

Instructions

Choose the most appropriate pair of words from the options that fit both blanks correctly.

Question 1

The town of Chagres, at the mouth of the river of the same name, is ____ thirty-two miles west of Porto Bello (Puerto Velo); it is ____ on the north bank of the river, which falls into the Caribbean Sea.

- A upward, parked
- B further, indefinite
- C about, situated
- D from, placed
- E afar, planted

Answer: C

Explanation:

From the context of the passage we find that the first blank requires a word that indicates location and the second blank requires a word similar to “ ”. Only option C satisfies both the blanks and thus, C is the right choice.

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Question 2

As George Washington longed to go to sea, Abraham Lincoln seems to have ____ to "follow the river." He tried to ____ out as deck hand, but his age was against him.

- A craved, rent
- B despised, employ
- C ached, lease
- D disliked, anage
- E yearned, hire

Answer: E

Explanation:

From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word that means similar to “longed” and the second blank requires a word similar to “employ”. Only option E satisfies both the blanks and thus, E is the right choice.

Question 3

When Handel reached England he ____ himself already well known there. The English people knew their operas, and liked them so much that Handel ____ to stay.

- A believed, open
- B anticipated, negotiated
- C found, concluded
- D accustomed, established
- E begin, tried

Answer: C

Explanation:

From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word that means similar to “ ” and the second blank requires a word similar to “ decided”. Only option C satisfies both the blanks and thus, C is the right choice.

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Instructions**Fill in the blanks****Question 4**

Of course the oldest empires in the world were _____ empires, centring upon the worship of a god or of a god-king. Alexander was treated as a divinity and the Caesars were gods in so much as they had altars and temples _____ to them.

- A historical, allocated
- B religious, devoted
- C grand, committed
- D monstrous, dedicated
- E courageous, afforded

Answer: B

Explanation:

The lines talk about the worship of gods and god-kings. So the words religious and devoted fit best in the blanks.

Instructions**Fill in the blanks****Question 5**

An increasing number of students _____ me with documentation from the student disabilities office that _____ them to use a laptop to take notes.

- A threaten, benefit
- B present, entitles
- C shower, guarantee
- D burden, believe
- E call, allows

Answer: B

Explanation:

The second blank is a verb that is used for documentation which is singular. Thus, the verb should be in singular form. Thus, only b and e can fill the second blank. Among b and e, only present can fit in the first blank as call in the first blank makes no sense. Thus, the answer is B.

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Question 6

From the options, select the word that is applicable in both the sentences.

I want to buy some pens at the _____ shop.

I read this paragraph in the 5th _____ of the series.

- A stationary
- B stationery
- C book
- D edition
- E volume

Answer: C

Explanation:

Options c), d) and e) are applicable in the second blank whereas options a) and c) are applicable in the first blank. So, option c) is applicable in both the blanks.

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Question 7

From the options, select the word that is applicable in both the sentences.

If you want to ____ the exam, you have to study well.

____ polish has become too expensive.

- A clear
- B nail
- C pass
- D shoe
- E None of the words are applicable in both the blanks

Answer: B

Explanation:

Options a), b) and c) are applicable in the first blank and options b) and d) are applicable in the second blank. So, option b) nail is applicable in both the blanks. 'Nail' an exam is to do extremely well in the exam.

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Question 8

It is difficult to ____ why well-bred people avoid certain words and ____ that are admitted by etymology and grammar

- A Invent, Grammar
- B Find, Sentences
- C Discover, Slangs
- D Explain, Expressions
- E Look, Events

Answer: D

Explanation:

“Explain”, “Expressions” are the most appropriate words for the first and second blank respectively. So the correct option to choose is D.

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Question 9

From the options, select the word that is applicable in both the sentences.

The fan waited all day to meet his favorite star. From this, we can ____ his zeal to see him.

What can you ____ from his statements in the meeting?

- A judge
- B contemplate
- C see
- D learn
- E infer

Answer: E

Explanation:

The only word that makes both the sentences coherent is ‘infer’. To infer something is to draw an understanding based on certain premises and assumptions, which is true in both the cases. So, option e) is the correct answer.

