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Directions: A paragraph is given below with 5 blanks. Below 5 different words are also given, which will fill these blanks and make a coherent passage. You are required to find the correct place for these words and fill in the blanks.

SET - 1

For some 430 million years, fire has been a persistent if fluctuating feature of planet Earth. This is, nevertheless, a surprisingly tiny percentage of Earth history. For the first 90% of Earth history, the planet's face was entirely (1) by flame. This is because it takes three things to make a fire.

For all of Earth history, lightning has been (2) the surface, today at the rate of 100 strikes a second. And for the entire history of fire on planet Earth, the vast majority of fires have been set by these bolts from the blue. Astoundingly, though, even at the rate of 100 strikes a second, human (3) today far outpaces lightning, with 84% of the world's blazes set by people (not counting the controlled fires in every fossil-fueled power plant, furnace, and engine on Earth).

Then you need oxygen. There are no fires without a lot of oxygen in the air, so, as a result, there weren't fires for most of Earth history. Though oxygen is the by-product of making plant

matter from CO₂ through photosynthesis, to build oxygen up to (4) levels, vast seas of this organic carbon have to be buried in the crust as fossil fuels. Every breath you take is the gift, not of plant life today, as the intuitive cliché goes, but rather the impounding of some small fraction of this life in the crust, leaving behind an oxygen surplus that has taken hundreds of millions of years to (5).

This is, nevertheless, a surprisingly tiny percentage of Earth history. For the first 90% of Earth history, the planet's face was entirely _____(1)_____ by flame. This is because it takes three things to make a fire.

- (a) Untouched
- (b) Aloof
- (c) Unfazed
- (d) Charred
- (e) Nascent

Q1. Which of the following will fit in blank (1)?

For all of Earth history, lightning has been
 (2) the surface, today at the rate of 100
strikes a second. And for the entire history of fire
on planet Earth, the vast majority of fires have
been set by these bolts from the blue.

- (a) Bedazzling
- (b) Illuminating
- (c) Sparkling
- (d) Zapping
- (e) Twinkling

Q2. Which of the following will fit in blank (2)?

Astoundingly, though, even at the rate of 100 strikes a second, human _____(3)____ today far outpaces lightning, with 84% of the world's blazes set by people (not counting the controlled fires in every fossil-fueled power plant, furnace, and engine on Earth).

- (a) Dendrophilia
- (b) Pyrophilia
- (c) Ochlophilia
- (d) Bibliomania
- (e) Cryophilia

Q3. Which of the following will fit in blank (3)?

Though oxygen is the by-product of making plant matter from CO₂ through photosynthesis, to build oxygen up to (4) levels, vast seas of this organic carbon have to be buried in the crust as fossil fuels.

- (a) Commendable
- (b) Trifling
- (c) Appreciable
- (d) Paltry
- (e) Gratitude

Q4. Which of the following will fit in blank (4)?

Every breath you take is the gift, not of plant life today, as the intuitive cliché goes, but rather the impounding of some small fraction of this life in the crust, leaving behind an oxygen surplus that has taken hundreds of millions of years to _____(5)_____.

- (a) Amassed
- (b) Procure
- (c) Wane
- (d) Accrue
- (e) Dwindle

Q5. Which of the following will fit in blank (5)?

SET - 2

Seasonal hiring by ecommerce companies is ____ (1) ____ a three-year high this festive period, driven by market leaders Amazon and Flipkart that are also ____ (2) ____ far more female and differently abled temporary workers compared with the previous seasons. Ecommerce hiring is creating ____ (3) ____ seasonal jobs this year, as per findings of CIEL HR shared exclusively with ET. Amazon India is hiring 35- 40% more gig workers, while Flipkart has created double the number of jobs compared with 2024, executives at the companies said. "This year's festive hiring has been one of the highest in recent years for Flipkart," said Aakriti Chandra, the Walmart ____ (4) ____ company's HR vice president

for Ekart, Minutes, customer experience and ecommerce. It is focused on ____ (5) ___, as the firm welcomes more women and widens opportunities for people with disabilities.

Seasonal hiring by ecommerce companies is _____(1)_____ a three-year high this festive period, driven by market leaders Amazon and Flipkart that are also _____(2)_____ far more female and differently abled temporary workers compared with the previous seasons.

- (a) In
- (b) On
- (c) At
- (d) Over
- (e) By

Q1. Which of the following will fit in blank (1)?

Seasonal hiring by ecommerce companies is
____(1)____ a three-year high this festive period,
driven by market leaders Amazon and Flipkart that
are also ____(2)____ far more female and
differently abled temporary workers compared
with the previous seasons.

- (a) Induct
- (b) Onboarding
- (c) Expelling
- (d) Ousting
- (e) Sponsoring

Q2. Which of the following will fit in blank (2)?

