

DOUBLE FILLERS

Directions (1-25): Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank, respectively.

Question 1:

The empire's decline has been a question of bureaucratic _____ and geopolitical _____, rendering reform nearly impossible.

- (a) enchantment, contraction
- (b) culmination, resilience
- (c) retaliation, indulgence
- (d) ossification, overreach
- (e) None of the above

Question 2:

The committee not only critiques policy but also even offers prescriptive guidelines from time to time, aiming to curb _____ practices and promote _____ reforms.

- (a) exacerbated, deleterious
- (b) contempt, denuded
- (c) pernicious, equitable
- (d) precipitating, distress
- (e) None of the above

Question 3:

The startup entered the race recently and is intent on challenging _____ through disruptive ingenuity and _____ scalability.

- (a) profound, explicit
- (b) conundrum, abject
- (c) repercussion, adjudicate
- (d) incumbents, nimble
- (e) None of the above

Question 4:

The consortium selected the lead firm to build a/ an _____ prototype that could redefine technological _____ across sectors.

- (a) elementary, salience
- (b) seminal, paradigms
- (c) altered, tribulations
- (d) entrenching, complex
- (e) None of the above

Question 5:

The new regulations did not _____ on the individual freedoms of citizens but rather aimed to _____ public safety.

- (a) disdain, impair
- (b) strive, deteriorate
- (c) breach, undermined
- (d) impinge, enhance
- (e) None of the above

Question 6:

If the number of job cards issued over the coming years rises indiscriminately, it could trigger fiscal _____ and _____ targeted intervention.

- (a) incongruity, baffle
- (b) quashing, endow
- (c) profligacy, undermine
- (d) correspondence, preserve
- (e) None of the above

Question 7:

The recent policy shifts are indicating increased _____ over financial transactions to _____ money laundering and illicit flows.

- (a) vigilance, curb
- (b) revocation, subvert
- (c) radicalisation, eliminate
- (d) outlandish, fickle
- (e) None of the above

Question 8:

The surge in construction activity in urban centres has led to _____ urban sprawl and _____ infrastructure deficits.

- (a) defied, contemplating
- (b) deemed, imprinting
- (c) unbridled, mounting
- (d) flouted, competing
- (e) None of the above

Question 9:

Despite policy interventions, the situation is still _____ , _____ by chronic underemployment and macroeconomic fragility.

- (a) mundane, deferred
- (b) grim, plagued
- (c) gullible, buoyed
- (d) sever, refuted
- (e) None of the above

Question 10:

The newspaper has recently reported on _____ dealings between lobbyists and officials, exposing a culture of _____ governance.

- (a) insipid, subjugating
- (b) futile, quashing
- (c) surreptitious, opaque
- (d) swindle, vague
- (e) None of the above

Question 11:

The _____ tariff threats have once again _____ manufacturing hubs, complicating strategic realignments and market access.

- (a) perceptible, escalated
- (b) persistent, unsettled
- (c) prevalence, fragmented
- (d) startling, recoiled
- (e) None of the above

Question 12:

The decline appears to have continued, underscoring the _____ challenges faced by policymakers and the _____ of remedial options.

- (a) intractable, paucity
- (b) averse, evoke
- (c) contingent, elicit
- (d) pivot, ruminate
- (e) None of the above

Question 13:

The full _____ of humanitarian aid is imperative to alleviate the dire _____ faced by conflict-affected populations and restore basic livelihoods.

- (a) defilement, composure
- (b) contention, compactness
- (c) clamour, perseverance
- (d) resumption, exigencies
- (e) None of the above

Question 14:

The company's approach to artificial intelligence is marked by _____ experimentation and a _____ commitment to ethical principles.

- (a) reckless, perfunctory
- (b) rigorous, steadfast
- (c) haphazard, indifferent
- (d) superficial, erratic
- (e) None of the above

Question 15:

The report criticised the _____ attitudes of some policymakers, which have _____ systemic inequalities in education.

- (a) complacent, perpetuated
- (b) fervent, ingratiated
- (c) magnanimous, amassed
- (d) apathetic, construed
- (e) None of the above

Question 16:

The diplomat's _____
negotiation tactics helped defuse
the _____ tensions that had
escalated over months.

- (a) obdurate, latent
- (b) conciliatory, volatile
- (c) acrimonious, palpable
- (d) intransigent, tenuous
- (e) None of the above