

Cloze Test - Sample Questions

Question: Carefully go through the passage and fill in the blanks from the options given below:

Chernozem soil formation is most intensive in the forest-steppe zone, where better moisture conditions promote more intensive development of grassy vegetation and active humification of its residue. In the steppe zone, inadequate moisture causes shallower root penetration, a _____ (a) in the amount of dead matter entering the soil, and fuller decomposition of the matter.

The natural process of soil formation alters significantly when chernozems are brought into agricultural use. The cultivation _____ (b) crops changes significantly the character of the biological cycle of matter and conditions of formation of the water and heat regimes. A large part of the biomass formed and consequently a significant quantity of nutrients are removed each year, and the period of vigorous interaction between the plant root systems and the soil is reduced.

In addition, the soil remains for a long time without a plant cover, which reduces its absorption of winter precipitation. When virgin chernozems are first ploughed, the structure of the soil is partially broken down and the content of humus and nitrogen in the ploughed horizon drops, especially in the first years of cultivation. This process slows down in _____ (c) years. At the same time, the activation of microbiological processes when chernozems are cultivated promotes the mobilization of nitrogen and phosphorus.

Therefore, cultivated chernozems have a high content of nutrients that are available to plants. To maintain the high fertility of chernozems that have been brought into intensive cultivation, it is _____ (d) to introduce crop rotation, apply organic and mineral fertilizers, and use the proper soil tillage system.

Q 1. (a)

1. Decrease
2. Low
3. Less
4. Lessen
5. Lower

Answer: (1) Decrease

Q 2. (b)

1. On
2. For
3. Of

4. Them
5. In

Answer: (3) Of

Q 3. (c)

1. After
2. Later
3. Late
4. Next
5. Further

Answer: (2) Later

Q 4. (d)

1. Unimportant
2. Ignorant
3. Unnecessary
4. Essential
5. Vague

Answer: (4) Essential

Question: Read the passage given below carefully and fill in the blanks with the correct option given below:

Plant-based products have always been a significant element in the food and nutrition sector. With increasing awareness, working professionals are also _____ (a) for these products as it contains protein, multivitamins and ayurvedic herbs. Ashwagandha, which is classified as a medicinal herb, can _____ (b) your body manage stress. Several studies have already shown that it can help in anxiety disorders by blocking the stress pathway in the brain and regulating chemical signalling in the nervous system.

Plastic waste adds to the pollution level. But as the material is cheap and _____ (c), it gets used more often than glass or steel. But one must keep in mind to not use single-use plastic. Re-cycled plastic or multi-usage plastic products can make a significant _____ (d) in the world.

Recycling and up-cycling is a great concept that promotes slow fashion and focuses on _____ (e) the waste generated. Slow fashion works on the idea of investing in classic pieces, which may not be the latest fad, but will always remain fashionable, reducing the chance of discarding the item when trends change. However, just reducing consumption is not enough. It's important to switch to raw materials which degrade naturally and are gentler on the environment.

Q 1. (a)

1. Discouraging
2. Ignoring
3. Opting
4. Achieving
5. Disgracing

Answer: (3) Opting

Q 2. (b)

1. Help
2. Gain
3. Ensure
4. Reduce
5. Increase

Answer: (1) Help

Q 3. (c)

1. Expensive
2. Unaffordable
3. Unreasonable
4. Affordable
5. Exorbitant

Answer: (4) Affordable

Q 4. (d)

1. Similarity
2. Degradation
3. Irresistible
4. Difference
5. Same

Answer: (4) Difference

Q 5. (e)

1. Enhancing
2. Reducing
3. Magnify
4. Intensify
5. Strengthen

Answer: (2) Reducing

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