

UNIT III

TUTORIAL- SENTENCE COMPLETION

Vocabulary of the Day

Apprise: v. – to inform, give notice to

Divulge : v.– to disclose; to make something known that may have been private or secret

Rescind :v. –to repeal or cancel; to void or annul

Apostate :n/adj.- one who abandons long-held religious or political convictions

Infidel: n/adj. - a person with no religious beliefs, a non-believer; one who does not accept a particular religion, doctrine, or system of beliefs

Beginners

6.1 Fill in the blanks with suitable articles:

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| <p>i. _____ Chinese language is difficult. a) The b) An c) A d) Zero article</p> | <p>d) Zero article, zero article</p> |
| <p>ii. _____ Alps are _____ longest mountain ranges in Europe. a) The, a b) The, the c) An, the d) An, a</p> | <p>v. _____ President of _____ United States was elected last year. a) A, an b) The, an c) Zero article, the d) The, the</p> |
| <p>iii. _____ apple a day keeps the doctor away. a) An b) The c) A d) Zero article</p> | <p>vi. We spent a lot of time swimming in _____ sea on holiday. a) The b) A c) No article d) An</p> |
| <p>iv. _____ Mount Everest is in _____ Himalayas. a) A, the b) The, the c) Zero article, the</p> | <p>vii. London is on _____ River Thames. a) No article b) A c) The d) An</p> |
| | <p>viii. She did MA in French literature. a) No article</p> |

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| | b) A | | c) A |
| | c) The | | d) An |
| | d) An | | |
| ix. | My garden's looking lovely now that daffodils are flowering. | xi. | An atheist does not believe in _____ God. |
| | a) No article | | a) A |
| | b) A | | b) The |
| | c) The | | c) An |
| | d) An | | d) No article |
| x. | My mother is allergic to _____ cigarette smoke. | xii. | Do you know how to use _____ computer? |
| | a) The | | a) A |
| | b) No article | | b) No article |
| | | | c) The |
| | | | d) An |

6.2 Look at these sentences and decide which the correct form to use.

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|------|--|-------|--|
| i. | Today was a very ____ day. | | b. Although |
| | a) Cold | | c. So |
| | b) Coldly | vi. | The resort opens ____ spring. |
| | c) colder | | a) In |
| | | | b) On |
| ii. | We'll have to ____ if we want to catch that bus. | | c) At |
| | a) Run | vii. | ____ is a global problem. |
| | b) Running | | a) Poorly |
| | c) Ran | | b) Poor |
| iii. | It's okay to use that phone, it's ____. | | c) Poverty |
| | a) I | viii. | You speak English very ____. |
| | b) My | | a) Well |
| | c) Me | | b) Beautiful |
| | d) Mine | | c) Good |
| iv. | ____ was that man you were talking to? | ix. | When was the last time you ____? |
| | a) When | | a) Cried |
| | b) Who | | b) Cry |
| | c) What | | c) Crying |
| | d) Why | x. | She ____ made her presentation to the class. |
| v. | I forgot my umbrella ____ I got wet. | | a) Confident |
| | a. Because | | b) Confidence |
| | | | c) confidently |

6.3 Fill in the blanks with appropriate words.

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| <p>i. She is ——— beautiful.</p> <p>a) ravishing</p> <p>b) ravishingly</p> <p>c) ravished</p> <p>d) ravish</p> | <p>a) Snowed</p> <p>b) Snowing</p> <p>c) Snow</p> <p>d) None of these</p> |
| <p>ii. I was ——— surprised.</p> <p>a) Pleased</p> <p>b) Pleasant</p> <p>c) Pleasantly</p> <p>d) Please</p> | <p>vii. They are eagerly ——— for your response.</p> <p>a) Awaiting</p> <p>b) Await</p> <p>c) Awaited</p> <p>d) None of these</p> |
| <p>iii. It was John who ——— the window.</p> <p>a) Break</p> <p>b) Broke</p> <p>c) Broken</p> <p>d) Breaking</p> | <p>viii. The rioters were ——— into custody.</p> <p>a) Took</p> <p>b) Taking</p> <p>c) Taken</p> <p>d) Take</p> |
| <p>iv. She was quite ——— to receive the prize.</p> <p>a) Happily</p> <p>b) Happy</p> <p>c) Happiness</p> <p>d) None of these</p> | <p>ix. The ——— intervention of the policeman saved his life.</p> <p>a) Timed</p> <p>b) Timely</p> <p>c) Time</p> <p>d) Timeliness</p> |
| <p>v. It is only a ——— arrangement.</p> <p>a) Temporary</p> <p>b) Temporarily</p> <p>c) Temporal</p> <p>d) Temperate</p> | <p>x. The meeting ——— for three hours.</p> <p>a) Last</p> <p>b) Lasted</p> <p>c) Lastly</p> <p>d) None of these</p> |
| <p>vi. It was ——— heavily.</p> | |

6.4 Choose the correct option to fill the gaps:

- i. Although we feared it would be extreme cold at the hill station, it turned out to be _____ and temperate that day!
- a) Snowy
- b) Burning
- c) **Hot**
- ii. She is someone who adheres to good work culture. Her _____ has been applauded by her boss many times.

