

Important Cloze Test Questions for SSC CGL

1.

|||Common|||

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

Dhritrashtra, the elder brother of Pandu, was blind by birth. Then he was married to Gandhari. She loved him so _____(1) that she bound up her own eyes with a cloth. A hundred sons were born to Dhritrashtra and Gandhari. They were called Kauravas, Duryodhana was the eldest son of Dhritrashtra, who was quite obstinate by nature. When Kunti _____(2) to Hastinapur with her sons, Duryodhana did not like it, he wanted that the Pandavas should live in the forest with their mother, Kunti. In fact he wanted to rule _____(3) Hastinapur without any interference in his affairs, although outwardly he made a _____(4) of happiness, his mother Gandhari consoled Kunti but her son Duryodhana did not like this at all. Pandavas were so good and noble that everyone who saw them praised them. The people of Hastinapur began to give greater _____(5) to the Pandavas than to the Kauravas. |||End|||

Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. closely
- B. deeply
- C. keenly
- D. excessively

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| The correct word to express the feeling of immense love is 'deeply'. Hence, it is the most suitable response.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

2. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. refuted
- B. retracted
- C. recorded
- D. returned

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| There is no word like refuted.

Retract means draw or be drawn back or back in.

Record means a thing constituting a piece of evidence about the past, especially an account kept



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in writing or some other permanent form.
Return means come or go back to a place or person.
Contextually, 'returned' fits in most suitably.
Hence, option D is the correct answer.

3. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. on
- B. over
- C. upon
- D. from

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| **Rule over** means to have authority or control over someone or something. It fits in the given blank most suitably.
Hence, option B is the correct answer.

4. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. show
- B. pretention
- C. face
- D. pretext

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

Pretension means a claim or assertion of a claim to something.
Show means allow (a quality or emotion) to be perceived; display.
Pretext means a reason given in justification of a course of action that is not the real reason.
Contextually, 'show' fits in the best.
Hence, option A is the correct answer.

5. Find out the appropriate word in each case.



- A. importance
- B. praise
- C. consideration
- D. admiration

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Importance means the state or fact of being of great significance or value.

Praise means express warm approval or admiration of.

Consideration means careful thought, typically over a period of time.

Admiration means respect and warm approval.

Contextually and grammatically, 'importance' fits in the given sentence most suitably.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

6.

|||Common||| **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

One fine morning a gentleman _____ (1) at the doors of the home for the aged run by nuns. He told the nun in charge that as he was _____ (2) to Delhi, he wanted to leave his servant-maid to the _____ (3) of the nuns. He assured the nun of sending some money every month _____ (4) she was an orphan. The nun _____ (5) the man and said that the servant-maid had got an excellent master. |||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. made
- B. supported
- C. crept
- D. knocked

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| The context of the passage is about doors and the action that is connected with doors is knocking, so 'knocked' is the best-suited response.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

7.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2



- A. shifted
- B. changed
- C. transferred
- D. moved

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The sentence talks about his movement to Delhi. Shifted and moved are generally used for nonliving entities. Also, changed is not used to express the context of movement of humans.

So, transferred is the most appropriate response. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

8.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. home
- B. reference
- C. protection
- D. care

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| "Nuns" in the passage runs an old age home in the passage. Thus, only the word 'care' fits in the passage contextually.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

9.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. and
- B. though
- C. if
- D. because

Answer ||| D



Solution ||| The statement is divisible in two parts. The first part is the action of sending money and the second part is the reason for it. In all the given connectors, 'because' is the best suited as it can be used for action-reason format.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

10.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. praised
- B. consoled
- C. condoled
- D. loved

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Praised means to express warm approval or admiration of.

Consoled means to comfort (someone) at a time of grief or disappointment.

Condoled means to express sympathy for (someone); grieve with.

Loved means to feel deep affection.

