

Cloze Test

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→ ① Skim the passage
Tone (+ve/-ve)
Informative

② Questions
↳ Vocabulary
Grammar (Part of speech)
Tone (+ve/-ve)

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.

The swift leadership change at Hindustan Unilever (HUL), announced on Thursday, came as a surprise to many, which is understandable as Rohit Jawa is only the second CEO in HUL's long history to have just a two-year stint at the helm. But if you dig a little deeper, the change was (A) for at least two reasons. First, the average CEO tenure in companies around the globe is becoming shorter, courtesy of the (B) changes and uncertainties in the external environment. Second, Unilever itself saw the abrupt exit of Hein Schumacher as the global CEO just 20 months into his tenure in February. He was replaced by Fernando Fernandez, who the board thought could (C) the company's growth plan "with urgency". It all came down to that one word, much beloved by Wall Street: urgency. So it can be a safe assumption that Priya Nair, a tried and tested hand at both HUL and Unilever,

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has been given the job to lend urgency to the business (D) plan that Fernandez, another Unilever veteran, has in mind. The overarching global theme of this plan is to move faster with a focus on demand creation and (E) execution.

Topic
Tone
Informative
CEO

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_____ (A) _____ for at least two reasons.

Strong - robust/sturdy/brawny
resilient
L brave/valiant/valorous
gallant/gutsy

Question 1:

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

I. strengthened

II. foreseen

III. anticipated

} expected
predicted

V³ - Adj

(a) Only III

(b) Both I and II

(c) Only I

☒ (d) Both II and III

(e) None of the above

First, the average CEO tenure in companies around the globe is becoming shorter, courtesy of the Article (B) Adj changes and uncertainties in the external environment. Noun

turbulence, upheaval, tumult, ①
 turmoil, turbulence
 mayhem, bedlam, chaos
 Fiasco, Ruckus, clamour

Question 2:

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

- ☒ I. turbulent - (chaotic, tumultuous, confusing)
- ☒ II. bewildering - confusing
- ☐ III. chugging - moving very slowly but steadily
 ↳ vibrating → Adj

- (a) Only I
- (b) Both II and III
- ☒ (c) Both I and II
- (d) Only III
- (e) None of the above
 cataclysm, apocalypse
 catastrophe

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③

Question 3:

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

- I. intercede ^{intervene} _(resolve a conflict) ^{inter-} _{cede = stop}
- II. leverage _{take use of} ^{CV, Noun}
- III. capitalise on _{~ ~ ~}

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

ductile - that can be drawn into wires

So it can be a safe assumption that Priya Nair, a tried and tested hand at both HUL and Unilever, has been given the job to lend urgency to the business (D) plan that Fernandez, another Unilever veteran, has in mind.

malleable - that can be beaten into sheets
adjustable - can be
revitalize
resuscitate
rejuvenate
invigorate

Question 4:

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

- I. revitalisation - [add energy]
- II. brittle - Adj (-ve) - that can be broken into pieces
- III. revamp - Verb - improve
(+ve) Noun - repair

- (a) Both I and II
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Both II and III
 - ☒ (d) Both I and III
 - (e) None of the above
- fragile - that can break easily
weak

The overarching global theme of this plan is to move faster with a focus on demand creation and _____ (E) _____ execution.

(+ve)
Adj
Noun

Question 5:

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

I. battered

(-ve) Adj - damaged, destroyed

II. seamless

- smooth (+ve) Adj

III. flawless

(+ve) Adj - faultless
perfect
exemplary
quintessential

unblemished

immaculate
impeccable

irreproachable
pristine

irrefutable
infallible
pure

achievable
unsullied

(a) Both I and II

(b) Both II and III

(c) Only II

(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.