Ecommerce hiring is creating ____(3)____ seasonal jobs this year, as per findings of CIEL HR shared exclusively with ET.

Q3. Which of the following will fit in blank (3)?

- (a) half million
- (b) half millions
- (c) half and million
- (d) million a half
- (e) half a million

"This year's festive hiring has been one of the highest in recent years for Flipkart," said Aakriti Chandra, the Walmart (4) company's HR vice president for Ekart, Minutes, customer experience and ecommerce.

- (a) Owns
- (b) Own
- (c) Owning
- (d) Owned
- (e) Owed

Q4. Which of the following will fit in blank (4)?

It is focused on ____ (5) ____, as the firm welcomes more women and widens opportunities for people with disabilities.

Q5. Which of the following will fit in blank (5)?

- (a) Bigotry
- (b) Inclusivity
- (c) Elitism
- (d) Discrimination
- (e) Unison

SET - 3

With the retirement of Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, on August 9, 2025, there were two vacancies in the Supreme Court of India. It was an opportune time to correct the (1) gender imbalance in the Court and appoint women judges, but this did not happen. Justice B.V. Nagarathna is the (2) woman judge out of the full strength of 34 judges in the Court. As a member of the Collegium, when she expressed her dissent over a recent appointment to the Court (Justice Vipul Pancholi) on the (3) that there were others more senior, and on the basis of regional representation, her dissent was not taken into consideration. Justice Pancholi and Justice Alok Adarhe were (4) as judges of the Court on August 29, 2025. This not only invites us to review the procedure of appointment of judges in India's top court but also

to examine and question the severe lack of women judges, which, directly, has an impact on (5) women judges and their views are considered. There must be a focus on the complete exclusion of appointments of women in the Court and what that means for the country today.

It was an opportune time to correct the _(1)_ gender imbalance in the Court and appoint women judges, but this did not happen.

Q1. Which of the following will fit in blank (1)?

- (a) Astute
- (b) Incisive
- (c) Piquant
- (d) Acute
- (e) Trivial

Justice B.V. Nagarathna is the __(2)__ woman judge out of the full strength of 34 judges in the Court.

- (a) Soil
- (b) Sole
- (c) Solo
- (d) One
- (e) Unit

Q2. Which of the following will fit in blank (2)?

As a member of the Collegium, when she expressed her dissent over a recent appointment to the Court (Justice Vipul Pancholi) on the _(3)_ that there were others more senior, and on the basis of regional representation, her dissent was not taken into consideration.

- (a) Ration
- (b) Fallacy
- (c) Base
- (d) Futility
- (e) Ground

Q3. Which of the following will fit in blank (3)?

Justice Pancholi and Justice Alok Aradhe were
(4) as judges of the Court on August 29,
2025.

**Q4. Which of the following will fit in blank
(4)?**

- (a) Signed on
- (b) Taken in
- (c) Called upon
- (d) Sworn in
- (e) Signed up

This not only invites us to review the procedure of appointment of judges in India's top court but also to examine and question the severe lack of women judges, which, directly, has an impact on _(5)_ women judges and their views are considered.

- (a) How
- (b) Why
- (c) That
- (d) Which
- (e) Whom

Q5. Which of the following will fit in blank (5)?

Directions (1-5): The passage given below contains some blanks wherein the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that “is not” suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.

India's economy could reach \$20.7 trillion in terms of purchasing power parity (PPP) by 2030 and may emerge as the second-largest economy by 2038 with \$34.2 trillion GDP, an EY report said on Wednesday. The report also said that with appropriate countermeasures, India can limit the ____(1) impact of higher US tariffs on selected Indian imports to about 10 basis points of real GDP growth.

India is emerging as one of the most dynamic among the world's five-largest economies, with strong economic fundamentals including high savings and investment rates, favourable demographics and a ____(2) fiscal position, said the August 2025 issue of EY Economy Watch. Despite global uncertainties such as tariff pressures and slowing trade, India's resilience ____(3) from its reliance on domestic demand and increasing capabilities in modern technologies, it said. The report ____(4) the comparative economic profile of the five-largest economies against the backdrop of US tariff uncertainties and global economic challenges. A meaningful comparison of economic size may be based on PPP, constant 2021 international dollars, rather than market exchange rates (US dollars), it said. On this basis, India's GDP in FY25 is estimated by the IMF at PPP \$14.2

trillion—around 3.6 times larger than when measured in market exchange rate terms. India is thus already the third-largest economy after China and the US. "If beyond 2030, India and the US maintain average growth rates of 6.5% and 2.1%, respectively, during 2028-2030 (as per IMF forecasts), India may surpass the US economy in PPP terms by 2038," the report said. India is also ____(5) to become the third-largest economy in market exchange rate terms by 2028, overtaking Germany.

