

## Fill In The Blanks

**Directions (Qs. 1 - 18):** Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank(s).

1. Despite repeated efforts by the government to promote renewable energy, the pace of adoption among industries has been rather .....

- A) Swift    B) Lethargic  
C) Encouraging    D) Aggressive

2. The committee emphasized that transparency in public spending is the most effective tool to ..... corruption.

- A) Encourage    B) Perpetuate  
C) Curb    D) Ignore

3. The new metro rail project is expected to significantly ..... traffic congestion in urban areas.

- A) Reduce    B) Multiply  
C) Provoke    D) Worsen

4. The teacher's constant encouragement helped the student to ..... his fear of public speaking.

- A) Retain    B) Develop  
C) Preserve    D) Overcome

5. The scientist's discovery opened a new ..... in the study of artificial intelligence.

- A) Avenue    B) Obstacle  
C) Decline    D) Limitation

6. The recent floods caused widespread damage, leaving thousands of families ..... shelter and food.

- A) Provided    B) Deprived of  
C) Equipped with    D) Fulfilled with

7. Good governance is ..... when public officials remain accountable for their decisions and actions.

- A) Ignored    B) Questioned  
C) Achieved    D) Denied

8. The rapid growth of e-commerce has posed new challenges to the ..... retail market.

- A) Virtual    B) Digital  
C) Innovative    D) Traditional

9. With the rising cases of cybercrime, it has become essential to ..... stronger data protection laws.

- A) Frame    B) Violate  
C) Reject    D) Neglect

10. The speaker's ability to connect real-life examples with theory made the lecture extremely .....

- A) Monotonous    B) Engaging
- C) Dull    D) Incoherent

11. The historical monument was ..... preserved by the authorities despite the challenges of pollution and urbanization.

- A) Negligently    B) Recklessly
- C) Casually    D) Carefully

12. The player's outstanding performance in the tournament earned him national .....

- A) Obscurity    B) Neglect
- C) Recognition    D) Ignorance

13. The government launched a new scheme to ..... rural women entrepreneurs and to ..... them with easy access to credit facilities.

- A) Empower, Provide
- B) Exploit, Burden
- C) Discourage, Deny
- D) Confuse, Distract

14. The rise in global oil prices is likely to ..... inflation and ..... the purchasing power of common citizens.

- A) Control, Enhance
- B) Fuel, Erode
- C) Reduce, Improve
- D) Stabilize, Strengthen

15. The library introduced a digital platform to ..... rare manuscripts and to ..... access for researchers worldwide.

- A) Destroy, Restrict
- B) Neglect, Block
- C) Preserve, Facilitate
- D) Ignore, Hamper

16. The school has decided to ..... sports activities in its curriculum to ..... the overall development of students.

- A) Eliminate, Delay
- B) Reject, Weaken
- C) Suppress, Hamper
- D) Introduce, Promote

17. The NGO has been working tirelessly to ..... awareness about climate change and to ..... eco-friendly practices in communities.

- A) Spread, Encourage
- B) Ignore, Suppress
- C) Hide, Resist

D) Reduce, Eliminate

18. The company decided to ..... its outdated software and ..... advanced security systems to prevent data theft.

A) Retain, Discard

B) Upgrade, Install

C) Ignore, Reject

D) Postpone, Deny

**KEY:**

1-B, 2-C, 3-A, 4-D, 5-A, 6-B, 7-C, 8-D, 9-A, 10-B, 11-D, 12-C, 13-A, 14-B, 15-C,  
16-D, 17-A, 18-B.