- a) Profanity
 - b) **Professionalism**
 - c) Professorship
- iii. The _____ of her nature baffled me: I could not understand how and why she behaved so.
 - a) Serenity
 - b) **Complexity**
 - c) Greatness
- iv. The _____ work of those craftsmen is unique. They pay such great attention to the details of the embroidery.
 - a) Bland
 - b) Superficial
 - c) **Intricate**
- v. He has a _____ personality: his moods and feelings keep him overpowered.
 - a) **Dominating**
 - b) Mercurial
 - c) Outrageous
- vi. _____ is an interesting subject. Who wouldn't be curious about the development of the human race with respect to so many respects?
 - a) Religion
 - b) History
 - c) **Anthropology**
- vii. She was the most _____ lady in the entire crowd. The others didn't even know how to greet like ladies.
 - a) **Affluent**
 - b) Sophisticated
 - c) Powerful
- viii. Some of the best players in the world _____ their skills playing street football.
 - a) **Honed**
 - b) Killed
 - c) Wasted
 - d) Accelerated
- ix. Scientists have probed into the various theories provided about _____. Even the Bible talks about how life originated, for that matter.
 - a) Biology
 - b) **Evolution**
 - c) Palestine
 - d) Human communication
- x. For mathematics to be understood, you need to _____ some brain!
 - a) Imply
 - b) Apply
 - c) Exploit
 - d) **Deploy**

Intermediate

6.5 Choose the correct option to fill the gaps:

- i. Ankit found himself _____ on the matter, as he could not decide which way to go.
 - a) Equanimous
 - b) **Equivocating**
 - c) Equilibrium
- ii. I've reprimanded him. _____, he will not repeat his mistake.
 - a) Seamfully
 - b) Seamingly
 - c) **Seemingly**
 - d) Beamingly
- iii. Your _____ to the entire thing is wrong.
 - a) Method
 - b) Movement
 - c) Tacting
 - d) **Approach**
- iv. The teacher tried to _____ her class of their dependence on the number lines pasted to the tops of their desks.
 - a) Wane
 - b) Wax
 - c) Whet
 - d) **Wean**
 - e) Wield
- v. The young girl was so full of enthusiasm and _____ that she infected the room with energy.
 - a) Languidness
 - b) Apathy
 - c) **Vivacity**
 - d) Blandness
 - e) Tenacity
- vi. Ricky is a _____ of the local coffee shop; you can find him there just about every morning.
 - a) Diva
 - b) Relic
 - c) **Denizen**
 - d) Maverick
 - e) Pariah
- vii. The child danced with _____ joy at hearing the news that her father had arrived home from his lengthy business trip.
 - a) Staid
 - b) **Unbridled**

- c) Stealthy
 - d) Beneficial
 - e) Restrained
- viii. Having never left the landlocked Midwest his entire life, Albert found that swimming in the ocean was quite a(n) _____.
a) Familiarity
b) Extrovert
c) Instinct
d) **Novelty**
e) Tabernacle
- ix. The rowdy crowd at the music concert _____ Herve, and he spilled his soda on his pants.
a) Jettisoned
b) Harrowed
c) **Jostled**
d) Lauded
e) Superseded
- x. Known for his strong command of the courtroom, it was common knowledge that Judge Disantis considered outbursts from defendants to be _____.
a) Questionable
b) **Objectionable**
c) Antisocial
d) Pliable
e) Visionary
- xi. Blinded by _____, Nicholas accepted the job offer with the highest pay but the least possibility of making him happy.
a) Ennui
b) Heresy
c) Infamy
d) **Avarice**
e) Temperance
- xii. It was very unprofessional of you to _____ your assistant in front of everyone at the meeting; she deserves more respect, and any criticism of her performance should be done in private.
a) Placate
b) Augment
c) Usurp
d) Preclude
e) **Deride**
- xiii. The postcard advertised a free cruise to anyone who bought a magazine subscription, but after reading the fine print Sasha found the cruise was just a _____.
a) Petition
b) **Gimmick**