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Question 10

The name of Christ had been ____ in Britain during the period of Roman rule, but we do not know who first ____ it.

- A heard, sounded
- B witnessed, resonated
- C learned, told
- D perceived, blew
- E obtained, shouted

Answer: A

Explanation:

From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word that means similar to “discovered” and the second blank requires a word similar to “spoke”. Only option A satisfies both the blanks and thus, A is the right choice.

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Question 11

The Syrian Civil War ____ out of the unrest of the 2011 Arab Spring and ____ to armed conflict after President Bashar al-Assad's government violently repressed protests calling for his removal.

- A broke, increased
- B kept, grown
- C thrown, turned
- D grew, escalated
- E grew, caused

Answer: D

Explanation:

Only 'grew' fits the first blank. Caused is meaningless in the second blank whereas 'escalated' makes a meaningful sentence. Hence option d is the correct answer.

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Question 12

A period of forty years ___ before Europe fitted out another ___.

- A went, achievement
- B stagnant, journey
- C arrived, option
- D elapsed, crusade
- E passed, caught

Answer: D

Explanation:

'stagnant' needs some preposition. Since there is not preposition before the blank, option B can be ruled out. The combination of 'arrived' and 'option' does not convey any logical meaning to the sentence. Hence C can be ruled out as well. 'fitted out an achievement' is a meaningless phrase, hence A is also incorrect. Both elapsed and passed are correct for the first blank but 'caught' is totally unrelated to the context of the second blank. Hence, E is also incorrect. Thus, Option D is the correct answer.

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Question 13

The victorious Greeks pressed ___ forward to prevent the foe from embarking, and, if possible, to ___ some of the ships.

- A quick, catch
- B rapidly, capture
- C fast, hijack
- D slowly, neutralize
- E casually, damage

Answer: B

Explanation:

'quick' and 'fast' are grammatically incorrect for the first blank. 'casually' and 'slowly' do not fit the context. Hence, the correct answer is option B.

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Question 14

The mad rulers, not satisfied with deluging their own country ____ blood, were at war with ____ of the neighbouring nations.

- A in, few
- B on, handful
- C with, most
- D in, at most
- E with, number

Answer: C

Explanation:

The correct phrase is 'deluging country with blood'. Between C and E, C is the correct answer as only 'most' fit the second blank.

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Question 15

The idea of a body so ____ that even light could not ____ was first put forward by John Michell in a letter written in 1783 to Henry Cavendish.

- A enormous, bright
- B tired, enter
- C exterior, flash
- D massive, escape
- E dwarfed, departed

Answer: D

Explanation:

The words that fit in the first blank are - enormous, massive and dwarfed. 'Departed' cannot be in the second blank as the verb in the second blank should be in simple present form. 'Bright' in the place of second blank doesn't make any sense in the context. 'Escape' fits in the second blank perfectly. Thus, D is the correct answer.

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Question 16

The Greek-speaking ____ half of the Roman Empire showed much more political ____ than the western half.

- A eastern, politics
- B northern, determination
- C northern, resolution
- D eastern, tenacity
- E western, insistence

Answer: D

Explanation:

The first blank should be "eastern" as it is referring to the half other than western half. Now Options A and D are possible answers. The term "political politics" doesn't mean anything and "political tenacity" means political grip or hold which fits properly in the blank. Hence Option D is the answer.

Question 17

As the trainer, with raised lash, hesitated an instant at the entrance to the box where the boy and the ape _____ him, a tall broad-shouldered man _____ past him and entered.

- A stopped, sneaked
- B saw, beat
- C confronted, sneaked
- D beat, slept
- E confronted, pushed

Answer: E

Explanation:

As the second blank talks about a tall broad shouldered man only the word pushed fits correctly in this blank. Also in the first blank the trainer was confronted by a boy and an ape is perfect.

