__(8)__ (overwhelming)** if you do not stay current on the high-level trends of technology and their corresponding impact on business. Management training is a useful tool for managers to become familiar with the online trends such as blogs, wikis, podcasts and RSS feeds, as well as how the trends are going to change the ways we view the Internet and **__(9)__ (reach)** with each other. It is estimated that these technologies will have significant business **__(10)__ (deal)** in the coming years, and companies everywhere have to consider directly how it affects their business strategies.

23. Find the appropriate word for blank 1.
A. Ideas B. Folks
C. Men D. Veterans
E. No change required
24. Find the appropriate word for blank 2.
A. Appeal B. Aspiration
C. Expertise D. Comfort
E. No change required

25. Find the appropriate word for blank 3.
A. Benefits B. Approach
C. Requirements D. Perspective
E. No change required
26. Find the appropriate word for blank 4.
A. Control B. Reach
C. Support D. Handle
E. No change required
27. Find the appropriate word for blank 5.
A. Adapt B. Adopt
C. Adept D. Accept
E. No change required
28. Find the appropriate word for blank 6.
A. Required B. Suitable
C. Proposed D. Crucial
E. No change required
29. Find the appropriate word for blank 7.
A. Revolving B. Evolving
C. Aspiring D. Holding
E. No change required
30. Find the appropriate word for blank 8.
A. Confirming B. Overshadowing
C. Overrating D. Overspreading
E. No change required
31. Find the appropriate word for blank 9.
A. Meet B. Connect
C. Communicate D. Reciprocate
E. No change required
32. Find the appropriate word for blank 10.
A. Impact B. Association
C. Benefits D. Losses
E. No change required

Direction (33-37): In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five groups of words have been suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately.

Saudi Arabia has allowed women into the national stadium for the first time as it launched celebrations to mark the 87th anniversary **(1)** with an unprecedented array of concerts and performances. The events are part of the government's Vision 2030 reform program launched two years ago to **(2)** away from oil, create new sectors to employ young citizens and open up

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Saudis' cloistered lifestyles. However, in a country **(3)** Wahhabi brand of Sunni Islam, which bans gender mixing, concerts, and cinemas, the plan's seemingly anodyne goals to empower women, promote sports and invest in entertainment **(4)**. They have stepped up national day celebrations that were previously attacked by clerics as **(5)**, and are promoting heritage sites, such as Nabatean rock temples, once seen as embarrassing in the land of Islam.

33. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank 1.
- A. With its founding
 - B. Of its foundation
 - C. For the celebration
 - D. Of art and culture
 - E. Of religious concerts
34. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank 2.
- A. Diversify the economy
 - B. Begrudge the economy
 - C. Reform the lifestyles
 - D. Draw the focus
 - E. Withdraw and reform economy
35. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank 3.
- A. That promotes human rights and
 - B. That protests against
 - C. Goes with religion always
 - D. that adheres to the austere
 - E. that purports rituals
36. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank 4.
- A. Are being extenuating
 - B. Have been palinode
 - C. Had been florid
 - D. Are into desecration
 - E. Have been censured
37. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank 5.
- A. Undermining religious feelings
 - B. Demeaning women
 - C. Deteriorating the protection of women
 - D. Hindering social progress
 - E. Promoting concealed feelings

Direction (38-47): In the passage given below there are blanks, each followed by a word given in the brackets. Every blank has five alternative words given in options. Find the word which best suits the respective blank. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction/change required' as the answer.

While technology has made everything from travel bookings to long-distance communication easy, the medical insurance **(1)** [**part**] has been slow to adapt. While information regarding patient particulars are entered into computer systems at the hospital's billing desk, treatment-related information is often **(2)** [**manually**] written by doctors. The hospital sends the patient's documents to the insurance company, for them to be **(3)** [**analyse**] at multiple levels by the insurer for the patient's eligibility. It is **(4)** [**guessed**] that many hospitals spend nearly 8% to 10% of their revenue on managing this laborious process.

However, cloud-based platforms — connecting the system at the hospital and at the insurance company — are making a difference. **(5)** [**undergoing**] incompatibility problems, the software converts the hospital data into one standard form, as recommended by IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India). At the insurer's end too, there is a software system that processes and **(6)** [**adjudicates**] the insurance claims.

The rapid **(7)** [**pace**] of progress isn't surprising, considering the many benefits the technology brings to patients, hospitals and insurance companies.