- c) Compromise
 - d) Reference
 - e) Motif
- xiv. Many employers like to visit college campuses and _____ college seniors to work for their companies.
- a) Daunt
 - b) **Recruit**
 - c) Illuminate
 - d) Dither
 - e) Flout
- xv. As the pressures of her business became overwhelming, Charlotte chose to _____ her role as PTA president.
- a) Expedite
 - b) Transgress
 - c) Propagate
 - d) Relinquish
 - e) Retaliate
- xvi. Don't let Julie's enthusiasm fool you; she's just a _____, not a professional dancer.
- a) Maverick
 - b) Denizen
 - c) Mercenary
 - d) Maven
 - e) Dilettante
- xvii. Normally, Maya would not have made so many spelling mistakes in her essay; she is usually _____ about her spelling.
- a) Sumptuous
 - b) Scurrilous
 - c) Ridiculous
 - d) Scrupulous
 - e) Fatuous
- xviii. It took four men two hours to move the _____ sofa up three flights of stairs into our apartment.
- a) Suave
 - b) Garrulous
 - c) Unwieldy
 - d) Pivotal
 - e) Quixotic
- xix. In the Roman myth, Artemis made a pilgrimage to the _____, hoping to learn the answer to her dilemma.
- a) Denouement
 - b) Decorum
 - c) Oracle
 - d) Vizier

- e) Pillar
- xx. Brian was an _____ child, he was sent to the principal's office on numerous occasions for his rude classroom behavior.
- a) Impeccable
 - b) Impertinent
 - c) Observant
 - d) Obscure
 - e) Adjuvant

6.6 Choose the correct option to fill the gaps:

- i. About 5,000 years ago in _____ Assyria, scribes recorded on clay tablets the _____ of magical magnifying stones that made objects seem larger.
- a) old, advent
 - b) ancient, existence
 - c) prehistoric, presence
 - d) olden, invention
- ii. These stones were actually broken shards of meteorites whose centers had _____ into glass during the intense heat of entry into Earth's atmosphere, melting it in such a way that they formed a _____ lens.
- a) fused, primitive
 - b) melted, prime
 - c) joined, primeval
 - d) formed, basic
- iii. Although the best of scientific temper and _____ in religion are apparently irreconcilable, we often find scientists having _____ to God and prayer when their powers are exceeded.
- a) belief, faith
 - b) faith, access
 - c) fixity, alternative
 - d) dogma, recourse
- iv. Having been blessed with a fine _____ mind and a(n) _____ faith in his monarch, the Englishman set out to conquer the world.
- a) reasoning, firm
 - b) ratifying, unwavering
 - c) reasonable, incredible
 - d) rational, unshakeable
- v. A native speaker of a language cannot be expected to know the _____ of his language any more than a _____ suffering from fever can be expected to know everything about fever.
- a) nuances, patient

- b) fineness, case
 - c) subtleties, person
 - d) nuisance, sufferer
- vi. Although the Assyrians did not know it, they were practicing the _____ known optical microscopy, a technology that has _____ revolutionized almost every aspect of science.
- a) first, categorically
 - b) primary, clearly
 - c) earliest, unequivocally
 - d) best, dubiously
- vii. If it lacks the sharp wit and the high spirits of *Pride and Prejudice*, and the wide scope of *Mansfield Park*, it _____ more than they do of the interest which the _____ eye may find in ordinary people.
- a) obfuscates, seeing
 - b) confounds, shrewd
 - c) reveals, discerning
 - d) shows, sharp
- viii. Linguist Eric Lenneberg states that the _____ period of language acquisition ends around the age of 12 years. He claims that if no language is learned before then, it can never be learned in a normal and fully _____ sense. This is known as the "Critical Period Hypothesis".
- a) critical, crucial
 - b) vital, functioning
 - c) crucial, functional
 - d) important, working
- ix. Look around, and you could be forgiven for believing that you can see a _____ and detailed picture of your surroundings. Indeed, you may even think that your eyes never _____ you.
- a) vivid, deceive
 - b) prominent, perceive
 - c) livid, fail
 - d) lurid, mislead
- x. When you talk to two people who have just _____, their breakup stories often sound like _____ of two completely different relationships. Each has been living in a different relationship from the other person's.
- a) broken up, portrayals
 - b) split up, depictions
 - c) joined up, catalogues
 - d) broken out, descriptions
- xi. Researchers have found out that the _____ for remembering human faces enables mechanics to recognize cars, thus suggesting that our faculties can be made to subserve new functions according to the _____ of the situation.