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Question 18

___ the brilliant performance by Alastair Cook, England could not ___ India.

- A In spite, beat
- B Although, defeat
- C Because, win
- D Despite, defeat
- E More than one of the above

Answer: D

Explanation:

Defeat makes most sense in the second blank as 'win' would make the sentence grammatically incorrect. 'Although' is grammatically incorrect in the first sentence. Despite is the best choice for the first blank. Hence the correct option is option d.

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Question 19

The Magyars realised from the beginning the importance of an understanding between themselves and Prussia, and they ____ their foreign policy ____.

- A wandered, appropriately
- B conducted, unsuitably
- C assisted, afoul
- D directed, accordingly
- E guided, erroneously

Answer: D

Explanation:

From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word similar to “instructed” and the second blank requires a word similar to “duly”. Only option D satisfies both blanks.

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Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicates an omitted word. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Question 20

The adolescent brain is ____ for exploration and simply has circuitry with greater sensitivity in ____ for emotion and memory than the brains of younger children or adults.

- A inclined, limbs
- B temperate, areas
- C adherent, hub
- D thirsty, centres
- E keen, focus

Answer: D

Explanation:

Inclined, thirsty and keen can replace first blank. Only ‘centres’ make sense in the second blank. Thus, the answer is D.

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Fill in the blanks.

Question 21

I mostly fall ____ my family in times of need.

The kid was very impressed ____ himself.

- A back on, with
- B over, with

- C over, by
- D over, about
- E back on, by

Answer: A

Explanation:

The first blank should be filled with the word “back on” as the phrase fall back on means “have recourse to when in difficulty”. The second blank should be filled with the word “with”.

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Question 22

The Indian Army's Special Forces __ out the surgical strikes with great __.

- A carried, precision
- B forced, effect
- C applied, determination
- D range, entire
- E conducted, accuracy.

Answer: A

Explanation:

Only ‘carried’ is grammatically correct in the first blank. ‘Applied’, ‘range’, ‘conducted’ and ‘forced’ in the first blank, makes the sentence grammatically incorrect. Thus, the correct choice is option A.

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Question 23

Learning to live and work in space is ____ to all of our future space ____.

- A major, discoveries
- B crucial, adventure
- C essential, explorations
- D important, outing
- E considerable, expeditions

Answer: C

Explanation:

Only crucial, essential, and important can fit in the first blank. Among adventure, explorations, and outing, only explorations fit in the second blank as other are singular nouns while we need a plural noun.

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Question 24

They _____ their spokesperson for making _____ comments on women.

- A upbraided, laudatory
- B praised, biased
- C promoted, bigoted
- D fired, inappropriate
- E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

The spokesperson made either positive or negative comments on women. If the comments were negative, as in options b, c and d, then the spokesperson would have to be fired or upbraided. If they were positive like option a, they would be praised. Hence, only option D makes sense.

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Question 25

He wanted to _____ out of anger but couldn't.
Before you all _____, hear me out.

- A agree
- B come
- C stand
- D sit
- E go

Answer: E

Explanation:

The word that fits both the blanks is go.

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From the options given below, select the word that fits in both the blanks.

Question 26

1. Europeans find the _____ of India very hot.
2. He always _____ his horse before the race.

- A spices
- B food
- C feeds
- D climate

E curries

Answer: E

Explanation:

Curries is the only word that fits both the blanks. To curry a horse means to comb it with a currycomb. In 1, curry means a dish cooked with vegetables, spices etc.

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Fill in the blanks

Question 27

The electromagnetic force is the one _____ for practically all the phenomena one encounters in daily life above the nuclear scale, with gravity as the only _____

A behind, irregularity

B source, inclusion

C causes, anomaly

D agent, possibility

E responsible, exception

Answer: E

Explanation:

From the context we can infer that the first blank requires a word that means similar to "reason" and the second blank requires a word that means similar to "inconsistency". Only option E satisfies both blanks and thus E is the right choice.

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Question 28

The _____ of the bus ride to Andheri is different for men and women. Life is not _____.