"When a patient is admitted, the details are **(8)** [**provided**] by the hospital to the Remedinet platform," says Satish HS, Manager, Insurance, Cloudnine group of hospitals. Another advantage is that patients know their insurance **(9)**



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[**liability**] before getting admitted. Now, the insurance company, before the admission of the patient itself, weighs in with the actual eligibility, and the patient is able to make **(10)** [**accurate**] choices regarding the type of room, facilities etc," says Satish.

- 38. Find the appropriate word for blank 1.
A. segment B. organization
C. division D. section
E. No change required
- 39. Find the appropriate word for blank 2.
A. automatically B. handwritten
C. technically D. normally
E. No change required
- 40. Find the appropriate word for blank 3.
A. stopped B. assessed
C. processed D. examined
E. No change required
- 41. Find the appropriate word for blank 4.
A. understandable B. stipulated
C. predicted D. estimated
E. No change required
- 42. Find the appropriate word for blank 5.
A. overwhelming B. facing
C. overcoming D. viewing
E. No change required
- 43. Find the appropriate word for blank 6.
A. adjourns
B. adjusts
C. advertises
D. adapts
E. No change required
- 44. Find the appropriate word for blank 7.
A. flow B. movement
C. advancement D. pace
E. No change required
- 45. Find the appropriate word for blank 8.
A. uploaded B. downloaded
C. mentioned D. transferred
E. No change required
- 46. Find the appropriate word for blank 9.
A. responsibility B. sanctity
C. eligibility D. reality
E. No change required
- 47. Find the appropriate word for blank 10.
A. perfect B. appropriate
C. appreciable D. required
E. No change required

Direction (48-52): In the passage given below, there are blanks, each followed by a word given in bold. Every blank has four alternative words given in options (A), (B), (C) and (D). Find the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction/change required' as the answer.

A trilateral transport corridor project, inked in Tehran this week by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the leaders of Iran and Afghanistan, has the potential to **dally (1)** the geopolitical map of South and Central Asia. Mr. Modi's visit also put an end to years of ambivalence on the development of Iran's Chabahar port on the Gulf of Oman, the focal point of the corridor project. New Delhi and Tehran had agreed in 2003 to develop the port, near the Iran-Pakistan border. But the project did not take off, mainly owing to international sanctions against Iran over its nuclear programme, but also on account of inertia in Delhi. The removal of **accolade (2)** after Iran's nuclear deal has provided New Delhi an opportunity to revitalize bilateral ties. The road, rail, and port development projects, once **implemented (3)**, will change the way India, Afghanistan, and Iran do business. For India, the projects have specific economic and strategic significance. India and Afghanistan have failed to realize the full economic potential of their friendship owing to connectivity problems. The Pakistan link between India and landlocked Afghanistan has been a/an **countenance (4)**, given Islamabad's tense diplomatic ties with both New Delhi and Kabul, and sometimes with Tehran too. Once the Chabahar port is developed, Indian ships will get direct access to the Iranian coast; a rail line to the Afghan border town of Zaranj will allow India a route around Pakistan. This will surely boost trade with Iran and

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Afghanistan. Besides, the **neglected (5)** free trade zone in the Chabahar area offers Indian companies a new investment destination at a well-connected port city. India has already said its companies will set up "plants in sectors such as fertilizers, petrochemicals, and metallurgy." in the zone. It will also supply \$400 million worth of steel rails to Tehran to build the railway link.

48. Find out the appropriate word/phrase to fill blank 1.
 A. vault B. alter
 C. stagnate D. fester
 E. No change required
49. Find out the appropriate word/phrase to fill blank 2.
 A. sanctions B. accolade
 C. grandeur D. cachet
 E. No change required
50. Find out the appropriate word/phrase to fill blank 3.
 A. letup B. illustrated
 C. adjourned D. deterred
 E. No change required
51. Find out the appropriate word/phrase to fill blank 4.
 A. assistance B. gratification
 C. superfluity D. obstacle
 E. No change required
52. Find out the appropriate word/phrase to fill blank 5.
 A. forgotten B. spurned
 C. prospective D. derelicted
 E. No change required

Direction (53-62): In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five fillers have been suggested, one of which fills the blank appropriately.