The report also said that with appropriate countermeasures, India can limit the _____(1)_____ impact of higher US tariffs on selected Indian imports to about 10 basis points of real GDP growth.

- (a) Adverse
- (b) Detrimental
- (c) Pernicious
- (d) Disparate
- (e) None of the above

Q1. Which of the following will not fit in blank (1)?

India is emerging as one of the most dynamic among the world's five-largest economies, with strong economic fundamentals including high savings and investment rates, favourable demographics and a _____(2)_____ fiscal position, said the August 2025 issue of EY Economy Watch.

- (a) Fleeting
- (b) Sustainable
- (c) Tenable
- (d) Viable
- (e) None of the above

Q2. Which of the following will not fit in blank (2)?

Despite global uncertainties such as tariff pressures and slowing trade, India's resilience _____(3)_____ from its reliance on domestic demand and increasing capabilities in modern technologies, it said.

- (a) Arises
- (b) Derives
- (c) Stems
- (d) Originates
- (e) None of the above

Q3. Which of the following will not fit in blank (3)?

The report ____ (4) ____ the comparative economic profile of the five-largest economies against the backdrop of US tariff uncertainties and global economic challenges.

- (a) Scrutinizes
- (b) Analyses
- (c) Examines
- (d) Study
- (e) None of the above

Q4. Which of the following will not fit in blank (4)?

"If beyond 2030, India and the US maintain average growth rates of 6.5% and 2.1%, respectively, during 2028-2030 (as per IMF forecasts), India may surpass the US economy in PPP terms by 2038," the report said. India is also _____(5)_____ to become the third-largest economy in market exchange rate terms by 2028, overtaking Germany.

- (a) Forecast
- (b) Anticipated
- (c) Estimated
- (d) Projected
- (e) None of the above

Q5. Which of the following will not fit in blank (5)?

Directions (1-5): In the following passage, some of the words have been made bold, each of which is preceded by a letter. Find the correct idiom/phrases from the given options that give the same meaning of the highlighted word and mark that as your answer.

What sort of society are we creating — particularly, in big cities — that normalises loneliness, psychic stress and the all-pervading fear of the other? I live in a metropolitan city, and it has enriched me in many ways. I find good schools, colleges, hospitals and vibrant cultural centres that keep me intellectually alive. Yet, I experience a sense of pain and existential **(1) (a state of mental distress)**. Huge skyscrapers and gated communities frighten me, and the constant movement of cars and other vehicles on impersonal highways intensifies my stress. However, I am not alone. In fact, the **(2) (the science or study of diseases)** of our contemporary urban existence is becoming the new normal, but the mainstream “development” discourse seldom notices it. Let me refer to what a hugely stratified society like ours has normalised — the segregation of the rich and the upwardly mobile aspiring class from the larger society. And this segregation **(3) (shows itself clearly)** itself in the mode of living which the real estate industry **(4) (create or promote an exaggerated or idealized image of)** as a “gated community” — a space that normalises the culture of surveillance and cultivates the fear of the “other”.

In these gated communities, the entry gates are always closed for the “outsiders,” unless they carry appropriate “class symbols”, and convince the security guards that they have indeed come to meet someone who **(5) (lives permanently in a specific place)** there. By its nature, a gated community is against informal interactions, mutual trust and intimacy. It appears to be an island of the privileged that seeks to distance itself from the “chaotic” larger society.

Yet, I experience a sense of pain and existential (1) (**a state of mental distress**). Huge skyscrapers and gated communities frighten me, and the constant movement of cars and other vehicles on impersonal highways intensifies my stress.

- (a) Only I
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) Only IV

Q1. Which of the following appropriately fits in blank (1)?

- I. Euphoria
- II. Anguish
- III. Torment
- IV. Ecstasy

However, I am not alone. In fact, the **_(2)_ (the science or study of diseases)** of our contemporary urban existence is becoming the new normal, but the mainstream “development” discourse seldom notices it.

Q2. Which of the following appropriately fits in blank (2)?

- I. Pathology
- II. Etiology
- III. Biology
- IV. Sociology

- (a) Only I
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Only II
- (d) Both II and IV
- (e) Only III

And this segregation **(3)** **(shows itself clearly)** itself in the mode of living which the real estate industry **(4)** **(create or promote an exaggerated or idealized image of)** as a “gated community” – a space that normalises the culture of surveillance and cultivates the fear of the “other”.

- (a) Only IV
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only I
- (d) Both III and IV
- (e) Only II

Q3. Which of the following appropriately fits in blank (3)?

- I. Manifests
- II. Distinct
- III. Evinces
- IV. Evident

And this segregation (3) (shows itself clearly) itself in the mode of living which the real estate industry (4) (create or promote an exaggerated or idealized image of) as a “gated community” – a space that normalises the culture of surveillance and cultivates the fear of the “other”.

