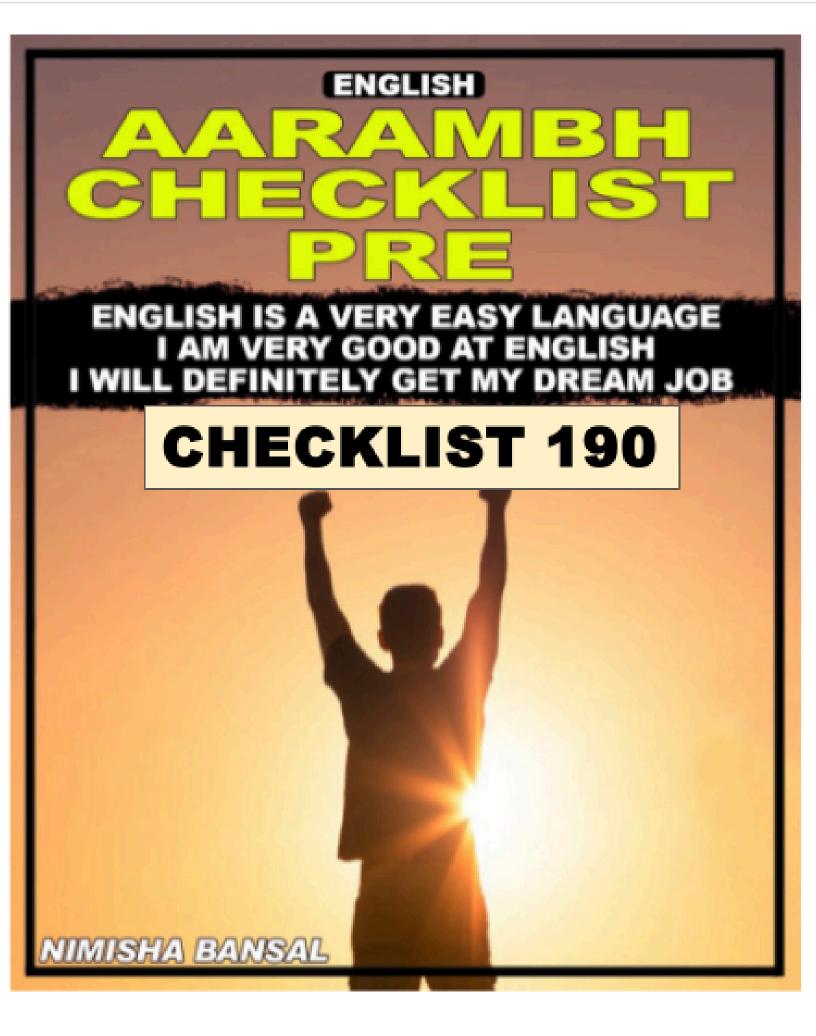
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Directions (1-5): The passage given below contains some blanks wherein the words have been
removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as
your answer.

in India, the board exam season has evolved into a period of collective strain, with parents now
restructuring work commitments or taking leave entirely to support their children through the
(A) demands of Classes 10 and 12. What was once a relatively detached phase has
become an emotionally(B)chapter where every minor disruption feels magnified. The
perceived(C)are immense—securing admission to elite colleges or clearing national-level
entrance exams often hinges on decimal-point differences in marks. Among students in government
schools, there is a growing sense of systemic disparity, as private institutions appear better positioned
in terms of resources and support, fuelling quiet(D) Meanwhile, perfectionist students
subject themselves to punishing revision schedules, while parents, though often academically
redundant, remain on standby—offering glucose biscuits, outdated insights, and often unwelcome pep
talks. Though exhausting, this ritual of anxious proximity is quietly accepted as the price of staying
emotionally attuned to teenagers at their most(E)and aspirational.

# Question 1:

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

- I. arduous
- II. rigorous
- III. exacting
- A. Only I
- B. Both I and III
- C. Only II
- D. Both II and III
- E. All of I, II and III

# Question 2:

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

I. fraught II. agile III. fragility
A. Only III B. Both I and II C. Only I D. Both II and III E. All of I, II and III
The perceived(C)are immense—securing admission to elite colleges or clearing national-level entrance exams often hinges on decimal-point differences in marks.
Question 3:
Which of the following best fits in <b>Option C</b> ?
I. anticipation II. potential III. stakes
A. Only I B. Both I and III C. Only III D. Both II and III E. All of I, II and III
Question 4:
Which of the following best fits in <b>Option D</b> ?
I. annoyed II. estranged III. resentment
A. Only I B. Both I and III C. Only II

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Question 6:

Which	of the	following	best fits	in O	ption	Α?
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- I. fundamental
- II. paramount
- III. indispensable
- A. Only I
- B. Both I and III
- C. Only II
- D. Both II and III
- E. All of I, II and III

# Question 7:

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

- I. pursuit
- II. endeavor
- III. commodity
- A. Only II
- B. Both I and III
- C. Both I and II
- D. Both II and III
- E. All of I, II and III

# **Question 8:**

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

- I. traverse
- II. bypasses
- III. eludes
- A. Only I
- B. Both I and III
- C. Only II
- D. Both II and III
- E. All of I, II and III

# Question 9:

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

- I. effective
- II. valuable
- III. potent
- A. Both I and II
- B. Both I and III
- C. Only III
- D. Both II and III
- E. All of I, II and III

# Question 10:

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

- I. bedrock
- II. hardrock
- III. cornerstone
- A. Only I
- B. Both I and III
- C. Only II
- D. Both II and III
- E. All of I, II and III

## **ANSWER**

## 1.Answer: E

**Explanation:** The sentence conveys that the board exam season in India has become a highly stressful and demanding time, not just for students, but for their parents as well.