A fair, fare

B fair, fair

C meaning, clever

D fare, fair

E None of these

Answer: D

Explanation:

Fair means without fraud or cheating while fare means sum charged for riding. Fare fits the first blank and fair fits the second. The answer is D.

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Fill in the blanks

Question 29

In spite of _____ several obstacles, she _____ a way to educate herself and her siblings.

- A facing, found
- B seeing, managed
- C foreseeing, swept
- D encountering, defined
- E discovering, felt

Answer: A

Explanation:

Only option a fits the second blank. Hence, option A.

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Fill in the blanks.

Question 30

There is ____ sweet companion ____ pure charity.

- A some, as
- B many, similar to
- C no, like
- D no, equal
- E as many, as

Answer: C

Explanation:

Since the blank is preceded by 'is', 'some', 'many', 'as many' can't follow the blank.

Between Options C and D, Option D is incorrect as 'equal pure charity' is grammatically incorrect. If it were 'equal to pure charity' it would have been right.

C fits in both the blanks perfectly. Thus, C is the correct answer.

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Fill in the blanks

Question 31

Sumeet was a ____ fan of biographies and had read over a hundred biographies of ____ politicians and businessmen.

- A giant, many
- B big, prominent
- C huge, rich
- D famous, corrupt
- E known, famous

Answer: B

Explanation:

Options b and c fit the first blank. Between rich and prominent, prominent is more suitable given the context of the sentence. Hence, option B.

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Question 32

I think we should discuss this ____, let's walk ____ along the beach.

- A further, further
- B further, farther
- C farther, further
- D farther, farther
- E None of the above

Answer: B

Explanation:

'Further' is used to denote an additional amount of time or degree while 'farther' is used to refer to physical distance. Hence, the correct sentence is 'I think we should discuss this further, let's walk farther along the beach'.

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Fill in the blanks

Question 33

Israel has been India's only _____ friend. They _____ us every single time: from the 1971 war to the Kargil war.

- A all-weather, supported
- B true, came
- C isolated, backed
- D distinguished, helped
- E infamous, mooted

Answer: A

Explanation:

Options a, b and s fit the first blank. Options a, c, d fit the second blank. Between options a and c, only option a makes sense. An 'all-weather' friend is one who supports you in all conditions. Hence, option A.

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Question 34

The investigation of the NTSB _____ that several persons had reported a/an _____ gas leak in the building in the days leading up to the explosion.

- A evident, purported

- B dispute, honorary
- C revealed, alleged
- D concealing, apparent
- E acknowledged, estimated

Answer: C

Explanation:

From the context of the sentence we can infer that the first blank requires a word similar to "report" and the second blank requires a word similar to "claimed". Only option C satisfies both blanks and thus, C is the right choice.

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Question 35

From the options given below, select the word that fits best in both the given blanks.

1. Mr. Shukla has been the _____ of this college for 10 years
2. She doubled her _____ in four years

- A principle
- B principal
- C income
- D head
- E revenue

Answer: B

Explanation:

The words 'principal', 'income' and 'revenue' are applicable in the second blank. The words 'principal' and 'head' are applicable in the first blank. So, the only word that is applicable in both the blanks is 'principal'. Option b) is the correct answer.

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Fill in the blanks.

Question 36

The European Commission _____ a hefty tax bill to Apple, Inc.

- A give, away
- B gave, away
- C handed, over
- D handed, down
- E cut, down

Answer: D

Explanation:

The correct sentence would be "The European Commission handed down a hefty tax bill to Apple, Inc." The meaning of the phrase "hand down" in this context is "to announce or deliver a (legal) verdict or indictment".

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Question 37

Each sentence below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

The hydroelectric project is likely to ____ jobs and ____ employment opportunities to the local population.

- A involve, new
- B introduce, give
- C provide, reduce
- D produce, help
- E generate, provide

Answer: E

Explanation:

Provide and generate fit in the first blank. Give and provide fit in the second blank. Hence, option E.

Instructions

Directions: Each sentence given below has two blanks. Each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Question 38

Getting some exercise in can be quite a ____ considering the fact that many of us have an ____ busy schedule.