So 'praised' is the most suitable option for the blank as the nun was impressed because the man cared so much for her nun.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

11.

|||Common||| **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

I have always been nervous and keyed up at onset of any operation. With Louwtzie next to me, I became even more tense. There was a sense of _____ (1) between us which did not belong in the theatre. It was something electrical, a sort of involuntary interlocking of our _____ (2) selves, which she could not _____ (3) any more than I would. Inevitably, this was a _____ (4) at the operating table. The ritual of command and interlacing of hands and instruments demand a totally different _____ (5). |||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. futility
- B. consistency
- C. hostility



D. intimacy

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The given passage talks about the sense of something between two people.
- It cannot be the sense of futility (means uselessness as a consequence of having no practical result) and consistency (means the property of holding together and retaining its shape).
- "Sense of hostility" is also incorrect.
- The most appropriate would be intimacy which means close or warm friendship or understanding; personal relationship.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. projected
- B. protracted
- C. distracted
- D. frustrated

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- Out of the given alternatives, the word "**distracted**" is the correct filler for the blank.
- Distracted means nervous or confused because you are worried about something.
- It is clear from the first few lines of the passage that the author was nervous about being with Louwtzie.
- So, he/she talks about their individual personalities which were nervous at that time.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.



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13.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 3

- A. sever
- B. help
- C. solve
- D. suffer

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The correct word to use is **help** as the context is talking about giving a helping hand rather than solving problems or serving others.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

14.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 4

- A. proposition
- B. sufferance
- C. disturbance
- D. contraction

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Proposition** = a statement that affirms or denies something and is either true or false.
- **Disturbance** = activity that is a malfunction, intrusion, or interruption.
- **Contraction** = a shortening or tensing of a part or organ.
- In the given passage, it talked about the something that has happened at the operating table.



- The right choice will be **sufferance** which means patient endurance, especially of pain or distress.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

15.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 5

- A. companionship
- B. partnership
- C. relationship
- D. studentship

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Let us understand the meaning of the given words :-

- **Companionship** = the state of being with someone or fellowship.
 - **Partnership** = the members of a business venture created by contract.
 - **Relationship** = the relation between people.
 - **Studentship** = the position of student.
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- The given passage talks about the kind of relationship between the people.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

16.

|||Common||| **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

During our lifetime, we are _____ (1) in a hurry to get things done within the space and time _____ (2) to us. Today, youngsters are falling _____ (3) to anxiety and depression, besides contracting diseases _____ (4) to stress. Our lives are moving too fast,



getting confusing and _____ (5) due to multitasking. |||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1 A. abruptly

- B. constantly
- C. unexpectedly
- D. swiftly

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The blank should contain an adverb that means regularly or always because the statement talks about how we are always in a hurry to do things.
- Out of the given options, only “constantly” has a similar meaning.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

17. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. sustained
- B. recovered
- C. available
- D. undisclosed

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

Let's first see the meanings of the words:

Sustained = continuing for a period without interruption

Undisclosed = something which is not revealed

Recovered = healed; to get back to normal again after a bad experience

- As per the context, the above statement implies that we tend to finish work within the time available or accessible to us.
- The only word that fits in the blank contextually is 'available'.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

18. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3



- A. victims
- B. insensible
- C. insensate
- D. ruthless

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

Let's first see the meanings of the words:

Insensate = lacking physical sensation.

Insensible = without one's mental faculties, typically as a result of injury or intoxication; unconscious.

Ruthless = having or showing no pity or compassion for others.

- The above blank should be filled with a word that means sufferer or injured party because, as per the context, the statement states that youngsters are suffering from depression and anxiety.
- Out of the given words, “victim” has a similar meaning.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. related
- B. independent
- C. unattached
- D. inapplicable

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Let's first see the meanings of the given words:

Related = connected to, influenced by, or caused by something

Independent = not influenced or controlled in any way by other people, events, or things

Unattached = not feeling connected to a person, group, or idea

Inapplicable = not directed at, intended for, or suitable for someone or something

- The statement implies that youngsters are suffering from depression apart from diseases associated with stress.
- The blank should contain a word that means to associate or connect.
- Only “related” has a similar meaning.



Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

20. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. organised
- B. cluttered
- C. revised
- D. reconsidered

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

Let's first see the meanings of the given words:

Organised = well arranged

Revised = reconsidered or re-examined

Cluttered = jumbled or disorganised

- The above blank should contain a word having a meaning similar to the word “confusing” as both the words are joined with the help of the conjunction “and”.
- Thus, "**cluttered**" is the correct word for the blank.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

21.

|||Common||| **Direction:** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

About a million different species _____ (###Q1###) insects have been identified. Yet little is _____ (###Q2###) about some of them. Although insects vary so much in their shape and _____ (###Q3###), they all have the _____ (###Q4###) structure. All insects normally _____ (###Q5###) six legs. |||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. A. For

- B. Of
- C. About
- D. In

Answer ||| B



Solution ||| 'Of' is used for belonging to, related to or connected with. Here, the species are connected with insects. So, option B is the correct answer.

22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. Known
- B. Observed
- C. Seen
- D. Found

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

There are two possible responses for this blank, 'known' and 'found'; so we need to pick the most appropriate of the two. 'Known' should be preferred over 'found' as the context here is of the collection of information about things that have already been there.

23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. Colour
- B. Height
- C. Size
- D. Habits

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The physical characteristics of the insects are being talked about in the passage. So what matters the most is shape and size.
Hence option C is correct.

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. Different
- B. Alike
- C. Same
- D. Single



Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Since 'although' is used in the former part of the sentence, it is clear that the former and the latter half represent a contrast. Since the former part talks of differences, the latter half should talk of similarities. 'alike' doesn't fit in grammatically. Hence, 'same' is the correct answer.

25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. Has
- B. Have
- C. Had
- D. Got

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Since the context is general, present tense should be used.
This eliminates options C and D.
The subject 'all insects' is plural, hence have should be used.

26.

|||Common||| **In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.**

Machines were made to be man's servants. Yet, man has grown so (1) _____ on them that they are in a fair way to become his (2) _____. Already men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting (3) _____ machines. Machines are very stern bosses. They must be fed with coal and (4) _____ petrol to drink and oil to wash with and must be kept at an (5) _____ temperature.

|||End|||

Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1

- A. dependent
- B. inferior
- C. subordinate
- D. helpless

Answer ||| A

Solution |||



Preposition “on” is used with the word “dependent”, thus “dependent” is the appropriate choice.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

27. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2

- A. victims
- B. masters
- C. slaves
- D. administrators

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

Machines can't be victims or administrators, they can be slaves or masters and the word “yet” in the statement shows contradiction to previous statement thus “masters” is the appropriate choice.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

28. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3

- A. into
- B. upon
- C. under
- D. from

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

Here option B is the correct option. “Wait upon” is a phrase which means “to serve or to attend”, in the same statement phrase “look after” is also used which means “to take care”, thus phrase with similar meaning will be used, thus “upon” is the appropriate choice.

29. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4



- A. gave
- B. give
- C. given
- D. gives

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

V3 (third form of verb) is used with the helping verb “be”, thus “given” is the appropriate choice.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

30. Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5

- A. optimist
- B. outdated
- C. optimum
- D. optional

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

Let's understand the meaning of the given words:

Optimist: one who is hopeful

Outdated: not in use

Optimum: favourable, best

Optional: alternative, extra

Machines must be kept at favourable temperature to maintain their condition, thus “optimum” is the appropriate choice.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.



31.

|||Common||| Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

The proposal for _____ (1) of women in the corps of military police in the Indian Army as soldiers _____ (2) approved last year to recruit a total of 1,700 women military _____ (3). Steps like increasing the tenure of women officers in SSC _____ (4) 10 to 14 years and improving _____ (5) promotional prospects in the Army have been taken. |||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. entry
- B. induction
- C. carry
- D. involvement

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The given sentence talks about a proposal related to the recruitment of women in the Indian Army.
- Hence, the most appropriate word for the blank is “**induction**”.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

32. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. is
- B. has been
- C. was
- D. have been

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The blank is followed by the time phrase “last year” which gives a clear indication that the sentence is of past tense.
- Thus, “**was**” is the correct answer.



Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

33. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. individual
- B. personnel
- C. commander
- D. guide

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

- The given sentence talks about the women inducted into the Indian army.
- Personnel = people employed in an organization or engaged in an organized undertaking such as military service.

Commander = a person in authority, especially over a body of troops or a military operation.

Guide = a person who shows the way to others, especially one employed to show tourists around places of interest.

Individual = single; separate.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

34. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. from
- B. in
- C. to
- D. as

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

- The blank is followed by tenure.
- It is mentioned in the sentence that the tenure for women officers has been increased.
- Therefore, the correct preposition for the blank will be “**from**”.



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Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

35. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. him
- B. her
- C. their
- D. it

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The last sentence talks about the steps taken for the women officers.
- A plural possessive pronoun (dependent) for the plural noun "officers" is needed.
- Hence the possessive dependent pronoun (adjective) "**their**" is appropriate for the blank.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

36.

|||Common|||

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

Two children may have (1) _____ IQ scores, (2) _____ they may be poles (3) _____ with regard to each and every aspect of their behaviour. Parents fail to recognize this simple truth and (4) _____ to make unjustified (5) _____ between children.

|||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. two
- B. different
- C. one
- D. identical

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| The words "may have" suggest possibility of IQ scores being equal or different. "Different" is misfit for the blank as later in the passage it has been mentioned that people with same IQ might have different personalities. Therefore, out of the given words "identical" is the most appropriate word in context of the passage. Hence, option D is the correct answer.



37.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. since
- B. yet
- C. as
- D. when

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| The second statement is contrary to the first statement. Therefore, "yet" is the correct word to be used as it means in spite of that; nevertheless. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

38. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. ahead
- B. about
- C. apart
- D. as

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| "Be poles apart" is a common idiom/phrase which means having nothing in common. Therefore, "apart" is the correct answer. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

39. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. continue
- B. starts
- C. beginning
- D. opened

Answer ||| A



Solution ||| The line "Parents fail to recognize this simple truth" suggests that parents repeat the same mistake of not recognizing the truth. Therefore, "continue" is the correct word to be used in the blank field. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

40. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. similarities
- B. differences
- C. demands
- D. comparisons

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| It is a learnt fact that sometimes parents try to compare their children with other children in aspects of academics or sports. So, only comparison is the apt word in this context. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

41.

|||Common|||

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.

Tennis is a game that gives one plenty of exercise; it develops _____ (1) of eye and limb and _____ (2) the brain too into _____ (3). A few sets of tennis keep one physically and _____ (4) fit. But for the indoors, chess is the queen of games. People say chess is a _____ (5) game because only two can play.

|||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. movement
- B. swiftness
- C. quickness
- D. agility

Answer ||| A



Solution ||| The correct option here should be 'movement' which means an act of motion. When we refer to body parts, we use the word "movement" for their motion. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

42.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. commands
- B. asks
- C. signals
- D. calls

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| From the given options 'calls' is the most suitable answer. 'To call in action' is the phrase which means an instruction to the audience designed to provoke an immediate response. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

43. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3

- A. response
- B. play
- C. work
- D. action

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Action is the most suitable response here which means 'the fact or process of doing something'. 'To call in action' is the phrase which means an instruction to the audience designed to provoke an immediate response. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

44. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. intellectually
- B. emotionally



- C. mentally
- D. logically

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

Mentally is the most suitable response here which means in a manner relating to the mind. 'Mentally and physically fit' is the phrase we generally use while discussing the state of a person. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

45. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. selfish
- B. mean
- C. carefree
- D. careless

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Mean is the most suitable response which means unwilling to give or share things, especially money; not generous. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

46.

|||Common||| In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

Mount Agung is a volcano on the popular tourist island of Bali in Indonesia. The volcano _____ (###1###) in November 2017. More than 134,000 people were _____ (###2###) to safe areas in advance. They _____ (###3###) housed far away from the volcano. _____ (###4###), some hard refused to leave. These people did not _____ (###5###) to leave their homes. They wanted to take care of their farms and animals. |||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

- A. fired
- B. blasted
- C. exploded



D. erupted

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Erupt means (of a volcano) to become active and eject lava, ash, and gases. For volcano, 'erupted' is the most suitable word contextually.

