

# CLOZE TESTS

## **Set 1**

**Direction (1-5): 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.**

As the \_\_(A)\_\_ between India and Pakistan quickly veered towards a full-blown conflict last week, the United States' intervention came as a/ an \_\_(B)\_\_, especially as it followed Vice President JD Vance's statement that the India-Pakistan conflict is "none of our business". Vance's statement is consistent with both the US stand on the India-Pakistan dynamic since the 1999 Kargil conflict as well as with the evolving Trump doctrine where external intervention without \_\_(C)\_\_ economic interests seems a policy of the past. A quickly escalating conflict where new domains of attack and counter-attack began to be tested, even as India hit multiple bases across Pakistan and showcased a robust aerial defence capability, forced the US to urgently engage both sides diplomatically.

The US' \_\_(D)\_\_ from its earlier position of non-intervention was done to provide guardrails, especially to prevent Islamabad from its habitual recourse to nuclear brinkmanship. However, Trump's rather \_\_(E)\_\_ balancing act between India and Pakistan through a tweet, hinting at Pakistan as a potential trade partner of Washington, has generated significant heat in India.

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**Question 1:**

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

**I.** behest

**II.** conflagration

**III.** escalation

(a) Only III

(b) Both I and II

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(d) Both II and III

(e) None of the above

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**Question 2:**

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

- I. bombshell
- II. aversion
- III. pondering

- (a) Only I
- (b) Both II and III
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Only III
- (e) None of the above

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**Question 3:**

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

- I.** discernible
- II.** palpable
- III.** faltering

- (a) Both I and II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Both II and III
- (d) Only II
- (e) None of the above

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**Question 4:**

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

**I.** bifurcated

**II.** retraction

**III.** backtracking

(a) Both I and II

(b) Only III

(c) Both II and III

(d) All of I, II and III

(e) None of the above

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**Question 5:**

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

- I. subvert
- II. peculiar
- III. bizarre

- (a) Both I and II
- (b) Both II and III
- (c) Only I
- (d) All of I, II and III
- (e) None of the above



## **Set-2**

**Direction (6-10): 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.**

Microsoft founder Bill Gates recently \_\_**(A)**\_\_ Tesla’s “technoking” (as stated on its website) Elon Musk of “killing the world’s poorest children” as the latter \_\_**(B)**\_\_ the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in February. Gates’ comments are put into perspective when USAID’s contributions are taken into account — in 2023, it amounted to \$60 billion. One can argue that the \_\_**(C)**\_\_ figure owes to the US’ continuous support to war-torn Ukraine and warmongering Israel. But even without the war machinery, the US has been supporting many initiatives — started by Presidents over the years and ranging from AIDS prevention to eliminating malnutrition in children — via USAID since its inception in 1961. Stop-work orders were issued in February by the Musk-led Department of

Government Efficiency (or DOGE), which was formed to \_\_**(D)**\_\_ wasteful spending. However, while the US remains the largest contributor of foreign aid, that amount is a mere 1% of the federal budget and does not do much to help the “\_\_**(E)**\_\_” US administration.

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**Question 6:**

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

**I.** deluded

**II.** subdued

**III.** alleged

- (a) Only III
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) All of I, II and III
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- (e) None of the above

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**Question 7:**

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

**I.** disbanded

**II.** agitated

**III.** dismantled

- (a) Only II
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both I and II
- (e) None of the above