One year after demonetisation was **__(1)__,** none of these targets have been achieved meaningfully to **__(2)__.** Modi sold his big move with three original goals to 125 crore Indians — kill black money and

counterfeit notes and **__(3)__.** The costs of this exercise have far outweighed the gains in the form of a very **__(4)__** informal economy (big employer to millions of workers), destruction of supply chains, job losses and revenue loss to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) that also showed in low dividend payments to the government. These apart, the **__(5)__** on the common man who was forced to stand in serpentine queues for months on end to withdraw own money, **__(6)__** and loss of income streams are not measurable using conventional economic tools. In hindsight, a cost-benefit analysis of the exercise makes one wonder whether the economy (which as limping back to health) really needed **__(7)__** shock-therapy that inflicted pain on every constituent of economy, with no clear gains. Demonetisation was offered to them as their one big chance in life to challenge the socio-economic inequalities **__(8)__.** The poor **__(9)__** to Modi's call and made demonetisation their personal battle **__(10)__.**

53. Find the appropriate word for blank 1.
 A. Assiduous for the economy
 B. Multifarious in its approach
 C. Reprieved in the economy
 D. Imposed upon the economy
 E. Injected into the economy
54. Find the appropriate word for blank 2.
 A. Give major tangible gains
 B. Produce a quandary
 C. Have prurient changes
 D. Be puerile significantly
 E. Have a static imposition
55. Find the appropriate word for blank 3.
 A. Bolster terror funding
 B. Mobilize terror funding
 C. Root out terror funding
 D. Root terror funding
 E. Rooting terror funding



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- 56. Find the appropriate word for blank 4.
 - A. Big blow of the
 - B. Severe hit on the
 - C. Insurgent activities
 - D. Obfuscate into the
 - E. Pallid situation of the
- 57. Find the appropriate word for blank 5.
 - A. Accrued position
 - B. Inured pain
 - C. Pain inflicted
 - D. Caused sufferings
 - E. Major Sufferers
- 58. Find the appropriate word for blank 6.
 - A. Tried a lot
 - B. Deluged hopes
 - C. Consigned work
 - D. Alleged loss of lives
 - E. Shocked so many people
- 59. Find the appropriate word for blank 7.
 - A. Very illustrative
 - B. Such a brazen
 - C. Such a massively destructive
 - D. Quite an epistolary
 - E. Very much empirical
- 60. Find the appropriate word for blank 8.
 - A. Embedded in their lives
 - B. Influx in their activities
 - C. Emulating everywhere
 - D. Opposed in their thoughts
 - E. Embedded of activities
- 61. Find the appropriate word for blank 9.
 - A. Boldly made a move
 - B. Angrily rejected
 - C. Heed to the
 - D. Hid to the
 - E. Happily heeded
- 62. Find the appropriate word for blank 10.
 - A. For their betterment
 - B. In spite of the warnings
 - C. Against the crooks
 - D. For the criminals
 - E. To have a betterment

Direction (63-69): In the passage given below words are given in bold, each followed by a number given in the brackets. Every word in bold has five alternatives. Find the word which best suits the place. If the given words suit the blank, mark 'all fit' as the answer

and if the given words doesn't suits the blank, mark 'none fit' as the answer. The concept **(1)** sustainable development can be interpreted in many different ways, but at its core is an approach to development that looks to balance different, and often competing, needs against an awareness of the environmental, social and economic limitations we **(2)** as a society. All too often, development is driven by one particular need, without fully considering the **(3)** or future impacts. We are already seeing the **(4)** this kind of approach can cause, from large-scale financial crises caused by irresponsible banking, to changes in global climate resulting from our dependence on fossil fuel-based energy sources. The longer we pursue **(5)** development, the more frequent and severe its consequences are likely to become, which is why we need to take action now. Living within our environmental limits is one of the **(6)** principles of sustainable development. One implication of not doing so is climate change. But the focus of sustainable development is far broader than just the environment. It's also about **(7)** a strong, healthy and just society.

- 63. Find the appropriate word for blank 1.
 - A. of
 - B. on
 - C. off
 - D. None fit
 - E. All fit
- 64. Find the appropriate word for blank 2.
 - A. will face
 - B. faced
 - C. face
 - D. None fit
 - E. All fit
- 65. Find the appropriate word for blank 3.
 - A. wide
 - B. wider
 - C. widest
 - D. None fit
 - E. All fit
- 66. Find the appropriate word for blank 4.
 - A. benefits
 - B. profits
 - C. advantages
 - D. None fit
 - E. All fit

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67. Find the appropriate word for blank 5.
A. unsustainable B. unsuitable
C. untenable D. None fit
E. All fit
68. Find the appropriate word for blank 6.
A. central B. main
C. fundamental D. None fit
E. All fit
69. Find the appropriate word for blank 7.
A. admitting B. ensuring
C. allowing D. None fit
E. All fit

Direction (70-71): In the following passage, there are two blanks, each of which has been numbered. Five options with two words in each have been suggested (both the words should fit the given blank).