- (a) Only II
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both I and IV
- (e) Only IV

Q4. Which of the following appropriately fits in blank (4)?

- I. Mythologises
- II. Demystifies
- III. Criticizes
- IV. Romanticizes

In these gated communities, the entry gates are always closed for the “outsiders,” unless they carry appropriate “class symbols”, and convince the security guards that they have indeed come to meet someone who **__(5)__(lives permanently in a specific place)** there. By its nature, a gated community is against informal interactions, mutual trust and intimacy.

- (a) Both I and II
- (b) Both III and IV
- (c) Both II and III
- (d) Both I and III
- (e) Both II and IV

Q5. Which of the following appropriately fits in blank (5)?

- I. Dwells
- II. Resides
- III. Sojourns
- IV. Lodges

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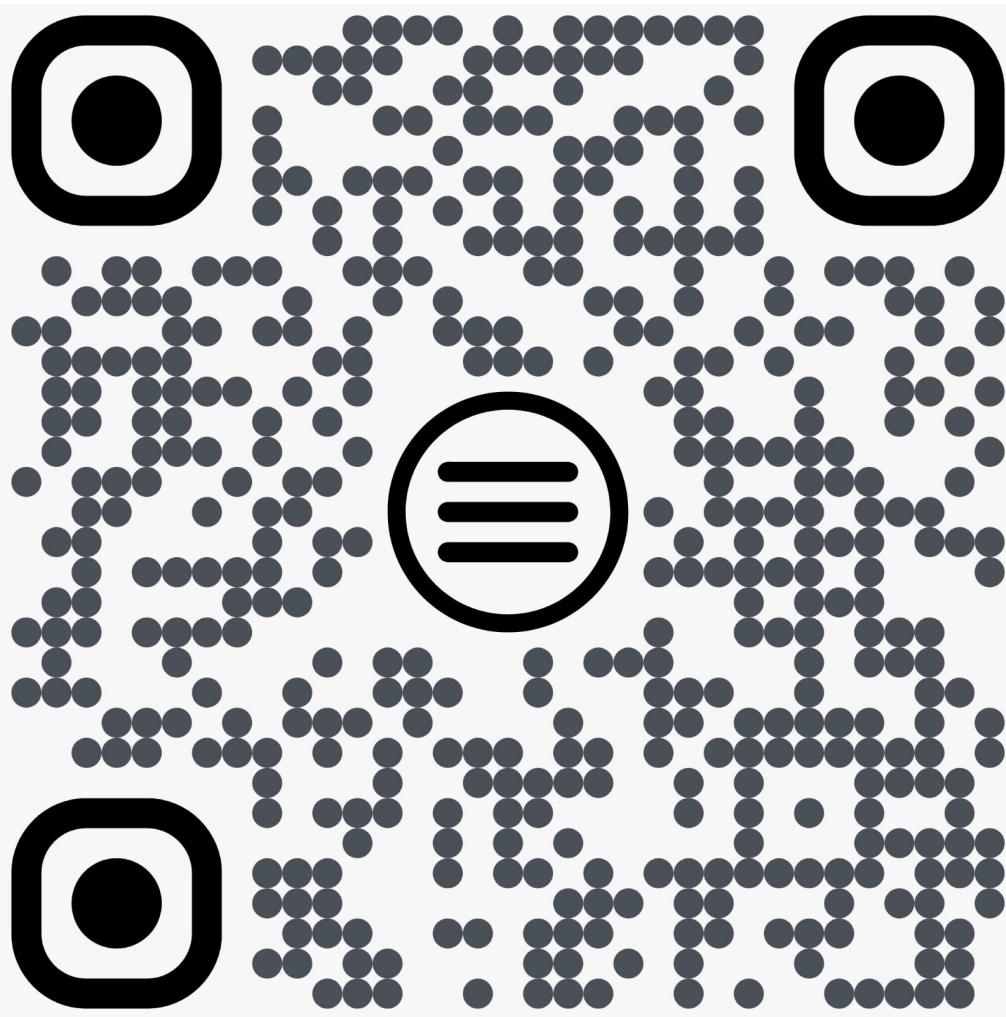


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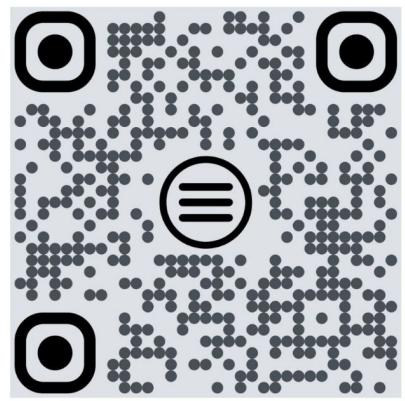


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