The G7 meeting in Canada last month made waves, mainly for the wrong reasons. US President Donald Trump did not just leave the meeting __(A)___ but also attacked Iran, pushing the world to the brink of another world war. The G7 was established 50 years ago, but things have not changed much since then. The start of the 1970s brought multiple economic crises in the world economy—the breakdown of Bretton Woods, oil shock, and the dual problems of high inflation and high unemployment. To __(B)___ the crises, in 1973, then US treasury secretary George Schulz held an informal meeting with the finance ministers of the UK, France, and Germany. In mid-1973, Japan was added, making it G5. In 1975, most of the G5 countries went through political __(C)___ and leadership changes. Given the crisis in geopolitics and geoeconomics, the French presidency organised the first formal meeting of the G5, with Italy as the sixth member, at Château de Rambouillet. The G6 decided to convene annually under a rotating presidency, and added Canada as the seventh

member to become G7. Over 50 years, the G7 evolved into a/ an __(D)___ platform for advanced economies to coordinate their economic policies. In 1981, the European Economic Community was made an informal member and was __(E)___ by the European Union in 2009. Russia was made a member in 1998, but its membership was suspended after Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014.

G-7
history

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lingering, looming, hovering
edge
(d)

Question 6:

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

- I. abruptly - *suddenly (Adv.)*
- II. prematurely - *before time (Adv.)*
- III. ominously - *in a way that suggests (bad) future*

- (a) Only II
 - (b) Both I and III
 - (c) All of I, II and III
 - ~~(d) Both I and II~~
 - (e) None of the above
- on the cards*
on the horizon
something is about to happen

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wobbly - knew

Question 7:

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

- I. nudge - motivate/provoke (lightly) ←
- II. wobble - stagger to shake (to move unsteadily) ←
- III. tackle - deal waves oscillate ←

(a) Only II

(b) Both I and III

~~(c) Only III~~ (C)

(d) Both I and II

(e) None of the above

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political ____ (C) ____ and leadership changes.

Adj

Noun

(-ve)

Question 8:

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

I. rebound

- bounce back ✓ (+ve)

II. upheaval

- turbulence (-ve)

III. overhaul

- repair, revamp (+ve)

~~(a) Only II~~

(a)

(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. prominent

II. elusive

III. acrimonious

✓ (a) Only I

(b) Both I and III

(c) Only II

(d) Both II and III

(e) None of the above

petulant
peevish
choleric
irk some
testy
grouchy
antagonistic
grouchy
grouchy

famous - Adj (+ve)
- (-ve) Adj - (difficult to catch)
hostile, bellicose
belligerent
combative

cantankerous

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Neutral (V3)
Passive Voice

Question 10:

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

I. enlightened — ✗ (+ve)

II. succeeded ✓

III. languished — made weak

V3
(-ve)

lethargic
couch potato

Sluggish
languid
languorous
lazy
torpid
slothful

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

indolent
idle
dormant
passive
stationary
sedentary

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.

What brought together Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa (BRICS), along with six new members—Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Indonesia—at the latest BRICS+ summit in Rio de Janeiro was their common desire to explore new ways of addressing their development challenges. At its annual leaders' summit held in Brazil on July 6 and 7, the group __(A)__ new partnerships in pursuit of multilateralism, trade, and development—rather than a world driven by military alliances or ideology. As a loose coalition that includes authoritarian (China, Russia) and democratic (Brazil, India, South Africa) states, BRICS is not unique: the United Nations (UN) and the Commonwealth also __(B)__ autocracies and democracies. BRICS is not synonymous with a new world order. That, unfortunately, has been __(C)__ by Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine, Israel's use of starvation as a tactic in its war against Gaza, and US President Donald Trump's __(D)__ foreign and economic policies, which have led him to treat the US's European allies as adversaries while threatening most countries with trade and tariff wars. Trump's attack on the nuclear facilities of Iran—one of the new members of BRICS—has also sent

international shockwaves. So has what Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva described as “the genocide carried out by Israel in Gaza.” However, while appearing to __(E)__ the Trump administration's tariffs and foreign policies, the BRICS final statement did not directly mention him or the US. In short, the ending of one international order—signified by the US's sudden retreat from multilateralism, international law, and global governance—is not necessarily making way for the sudden arrival of a brave new world led by a larger BRICS group.