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**Question 8:**

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

**I.** staggering

**II.** exorbitant

**III.** depleting

(a) Only II

(b) Both I and II

(c) Both II and III

(d) All of I, II and III

(e) None of the above

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**Question 9:**

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

**I.** austere

**II.** curtail

**III.** forfeit

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**Question 10:**

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

**I.** imbibed

**II.** embattled

**III.** beleaguered

(a) Both II and III

(b) Both I and II

(c) Only III

(d) All I, II and III

(e) None of the above

## **Set-3**

**Direction (11-15): 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 recent decisions by Adani Group and Zoho Corporation to \_\_**(A)**\_\_ their semiconductor manufacturing projects have sparked concern among critics, some of whom have prematurely concluded that India's ambitious Rs 76,000-crore semiconductor incentive programme is \_\_**(B)**\_\_. The truth is that rather than a sign of systemic failure, these decisions reflect the natural shake-out in a nascent but rapidly evolving industry, one that requires strategic depth, technological partnerships, and long-term vision. It is crucial to note that neither the Adani project nor the Zoho one had even reached the formal approval stage under the government's programme. There is a special committee tasked with \_\_**(C)**\_\_ semiconductor proposals as they require critical tie-ups with global

technology partners, a/ an \_\_**(D)**\_\_ component for success in this complex sector. The inability to \_\_**(E)**\_\_ technology partnerships was a core reason for their withdrawal, not a reflection of government policy or industry potential.

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**Question 11:**

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

- I. clamour
- II. abort
- III. call off

- (a) Only III
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Only I
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**Question 12:**

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

- I.** infiltrating
- II.** floundering
- III.** penetrating

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only III
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) All of I, II and III
- (e) None of the above

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**Question 13:**

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

**I.** relegating

**II.** vetting

**III.** scrutinizing

(a) Only I

(b) Both I and III

(c) Only III

(d) Both II and III

(e) None of the above

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**Question 14:**

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

**I.** perilous

**II.** imperative

**III.** indispensable

(a) Only I

(b) Both I and III

(c) Both II and III

(d) All of I, II and III

(e) None of the above

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**Question 15:**

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

**I.** forge

**II.** elusive

**III.** abstract

(a) Only I

(b) Both I and III

(c) Only II

(d) Both I and II

(e) None of the above

## **Set-4**

**Direction (16-20): 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.**

At the recent Confederation of Indian Industry Mutual Fund (MF) Summit, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) executive director Manoj Kumar **\_\_(A)\_\_** industry optimism by signalling a potential revisit of regulation 24(b) of the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1996. The provision, long seen as a hindrance, prohibits asset management companies (AMCs) from **\_\_(B)\_\_** fund management activities beyond MFs except through SEBI-approved subsidiaries. It also mandates separate teams for fund management, even for back-office functions. Even some **\_\_(C)\_\_** between broad-based and non-broad-based funds should be done away with so long as it is clean money. While rooted in investor protection and systemic prudence, these restrictions may be **\_\_(D)\_\_** with today's integrated financial ecosystem. As India's MF industry surpasses Rs 64 lakh crore in assets under management, it is time to ask if such

constraints are advancing or stifling investor interests and innovation. One of the most **\_\_(E)\_\_** missed opportunities is the management of foreign investments. Despite their competence, Indian AMCs are largely excluded from managing India-focused offshore funds which are instead run from jurisdictions like Singapore or the UAE.



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**Question 16:**

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

**I.** invigorated

**II.** vindicated

**III.** stimulated

(a) Only I

(b) Both I and III

(c) Only II

(d) Both II and III

(e) None of the above

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**Question 17:**

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

**I.** participating in

**II.** taking up

**III.** engaging in

(a) Only II

(b) Both I and II

(c) Both II and III

(d) All I, II and III

(e) None of the above

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**Question 18:**

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

**I.** coherence

**II.** distinction

**III.** demarcation

(a) Only I

(b) Both I and III

(c) Both II and III

(d) Only III

(e) None of the above

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**Question 19:**

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

**I.** banal

**II.** at odds with

**III.** incongruent

- (a) Only I
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both II and III
- (e) None of the above

One of the most \_\_\_\_\_ **(E)** \_\_\_\_\_ missed opportunities is the management of foreign investments.

**Question 20:**

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

**I.** glaring

**II.** egregious

**III.** submissive

(a) Only I

(b) Both I and II

(c) Only II

(d) Both I and III

(e) None of the above