Therefore, out of all the options, option (D) is the correct answer.

47. Select the most appropriate option fill in the blank.

- A. exited
- B. left
- C. abandoned
- D. evacuated

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Evacuated means to move out of an unsafe location into safety. The people were safely shifted from the danger zone to safe areas beforehand. Therefore, evacuated fits the sentence both contextually and grammatically.

Exited or got out, left and abandoned (deserted) fail to provide a contextual meaning to the sentence.

Therefore, out of all the options, option (D) is the correct answer.

48. Select the most appropriate option fill in the blank.

- A. were
- B. have
- C. is
- D. had

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| 'They' is the relative pronoun used to denote plural noun - 'People,' and the sentence is in past tense. Therefore, 'were' should be used in the place of the blank. Hence, option A is the correct answer.



49. Select the most appropriate option fill in the blank.

- A. however
- B. because
- C. whether
- D. moreover

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| **'However'** is an adverb to show contrast. Other options denote possibility, condition or 'in addition to' and hence they are ruled out. Therefore, out of all the options, option (A) is the correct answer.

50. Select the most appropriate option fill in the blank.

- A. desire
- B. wish
- C. long
- D. fancy

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| As in the given paragraph, it is stated that during the evacuation process, some people refused to leave the place. The last line gives us the reason for their refusal to move to a safer place. Therefore, the most appropriate word that can come in the place of blank is 'wish'. "They did not wish to leave their homes." Long and desire are inappropriate here as they denote yearning for something or want for something. Fancy means desire or liking for which does not fit here contextually. Hence, option B is the correct answer.

51.

|||Common||| **In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.**

Some of the earliest currencies were _____ (1) from nature. A _____ (2) example is cowrie shells, first used as money about 1200 BCE. Although they may seem a pretty random choice, the shells had a number of _____ (3): they were similar in size, small, and durable. While the molluscs that produce the shells _____ (4) found in the coastal waters of the Indian and Pacific oceans, the expansion of trade meant that even some European



countries accepted cowrie shells _____ (5) currency. Shells in the form of wampum (tubular shell beads) were used as money by Native Americans |||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1

- A. targets
- B. gadgets
- C. objects
- D. devices

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Let's first see the meanings of the given words:

Targets = a person, place or thing that you try to hit when shooting or attacking

Gadgets = a small device, tool or machine that has a particular but usually unimportant purpose

Objects = a thing that can be seen and touched, but is not alive

Devices = a tool or piece of equipment made for a particular purpose

- The passage is about currencies used in early times.
- The first sentence talks about the materials that were used as currencies. Thus, “**objects**” is the only word that is suitable here. The rest of them don't convey any meaning here.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

52. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. 2

- A. notable
- B. trivial
- C. inconspicuous
- D. inferior

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Let's first see the meanings of the given words:

Notable = interesting or important enough to receive attention

Trivial = of little importance; not worth considering



Inconspicuous = not easily noticed

Inferior = low or lower in social position, importance, quality, etc.

- The passage is about currencies used in early times.
- It has mentioned a particular currency which was quite popular - “cowrie shells”.
- The blank needs an adjective to describe the shell currency. Adjectives like “trivial”, “inconspicuous” and “inferior” show the shell currency in a negative light.
- In the latter part of the passage, it has been mentioned that “cowrie shells” were used as currency not only in India but also in other countries.
- Thus, the adjective “**notable**” is appropriate here.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

53. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. 3

- A. disadvantages
- B. protection
- C. influence
- D. advantages

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Let's first see the meanings of the given words:

Disadvantages = something that may make you less successful than other people; something that is not good or that causes problems

Protection = the act of keeping somebody/something safe so that he/she/it is not harmed or damaged

Influence = the power to affect, change or control somebody/something

Advantages = something that helps you or that will bring you a good result

- The passage is about currencies used in early times.
- The sentence has mentioned the things which made it very popular among countries as currencies - they were similar in size, small, and durable.
- Thus, “**advantages**” is appropriate in the blank.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.



54. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. 4

- A. is
- B. was
- C. are
- D. were

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

- The blank needs a plural verb for the subject “molluscs”.
- The sentence is stating a fact. Thus, we will use the verb in the present tense.
- Thus, “**are**” is appropriate here.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

55. Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. 5

- A. so
- B. that
- C. than
- D. as

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

- The blank needs a word to connect “shells” with “currency”.
- “As” is used to describe the purpose or quality of someone or something. Here, the purpose of the “shells” is to be used as a currency.
- Thus, “**as**” is appropriate here.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

56.

|||Common||| **Direction:** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.



Something had always surprised me. There was no (1)_____ reason why she should have been the most (2)_____ girl in the class. She was good (3)_____ at studies nor in games. She was not (4)_____ a great dancer and could barely sing. Yet, girls (5)_____ cluster around her as if she were a celebrity.

|||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no 1.

- A. individual
- B. regular
- C. particular
- D. normal

Answer ||| C

Solution |||

The given passage is about “**Author’s perspective: A girl from school days**”.

“Individual” means person considered separately rather than as part of group. Thus, option A is wrong.

“Regular” means following a pattern with the same time or space in between. Thus, option B is wrong.

“Normal” means ordinary. Thus, option D is wrong.

“Particular” means specific. Here it means, author is surprised at the absence of any specific quality in the girl (from his school days) that sets her apart from others in the class.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.

57. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no 2.

- A. approved
- B. admired
- C. encouraged
- D. hailed

Answer ||| B



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Solution |||

The given passage is about “**Author’s perspective: A girl from school days**”.

“Approved” means to officially agree to a plan or request. Thus, option A is wrong.

“Encouraged” means to give someone support or courage to do something. Thus, option C is wrong.

“Hailed” means to describe someone as being special or important via various communication mediums. Thus, option D is wrong.

“Admired” means to respect some for what they have done or for the qualities that they have. Here it means, the girl was respected by everyone in the class but author is quite inquisitive about the quality that got her so much respect (as mentioned in the latter part of the passage).

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

58. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no 3.

- A. also
- B. neither
- C. both
- D. either

Answer ||| B

Solution |||

The given passage is about “**Author’s perspective: A girl from school days**”.

The given filler needs correct form of correlative conjunctions. Examples of correlative conjunctions are: Either...or , Neither...nor etc.

“Also” and “Both” adds additional sense to something. Thus, option A and C are wrong.

“Either” is used with the positive statements but here a negative statement is mentioned. Also, “Nor” is used after the filler that doesn’t fit with “Either” as correlating pair. Thus, option D is wrong.

In the latter part of the filler “nor” is used and mentions the negative statement with it. Thus “neither” is the correct fit as per the correlative conjunction. Here it means, the girl was not got at studies and games.



Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

59. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no 4.

- A. even
- B. however
- C. too
- D. moreover

Answer ||| A

Solution |||

The given passage is about “**Author’s perspective: A girl from school days**”.

The given filler needs correct form of adverb.

“However” is used to introduce a statement that contrast what has been mentioned earlier. But here, the same sense of girl not being good i.e. singing and dancing is mentioned. Thus, option B is wrong.

“Too” as an adverb is used when something is more than good. But here we need a sense of being not good at something. Thus, option C is wrong.

“Moreover” as an adverb is used to add some information to something. But it lacks the stress factor i.e. emphasize. This emphasize is needed because author wants to prove his perspective about the girl. Thus, option D is wrong.