- a) skill, needs
 - b) talent, urgency
 - c) sense, necessity
 - d) faculty, demands
- xii. While some may suggest that Pratchett _____ part of his readership by drawing heavily from literary sources, others would argue that the range of his _____ gives all readers recognizable reference points.
- a) includes, illusions
 - b) precludes, exclusions
 - c) excludes, allusions
 - d) sustains, allegories
- xiii. As far as the history of crime fiction is concerned, it is a(n) _____ fact that many authors have been _____ to this very day to publish their crime novels under their real names -- as if they were ashamed of doing something "improper".
- a) amazing, willing
 - b) well-known, inspired
 - c) **astonishing, reluctant**
 - d) irritating, hesitant
- xiv. Miss Brooke had that _____ of beauty which seems to be thrown into _____ by poor dress.
- a) **kind, relief**
 - b) type, contrast
 - c) kind, gear
 - d) nature, profile
- xv. Nativist linguistic theories hold that children learn through their _____ ability to organize the laws of language, but cannot fully _____ this talent without the presence of other humans.
- a) innate, inculcate
 - b) intrinsic, proceed
 - c) natural, utilize
 - d) uncanny, internalize

Advanced

6.7 Choose the correct options to complete the cloze test:

- i. Can we see (1) the earth is a globe? Yes, we can, when we watch a ship that sails out to sea. If we watch closely, we see that the ship begins (2) The bottom of the ship disappears first, and then the ship seems to sink lower and lower, (3) we can only see the top of the ship, and then we see

nothing at all. What is hiding the ship from us? It is the earth. Stick a pin most of the way into an orange, and (4) turn the orange away from you. You will see the pin disappear, (5) a ship does on the earth.

1.

- a) If
- b) Where
- c) That
- d) Whether
- e) When

2.

- a) being disappeared
- b) to be disappeared
- c) to have disappeared
- d) to disappear
- e) having disappeared

3.

- a) Until
- b) Since
- c) After
- d) by the time
- e) unless

4.

- a) Reluctantly
- b) Accidentally
- c) Slowly
- d) Passionately
- e) Carefully

5.

- a) the same
- b) alike
- c) just as
- d) by the way
- e) similar to

- ii. After months of colder weather, the days get longer, the buds (1) in the trees, birds sing, and the world (2) a green dress. Spring passes (3) summer. Everyone knows that summer will not (4) The power of all the wisest men and women in the world cannot keep it for us. The corn becomes ripe, the leaves turn brown and then drop to the ground, (5) the world changes its green dress for a dress of autumn colors.

1.

- a) fall off
- b) take up

- c) put off
- d) come out
- e) bring down

2.

- a) looks after
- b) puts on
- c) carries on
- d) comes round
- e) deals with

3.

- a) Into
- b) By
- c) From
- d) On
- e) out of

4.

- a) Forego
- b) Evaluate
- c) Succumb
- d) Last
- e) Evolve

5.

- a) Yet
- b) Therefore
- c) Since
- d) Whereas
- e) And

- iii. The postal service is the government agency (1) ----- handles the mail. Its job is (2) ----- letters and packages to people and businesses all over the world. Its goal is to see that your mail gets to its destination (3) ----- possible. People (4) ----- the postal service to deliver important letters and even valuables, (5) ----- time and to the right person.

1.

- a) the fact that
- b) whether
- c) of which
- d) that
- e) in that

2.

- a) being delivered
- b) to be delivered
- c) to have delivered
- d) having delivered

- e) to deliver
- 3.
 - a) less quickly
 - b) too quickly
 - c) so quickly that
 - d) as quickly as
 - e) the most quickly
- 4.
 - a) back out
 - b) check out
 - c) come in
 - d) figure out
 - e) rely on
- 5.
 - a) To
 - b) For
 - c) At
 - d) On
 - e) Over

6.8 Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted into the sentence, best completes the sentence.

- i. The nanny _____ the little boy after she found him climbing _____ on a _____ balanced pile of boulders, completely unaware of the danger in which he was putting himself.
 - a) exhorted . . . sedulously . . . solicitously
 - b) admonished . . . blithely . . . precariously
 - c) excoriated . . . obliviously . . . propitiously
 - d) harangued . . . perfidiously . . . intractably
 - e) castigated . . . resolutely . . . itinerantly
- ii. Romuald had wished to reform the _____ life at the old monastery. For years, the monks had been _____ regarding observation of their rule of life and had _____ many worldly customs.
 - a) prayer . . . considerate . . . evaluated
 - b) devotional . . . ecstatic . . . eschewed
 - c) divine . . . considerate . . . spurned
 - d) quotidian . . . negligent . . . adopted
 - e) regular . . . zealous . . . embraced
- iii. Her bedroom window was _____ by curtains, yet the material was so _____ that he could clearly see her form _____ by the setting sun.
 - a) revealed . . . substantial . . . silhouetted
 - b) decorated . . . flimsy . . . shrouded