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Question 11:

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

- I. endorsed — ^{supported}
- II. advocated — ^{supported}
- III. championed — ^{supported}

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

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Question 12:

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

- I. herald —
- II. encompass —
- III. incorporate —

give a signal of

cover
include

v2

dictatorship
despotism —

authoritarianism

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



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Question 13:

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

I. espoused

II. oppressed

III. Inflected

- (+ve) - adopted / supported
[subjected to harsh conditions]
[context]
- influenced
- changed the direction

(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. disruptive — (-ve) Adj ✓
- II. ambushes — [hidden attack] ✗
- III. tumultuous — ✓ turbulent, chaotic

(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

(b)

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thwart
throttle

hampers / hinder / derail
curb / contain / check

encumber / smother / curtail

Question 15:

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

I. stymie

II. reproach

III. downplay

undermine

~~(-ve)~~ prevent / deter / obstruct / impede / inhibit

rebuff
criticise, condemn, vilify, demean
berate, denigrate, deride

excoriate, scoff
gibe, mock, jeer, sneer

(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.

The good news for agricultural operations during the kharif or summer season is that the southwest monsoon has rapidly advanced to cover the entire country nine days ahead of its normal schedule on July 8. The monsoon also had an early onset over Kerala eight days before its normal date of June 1. It subsequently stalled in the first half of June and _____(A)_____ in the second half with above-normal rainfall for the month as a whole, registering 109% of its long period average (LPA). _____(B)_____ rainfall in the first month of the monsoon season marked a welcome break from the earlier three years, which recorded an overall deficiency in June. In July, too, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts above-normal rainfall of 106% of the LPA, which _____(C)_____ well for brisk sowing operations for crops like paddy, coarse cereals, pulses, and soya bean. June and July are the most _____(D)_____

months in this regard. Kharif sowing, in fact, accounts for 60% of the annual crop production in the country. The prospect for above-normal rains should result in _____(E)_____ levels of kharif food grain output in the 2025–26 crop year from July to June.

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

Question 16:

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

- I. entrenched — based ✗
- II. reinvigorated — filled with energy ✓
- III. refined — purified ✗

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Question 17:

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

- I. Deplorable — Adj — Disgusting / Despicable
 II. Salient — [Noticeable] [Important] (trv) < Adj <
 III. Propitious — Adj — Favourable Conducive
 Beneficial

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

In July, too, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) ~~predicts~~ forecasts above-normal rainfall of 106% of the LPA, which _____ (C) $\sqrt{2+5}/6$ well for brisk sowing operations for crops like paddy, coarse cereals, pulses, and soya bean.

Question 18:

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

- ~~I.~~ augurs — gives a signal
- II. fosters — supports
- ~~III.~~ bodes — gives a signal

- (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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Noun *Adj (+ve)*
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- (a) Only I
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only II
- (d) Both I and II
- (e) None of the above
imperative

loss
sine qua non *crucial* *indispensable*
vital *instrumental*
Question 19: *essential* *key*
significant
Which of the following best fits in **Option D**?

- I. decisive *- important (+ve) Adj*
- II. pivotal *- important (+ve) Adj*
- III. despair *- Noun (-ve)*
despondency *A complete loss of hope*

The prospect for above-normal rains should result in _____ (E) _____ levels of kharif food grain output in the 2025–26 crop year from July to June.

rankle / ruffle / pester / irritate / bother / nettle / gall / chafe
irritate / bother / nettle / gall / chafe

Question 20: exacerbate pesturb

Which of the following best fits in Option E?

- I. acceded — agreed ×
- II. rankled — irritated ×
- III. elevated ✓ — increased

⑤
Vocabulary
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- (a) Only I
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Only III ✓
- (d) Both I and III
- (e) None of the above

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