“Even” as an adverb is used to emphasize something which is surprising. Here, author wants to emphasize that the girl is neither a great dancer nor a good singer. This statement is made by the author after mentioning that girl was not good at studies and games. So, this shows that author wants to exert something extra to claim his perspective that girl was given undeserved attention during the school days.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

60. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no 5.

- A. should
- B. will
- C. could



D. would

Answer ||| D

Solution |||

The given passage is about “**Author’s perspective: A girl from school days**”.

The given filler needs correct form of modal verb.

Here, the passage is set in past tense, so we need the past equivalent form of modals.

“Should” is the past equivalent form of “shall”. But it is used when giving advice to someone or used to say when something that was expected has not happened. Thus, option A is wrong.

“Will” is used in future tense. Thus, option B is wrong.

“Could” is the past equivalent form of “can”. But it is used to show the ability which is not required as per the context of the paragraph. Thus, option C is wrong.

“Would” is the past equivalent form of “will” and used for saying why someone does something. Here, the author wants to say that other girls used to gather around that particular girl thinking she is some famous person although she doesn’t possess any such quality at that time.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

61.

|||Common||| **Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from options given.**

National park is _____ (1) area set aside by a national government for the preservation of the natural _____ (2). A national park _____ (3) set aside for purposes of public recreation and enjoyment or because of its historical or _____ (4) interest. Most of the landscapes and their accompanying plants and animals in a national park are kept in _____ (5) natural state.
|||End|||

Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

- A. a
- B. an
- C. that



D. this

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| The given passage is about 'national parks'.

- The blank needs a determiner to point out that '**some part**' (not specified) is set aside by the government.
- We will use the **indefinite article 'an'** in the given blank as the blank is succeeded by a vowel-sound word (area).
- **A** - an indefinite article; used before a word with the consonant sound.
- **This** and **That** - are determiners; are used to point out things.

Hence, **option B** is the correct answer.

62. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2

- A. environment
- B. passage
- C. river
- D. operation

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| The given passage is about national parks.

- As also mentioned in the latter part of the passage, a national park **conserves plants and animals in their natural state**.
- 'Passage', 'river' and 'operation' do not fit in the blank contextually.
- Only the word '**environment**' fits in the blank perfectly.

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

63. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3



- A. may
- B. might
- C. will
- D. may be

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| All the options given in the blank are 'modal verbs'.

- **May** and **Might** are used to show the possibility of some future action.
- Whereas **Will** is used with promises or voluntary actions that take place in the future.
- The use of 'or' in the latter part of the sentence shows the various possibilities (reasons why a national park is created). This eliminates the use of 'will' in the given blank.
- The sentence is in the **passive voice** as the focus is on the action (**creation of National park and its reasons**).
- In a passive voice, **the person or thing acted on (national park)** comes **first**, and the actor (doer) is added at the end (**and sometimes not even added**), introduced with the preposition "by."
- Thus, the blank needs the passive form '**may be**'.

Hence, **option D** is the correct answer.

64. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4

- A. scientific
- B. personal
- C. academic
- D. selfish

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Let's first see the meanings of the words given in the options:

- **Scientific** = relating to science, or using the organized methods of science.
- **Personal** = relating or belonging to a single or particular person.



- **Academic** = relating to schools, colleges, and universities, or connected with studying and thinking, not with practical skills.
 - **Selfish** = caring only about what you want or need without any thought for the needs or wishes of other people.
- National parks are created by national governments; so, the reason could not be either selfish or personal.
 - We use the word 'academic' when we talk about schools or colleges; also, 'academic' interest could not be the reason behind a national park.
 - Besides its historical importance, a **national park could also be used for scientific purposes.**

Hence, **option A** is the correct answer.

65. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5

- A. its
- B. there
- C. their
- D. his

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The blank needs a **plural possessive pronoun** for a plural subject (landscapes, animals and plants).

- **Its** - Singular possessive pronoun.
- **There** - A pronoun or an adverb.
- **Their** - Plural possessive pronoun.
- **His** - Singular male possessive adjective.

Hence, **option C** is the correct answer.



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