- c) obscured . . . diaphanous . . . limned
 d) sequestered . . . evanescent . . . inured
 e) hidden . . . redolent . . . masked
- iv. The editor reduced the introduction from ten _____ pages to two _____ paragraphs by _____ all of the unnecessary verbal flourishes that riddled its sentences.
 a) florid . . . trenchant . . . expiating
 b) turgid . . . concise . . . qualifying
 c) tortuous . . . succinct . . . excising
 d) officious . . . sedulous . . . bolstering
 e) immutable . . . intransigent . . . inhibiting
- v. The intern was _____ with stacks of paperwork that covered his entire desk on the first day of his new job, but luckily, he managed to sort through it by working _____ throughout the day and ignoring potential distractions, and _____ out of the office at the end of the day, tremendously proud of his clean desk.
 a) inundated . . . assiduously . . . strutted
 b) overwhelmed . . . sedulously . . . burgeoned
 c) attenuated . . . perfidiously . . . vacillated
 d) overrun . . . itinerantly . . . weltered
 e) palliated . . . solicitously . . . simpered
- vi. The fashion show featured pieces inspired by _____ styles, and the models were _____ in pieces that _____ to Greek togas, knightly armor, and trailing dresses with underskirts and bustles.
 a) archaic . . . garbed . . . alluded
 b) ancient . . . feigned . . . castigated
 c) apocryphal . . . eulogized . . . impugned
 d) antiquated . . . arrayed . . . abated
 e) banal . . . placated . . . appropriated
- vii. The _____ cat refused to walk around tamely on a leash, but the _____ dog not only heeled, but obeyed each of its master's commands obediently and never needed to be _____ for not listening.
 a) obstreperous . . . dogmatic . . . countenanced
 b) recalcitrant . . . tractable . . . admonished
 c) credulous . . . insipid . . . aggrandized
 d) pernicious . . . prodigal . . . flouted
 e) truculent . . . complaisant . . . impeded
- viii. He was _____ and never wasted words, but his sister was _____ and loved to _____ cheerfully to anyone about even the most inconsequential topics.
 a) enigmatic . . . ponderous . . . chatter
 b) terse . . . verbose . . . harangue
 c) hedonistic . . . ascetic . . . abstain
 d) lithe . . . boorish . . . lampoon

- e) laconic . . . loquacious . . . prattle
- ix. The painting _____ the image of a bishop with quite _____ features, for the artist wished to express the wickedness that he perceived in the life of the _____ figure.
- a) depicted . . . fiendish . . . ecclesiastical
b) recounted . . . hedonistic . . . penurious
c) copied . . . gregarious . . . public
d) graced . . . supple . . . devilish
e) presented . . . illuminated . . . sagacious
- x. As the blood around the wound began to _____, the increasingly viscous substance helped to _____ the continued flow of the _____ fluids.
- a) trickle . . . deny . . . dangerous
b) coagulate . . . stanch . . . vital
c) drain . . . impede . . . recalcitrant
d) seep . . . block . . . intravenous
e) restore . . . alleviate . . . salubrious

6.9 Complete the sentences with the most appropriate options.

- i. I had to postpone my trip to Australia last week ----.
- a) as I have lost my passport
b) since the airline employees are on strike
c) due to hospitable weather conditions
d) for my wife had a traffic accident which she was injured in
e) if I had known that you lost your mother
- ii. I almost lost my cafeteria assignment ----.
- a) when I had insulted my boss
b) although I hated them
c) when the supervisor caught me throwing planes made from paper to my friends
d) as I have failed to welcome customers enthusiastically
e) since I am not punctual
- iii. Students who have missed exams ----.
- a) although they had studied for them a lot
b) will have to take it again unfortunately
c) were allowed to take a comprehensive makeup
d) due to weather conditions had to contact the Registrar's Office within 48 hours
e) have to hand in a document confirming their excuses
- iv. By the time the doctor came in to examine my daughter, ----.
- a) she has been suffering from headache for three hours
b) I will try to keep her calm as she is afraid of dentists
c) the nurse has already injected her the vaccine
d) her temperature had risen to 40 centigrade

- e) I will have to wait outside
- v. The earlier one gets the treatment, ----.
- a) the sooner he recovered from his illness
- b) since he or she may be in need of it
- c) the more effective it is likely to be
- d) as I forgot to take the pills my doctor recommended
- e) he gets rid of his problems