In physics, the law of conservation of energy states that the total energy of an (1) system remains constant, it is said to be conserved over time. This law means that energy can neither be created nor destroyed; rather, it can only be transformed or transferred from one form to another. For instance, chemical energy is converted to kinetic energy when a stick of dynamite explodes. If one adds up all the forms of energy that were released in the explosion, such as the kinetic energy of the pieces, as well as heat and sound, one will get the exact decrease of chemical energy in the combustion of the dynamite. Classically, conservation of energy was (2) from conservation of mass; however, special relativity showed that mass could be converted to energy and vice versa, and science now takes the view that mass-energy is conserved.

70. Find the appropriate option to fill blank 1.
A. isolated, concealed
B. secluded, barren
C. open, dynamic
D. isothermic, covered
E. tarnished, isolated

71. Find the appropriate option to fill blank 2.
A. assorted, dissimilar
B. akin, inconspicuous
C. palpable, kindred
D. distinct, disparate
E. analogous, aberrant

Direction (72-81): 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 have been suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately.

BRICS leaders are gathered in the Russian town of Ufa for the bloc's annual summit, and Internet governance is high on their (1). The summit comes at a (2) juncture in India's internet diplomacy. Last month in Buenos Aires, at a conference organised by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN), IT minister Ravi Shankar Prasad offered an "Indian (3) for the Internet". ICANN is the organisation that manages the Domain Name System, which serves as the (4) for all technical and commercial activity in cyberspace. In his recorded message, Mr. Prasad declared India would move away from state-led approaches to (Q) the Internet, preferring instead a mechanism that co-opts the private sector and civil society into the policy-making process. India's (6) of this model – called "multi-stakeholderism" – was followed at home by the launch of the "Digital India week", which underlined the enormous political capital that the Narendra Modi government has (7) in technological solutions to governance. The Buenos Aires declaration, however, (8) stated New Delhi's position: in Ufa, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his delegation will be queried extensively by their interlocutors on the (9) cyber strategies India will (10).



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72. Find out the appropriate word for blank 1.
A. agenda B. goal
C. aim D. objective
E. course
73. Choose the correct option for the blank 2.
A. trivial B. crucial
C. acute D. exiguous
E. serious
74. Choose the correct option for the blank 3.
A. compute B. objective
C. goal D. sight
E. vision
75. Choose the correct option for the blank 4.
A. stability B. anchor
C. harmony D. backbone
E. posterity
76. Choose the correct option for the blank 5.
A. governing B. dominating
C. deregulating D. marginal
E. legislating
77. Choose the correct option for the blank 6.
A. omit B. embrace
C. hug D. snub
E. abhor
78. Choose the correct option for the blank 7.
A. stripped B. supplied
C. invested D. provided
E. dedicated
79. Choose the correct option for the blank 8.
A. intensely B. extremely
C. partially D. merely
E. regally
80. Choose the correct option for the blank 9.
A. remarkable B. relevant
C. initial D. absurd
E. consequent
81. Choose the correct option for the blank 10.
A. avoid B. pursue
C. prevent D. abjure
E. violate

Direction (82-86): In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. Five words/phrases have been suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately.

Jerimoth Hill (812 ft, 247 m) is the highest point in the U.S. state of Rhode Island. **(1)** town of Foster near Providence, the site is used as an observatory. It is also a **(2)** highpointers, and prior to 2005 was known for being difficult to access due to a local landowner who prohibited entry. The hill is located on Route 101 in Foster, a half mile from the Connecticut line. To **(3)**, for which there is a sign, there is a .3-mile (480 m) long trail that has a mere 10-foot (3.0 m) elevation gain. The mountain is 812 feet (247 m) high and is located 15 miles (24 km) west of Providence, Rhode Island, and 35 miles (56 km) east of Willimantic, Connecticut. The high point was donated to Brown University by Walter Raymond Turner, a Brown alumnus of the class of 1911. In 1938 **(4)** saltbox house to the west and the surrounding 360 acres (150 ha). Turner provided a right of way, straight north from the high point to Route 101, though eventually **(5)**.

