

ENGLISH

AARAMBH CHECKLIST PRE

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CHECKLIST 168

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Direction (1-10): The passage given below contains some blanks wherein the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.

The performance of Indian institutes in the QS University World Ranking System, released last week, shows that their initiatives to ____ (A) ____ the research ecosystem are yielding results. Nine institutes in the country figure in the top 50 and 79 Indian universities have made it to the list, up from 69 last year. Indian universities are particularly well ____ (B) ____ in engineering (24 institutes), social sciences (20 institutes) and natural sciences (19 institutes). It's ____ (C) ____ that at a time when several reports and surveys have called out the skill deficit of Indian graduates, the QS survey speaks of the strides taken by the country's top universities to ____ (D) ____ their standing among employers. However, QS 2025 also shows where the country lags in its ____ (E) ____ to become a top knowledge economy destination. It ____ (F) ____ that India's elite universities need to improve student learning experiences and enhance their global presence. The resources available to students for teaching, supervision and curriculum development play a/ an ____ (G) ____ role in their learning experiences. The top runners in the QS ranking system have a near perfect score on that metric. The best Indian universities, in contrast, score between 10 and 20. Attracting a/ an ____ (H) ____ number of qualified faculty and providing them with favourable working conditions has been a longstanding problem of the country's higher education milieu. In 2023, a CAG audit found that though the IITs have been recruiting faculty consistently, the pace of recruitment did not match student enrolment. This historical weakness has, however, never been scientifically quantified. In 2009, a task force set up by the ____ (I) ____ Ministry of Human Resource Development, called for "standing mechanism to monitor the size and quality of faculty resources and for data on faculty members to be made available on the website of every academic institution". This recommendation has, at best, been partially ____ (J) ____ . The government does collect faculty-related data for its Annual Survey of Higher Education. However, this is a voluntary process for institutions and the numbers are not verified by an independent agency.

Question 1:

Which of the following best fits in **Option A**?

- I. deplete
- II. upgrade
- III. enhance

- (a) Only III
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Only I
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 2:

Which of the following best fits in **Option B**?

- I. represented
- II. collapsed
- III. featured

- (a) Only II
- (b) Both II and III
- (c) Both I and III
- (d) Only III
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 3:

Which of the following best fits in **Option C**?

- I. forfeited
- II. encouraging
- III. heartening

- (a) Both I and II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Both II and III
- (d) Only II
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 4:

Which of the following best fits in **Option D**?

- I. boost

II. improve

III. shock

- (a) Both I and II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Both I and III
- (d) Only II
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 5:

Which of the following best fits in **Option E**?

I. endeavour

II. attempt

III. raise

- (a) Only III
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Only I
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 6:

Which of the following best fits in **Option F**?

I. oppresses

II. underlines

III. emphasizes

- (a) Only III
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only I
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 7:

Which of the following best fits in **Option G**?

- I. significant
- II. endorse
- III. crucial

- (a) Only II
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both I and II
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 8:

Which of the following best fits in **Option H**?

- I. competence
- II. adequate
- III. ample

- (a) Only II
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 9:

Which of the following best fits in **Option I**?

- I. fortune
- II. erstwhile
- III. former

- (a) Only I
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only II
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All of I, II and III

Question 10:

Which of the following best fits in **Option J**?

I. implemented

II. executed

III. impeded

- (a) Only I
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) All of I, II and III

ANSWER**1.Ans: d**

Explanation: The sentence mentions that the initiatives of Indian institutes are "yielding results," which means they are improving their research ecosystem.

"Upgrade" means to improve or make something better.

"Enhance" also means to improve the quality or effectiveness of something.

"Deplete" means to reduce or exhaust, which is opposite to the intended meaning of improving the research ecosystem.

2.Ans: c

Explanation: The sentence states that Indian universities are well recognized in various fields.

"Represented" means they have a strong presence.

"Featured" means they are prominently included in the ranking.

"Collapsed" means to fail or break down, which does not make sense in the context of universities being recognized.

3.Ans: c

Explanation: The QS ranking indicates positive progress, which is why the situation is encouraging.

"Encouraging" means giving confidence or hope.

"Heartening" means uplifting or reassuring.

"Forfeited" means to lose something, which does not match the positive tone of the sentence.

4.Ans: a

Explanation: The sentence talks about enhancing the university's reputation among employers.

"Boost" means to increase or improve.

"Improve" means to make better.

"Shock" is unrelated to the context of enhancing university standing.

5.Ans: b

Explanation: The sentence talks about India's effort to become a top knowledge economy.

"Endeavour" means an effort to achieve something.

"Attempt" means trying to accomplish something.

"Raise" refers to increasing something in quantity or level, but does not fit well in the context of an effort or initiative.

6.Ans: d

Explanation: The QS ranking highlights India's strengths and weaknesses.

"Underlines" means draws attention to.

"Emphasizes" means stresses the importance of.

"Oppresses" means to keep someone in hardship, which is irrelevant in this context.

7.Ans: b

Explanation: The sentence describes how resources affect student learning experiences.

"Significant" means important.

"Crucial" means extremely important.

"Endorse" means to approve or support, which does not fit in the context of describing an important role.

8.Ans: d

Explanation: The sentence discusses hiring enough qualified faculty.

"Adequate" means enough in quantity or quality.

"Ample" means more than enough.

"Competence" means skill or ability, which does not fit in the context of describing the quantity of faculty.

9.Ans: d

Explanation: The sentence refers to the Ministry of Human Resource Development as it existed in the past.

"Erstwhile" means former or previous.

"Former" means something that existed before.

"Fortune" means wealth or luck, which does not fit in the context of referring to a past ministry.

10. Ans: b

Explanation: The sentence talks about a recommendation that has been partially followed.

"Implemented" means put into action.

"Executed" means carried out successfully.

"Impeded" means to hinder or obstruct, which does not fit the context of implementing a recommendation.



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