- "**Arduous**" (I) Suggests something is difficult and tiring, emphasizing the exhausting nature of the demands.
- "Rigorous" (II) Implies something is strict, thorough, and demanding, often in a structured way (e.g., academic standards).
- **"Exacting"** (III) Means requiring great precision and effort, often implying high standards that must be met.

All three options—"arduous," "rigorous," and "exacting"— fit grammatically.

## 2.Answer: C

**Explanation:** The sentence conveys that a phase which was once emotionally distant or detached has now become much more emotionally intense and involved.

- **"Fraught"** (I) means filled with tension, anxiety, or emotional strain, which fits perfectly in the context. The sentence describes a phase that has become emotionally charged, where even small disruptions feel exaggerated.
- "Agile" (II) means quick and nimble, which doesn't relate to emotions or tension.
- "Fragility" (III) is a noun meaning delicacy or vulnerability, but the blank requires an adjective to describe the emotional state of the "chapter."

#### 3.Answer: C

**Explanation:** "Stakes" refers to the risks or rewards involved in a situation, which aligns perfectly with the context of the sentence. The phrase "The perceived stakes are immense" suggests that there is a lot at risk (e.g., college admissions, career opportunities) based on small differences in marks.

"Anticipation" (I) doesn't fit because it refers to excitement or nervousness about something in the future, not the importance or consequences of an outcome.

"Potential" (II) could make partial sense, but it doesn't convey the high-risk, high-reward implication as strongly as "stakes" does.

## 4.Answer: D

**Explanation:** The sentence describes a "growing sense of systemic disparity" between government and private schools, leading to a negative emotional response among students.

**Resentment** (III) means "bitter indignation at being treated unfairly," which fits perfectly with the idea of students feeling disadvantaged due to unequal resources and support.

**Annoyed** (I) is too mild—it doesn't capture the deeper, more lasting dissatisfaction implied by systemic inequality.

**Estranged** (II) means "alienated or disconnected," which doesn't quite fit the context of an emotional reaction to unfairness.

## 5.Answer: A

**Explanation:** The sentence describes a taxing but necessary effort to stay emotionally connected to teenagers during a challenging phase.

**Volatile** (II) means "liable to change rapidly and unpredictably," which perfectly captures the emotional instability and unpredictability often associated with teenagers.

**Predictable** (I) contradicts the tone of the sentence—if teenagers were predictable, staying attuned to them wouldn't be described as "exhausting" or requiring "anxious proximity."

**Transform** (III) is a verb and doesn't fit grammatically (the blank requires an adjective).

# 6. Answer: E

**Explanation:** The sentence is saying that **human beings naturally need connection**, and this need is **very important for their emotional and mental health**.

**Fundamental** means *basic or essential* — it fits because connection is a core need.

**Paramount** means *most important* — it fits by stressing its top priority.

**Indispensable** means absolutely necessary — it fits by showing it's vital for well-being.

## 7. Answer: C

**Explanation:** The sentence suggests that in today's fast-paced, technology-driven world, forming genuine and meaningful relationships has become more difficult and challenging than before.

**Pursuit** – Fits well, as "forging authentic relationships" can be seen as a chasing after or striving for something valuable in a fast-paced world.

**Endeavor** – Also works, as it implies a difficult but purposeful effort, which aligns with the challenges of building real connections.

**Commodity** – Doesn't fit as naturally. While relationships can metaphorically be called "valuable," calling them a "commodity" (an economic good) feels out of place in this context.

## 8.Answer: D

**Explanation:** We need a verb that describes how genuine connection *evades* or *misses* people, contributing to their sense of isolation.

**Traverse:** means to travel across or through something. The sentence speaks about the lack of a deep human connection, not about something traveling through or across. So, it doesn't match the idea of *connection missing* or *avoiding* us.

**Bypasses:** means to go around or avoid something. It fits the context well because it suggests that genuine connection often *avoids* us, leaving us isolated.

**Eludes:** means to escape or avoid in a subtle or skillful manner. It fits perfectly in the context of the sentence, as it suggests that genuine human connection *evades* us in a way that leaves us feeling isolated.

### 9.Answer: E

**Explanation:** The blank needs an adjective that describes a tool as essential and important in fostering meaningful connections through thoughtful dialogue.

**Effective** works well here because it suggests that the tool is successful at achieving the desired outcome—nurturing connections. It emphasizes that thoughtful dialogue is capable of producing the desired result, which is strong, meaningful relationships.

**Valuable** also fits perfectly because it conveys the idea that the tool is important or beneficial. In this context, it suggests that thoughtful dialogue is crucial in creating connections, highlighting its worth and importance in the process.

**Potent** fits as well because it implies that the tool is powerful or influential. Using potent emphasizes that thoughtful dialogue has a strong effect, making it a key factor in building deep connections.

Therefore, all three words—effective, valuable, and potent—are appropriate in this context.

10. Answer: B Explanation:

**Bedrock** refers to the solid rock that lies beneath the surface of the earth, and metaphorically, it suggests something that is the fundamental basis or foundation of something. In this context, bedrock works perfectly to indicate that these relationships are the foundation of a fulfilling human experience.

**Hardrock** is a term that typically refers to a type of rock, often used in the context of music or geology. It doesn't carry the same metaphorical meaning of being foundational or essential as bedrock or cornerstone does. It is not appropriate in this context.

**Cornerstone** is a metaphor for something that is a critical or foundational element upon which something else is built. In this case, cornerstone fits well because it suggests that these relationships are central and essential to building a fulfilling and resilient life.







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