- A challenge, extremely
- B objection, entirely
- C threat, perfectly
- D demand, inadequately
- E demur, absolutely

Answer: A

Explanation:

The first blank requires a word that is similar to 'difficult' and the second blank requires a word that is similar to 'maximum limit'. Only option A satisfies both the blanks. Thus, A is the right choice.

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Fill in the blanks.

Question 39

It was in the year of our Lord 1629 that Mynheer Wouter Van Twiller was _____ governor of the province of Nieuw Nederlandts, under the _____ and control of their High Mightiness's, the Lords States General of the United Netherlands, and the privileged West India Company.

- A appointed, expel

- B decommissioned, commission
- C appointed, commission
- D ignored, expel
- E enacted, commission

Answer: C

Explanation:

The first blank can only be filled by the word appointed among the options given. So we are left with options A and C. The word expel does not make sense in the second blank and thus the blank has to be filled by the word commission.

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Question 40

Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from the options given.
The strike by the bank employees _ in heavy losses for the government.

- A lead
- B resulted
- C caused
- D pushed
- E none of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

Although all the options a, b and c can fit the blank, the use of 'in' after the blank leaves us with only 'resulted' because 'lead in' and 'caused in' are not the correct usages in the context of the passage. Hence option b is the correct choice.

Instructions

Directions: Each sentence given below has two blanks. Each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Question 41

To persons _____ to living in a frugal way, three hundred dollars seem a _____.

- A adapted, debt
- B comparable, gold mine
- C acquainted, prosperity
- D accustomed, fortune
- E corresponding, worthy

Answer: D

Explanation:

The first blank requires a word that means similar to "habitual" and the second blank requires a word that means similar to "huge sum of money".

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Question 42

Industrial education is now imperative for every nation that would __ in agriculture, manufacture, and trade, not only because of the growing intensity of competition, but because of the __ of the apprentice system and the growing intricacy of processes, requiring only the skill needed for livelihood.

- A benefit, growth
- B excel, decline
- C grow, increase
- D advance, complexity
- E more than one of the above

Answer: B

Explanation:

From the tone of the sentence, we can infer that the first blank can be filled by advance or excel. For the second blank, decline is better choice than complexity. Hence option b is the correct answer.

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Question 43

My father intended that I should one day take charge of his business: but since I displayed greater _____ than he expected, with the advice of his friends, he resolved that I should study medicine; for a physician, if he only knows more than a common _____, can make his fortune in India.

- A strength, knowledge
- B capacity, quack
- C opacity, healings
- D intensity, fraud
- E wisdom, cold

Answer: B

Explanation:

Only the word "capacity" fits well in the first blank.

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Question 44

The refugees from Afghanistan have to trek over _____ mountains to escape war and economic _____ at home.

- A tricky, destitute
- B dangerous, warfare
- C hilly, downturn

- D languid, armageddon
E treacherous, deprivation

Answer: E

Explanation:

Only options a, b and e fit the first blank. The second blank must be a noun. Hence, we can eliminate option A as it is an adjective. Option b does not fit second blank. Hence, option E.

Instructions

Directions: Each sentence given below has two blanks. Each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Question 45

Science may just continue to _____ the problems of over population in the future, so maybe we shouldn't be so _____ to call for a global "one child rule" just yet.

- A delve, scornful
B calculate, haughty
C settle, vain
D solve, quick
E explain, snobbish

Answer: D

Explanation:

The first blank requires a word that means similar to "answer" and the second blank requires a word that means the same "fast". Only option D satisfies both blanks and is thus the right choice.

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Question 46

A history of the popular opinion of the antiquity of man is not only of _____, but should teach a lesson to all who think others are wrong because not holding the same _____ as they do.

- A disinterest, opinion
B acceptance, position
C derision, view
D revision, opinion
E interest, views

Answer: E

Explanation:

The words "interest" and "views" fit perfectly in the blanks.

Instructions

From the options, choose the word that fits in both the blanks for each of the questions.