82. Find out the appropriate word for blank 1.
A. Placed in the
B. Located in the
C. Built at
D. Expressed by
E. Conveyed through the
83. Find out the appropriate word for blank 2.
A. Famous at
B. Popular destination for
C. Very greatly known by
D. Infamous hill
E. Well known through
84. Find out the appropriate word for blank 3.
A. Ascend the summit
B. Height of the hill
C. Go over the top
D. Fly through clouds
E. Going through the gates

85. Find out the appropriate word for blank 4.
- A. He grew the
 - B. He purchased the
 - C. By building house
 - D. Through the rocky
 - E. Submitted the file

86. Find out the appropriate word for blank 5.
- A. The river dries
 - B. By turning in
 - C. Population is a problem
 - D. Many people are
 - E. It became overgrown

Directions (87-96): In the passage given below there are blanks, each followed by a word given in the brackets. Every blank has five alternative words given in options. Find the word which best suits the respective blank. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction required' as the answer.

An important call to **(1) (safeguard)** the world's freshwater supplies has come from scientists, government leaders, and civil society representatives who met recently in Stockholm for World Water Week. As population and incomes grow, with **(2) (voracious)** consumption, there is a sharp rise in the demand for water for direct use, and as a/an **(3) (input)** for food production. Many countries are also experiencing rising demand for water to grow bio fuel crops. The global supply of freshwater, which every individual needs at the rate of 1,000 cubic meters per year to meet his/her minimum drinking, hygiene, and subsistence requirements is under **(4) (turmoil)**. **(5) (impulsive)** monsoon patterns attributed to climate change are adding to the **(6) (grief)**. The message to governments is that they must respond urgently with practical schemes or face **(7) (animating)** conflicts over water in the not-so-distant future. The priority must be to reduce water intensity in farming, the biggest

single user. Even a small but **(8) (mammoth)** saving in irrigated agriculture can deliver more water for people. That is clear from an International Water Management Institute forecast. Without **(9) (evolved)** farming techniques which include measures such as waterproofing of canal surfaces, the **(10) (volume)** of water lost due to evaporation annually could, by mid-century be nearly double the present level of 7,130 cubic kilometres.

87. Find the appropriate word for the blank 1.
- A. cherish
 - B. insulate
 - C. harbour
 - D. preserve
 - E. No correction required
88. Find the appropriate word for the blank 2.
- A. simultaneous
 - B. concomitant
 - C. curtailed
 - D. increased
 - E. No correction required
89. Find the appropriate word for the blank 3.
- A. device
 - B. mechanism
 - C. aid
 - D. tool
 - E. No correction required
90. Find the appropriate word for the blank 4.
- A. strain
 - B. vigil
 - C. trouble
 - D. tension
 - E. No correction required
91. Find the appropriate word for the blank 5.
- A. Altered
 - B. Chaotic
 - C. Unpredictable
 - D. Bizarre
 - E. No correction required
92. Find the appropriate word for the blank 6.
- A. malaise
 - B. distress
 - C. tribulation
 - D. Adversity
 - E. No correction required
93. Find the appropriate word for the blank 7.
- A. soaring
 - B. ascending
 - C. looming
 - D. escalating
 - E. No correction required



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- 94. Find the appropriate word for blank 8.
A. remarkable B. monumental
C. negligible D. significant
E. No correction required
- 95. Find the appropriate word for blank 9.
A. reformed B. enhance
C. improved D. revived
E. No correction required
- 96. Find the appropriate word for blank 10.
A. amount B. quantity
C. magnitude D. scale
E. No correction required

Direction (97-100) : Given below is a passage in which each line is numbered (1)-(5). Four words in each sentence are highlighted. Find out which word is not grammatically/contextually suitable in each of the numbered sentences.

(1) In a bid to **sustain** the high level of exports **touch** last year, the Tea Board is **proposing** a delegation to **participate** in a food show in the U.S.
(2) Five **importing** countries, **including** two of India's rivals in the global **arena**; **helped** India reach 240.7 million export level. (3) The higher price in **several** countries, including the U.S., Indian teas **had** sold at prices **higher**

- than the **average** export price of \$3 per kg. (4) **Although** last year the **biggest** contributors to India's exports were Egypt, (which increased imports by 166%), Sri Lanka (**which** increased imports by 84.8%) and China (where Indian tea exports increased 50%), exports to the U.S. too had **risen**.
- 97. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 1?
A. Sustain B. Touch
C. Proposing D. Participate
E. All correct
 - 98. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 2?
A. Importing B. Including
C. Arena D. Helped
E. All correct
 - 99. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 3?
A. Several B. Had
C. Higher D. Average
E. All correct
 - 100. Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 4?
A. Although B. Biggest
C. Where D. Risen
E. All correct

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