

VIJETA CHECKLIST MAINS



CHECKLIST 121

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Direction (1-5): A paragraph is given below with five blanks. Below different phrases are also given, which will fill these blanks and make a coherent passage. You are required to find the correct place for these phrases and fill in the blanks.

The massacre of 26 people, most of them tourists, in Pahalgam, Kashmir, by Islamist terrorists has jolted the conscience of the nation and the world. It is a tragic reminder of the constant threat of terrorism, _____(m)_____. The mind-numbing reports of the attackers identifying victims by religion before executing them at close range mark _____(n)_____. Home Minister Amit Shah, who visited the attack site, asserted that “Bharat won’t bend to terrorism,” while Prime Minister Narendra Modi curtailed his visit to Saudi Arabia to return to New Delhi. India must speak in one voice in this period of national calamity. It is _____(o)_____ social cohesion. The unity of the Indian people is the most _____(p)_____. Amid the horror, a local Muslim man tried to shield the tourists but lost his own life in the process. Widespread protests across Kashmir following the incident also signalled _____(q)_____. The victims hailed from all parts of India, reflecting the diversity of those who were drawn to Kashmir as it re-emerged as a favoured tourist destination. The attack has disrupted not just lives, but also livelihoods in a region economically dependent on tourism.

1. a new low in the history of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism
2. a rejection of such violence by ordinary citizens.
3. potent antidote to terror instigated from across the border
4. which strikes without warning at innocent civilians
5. imperative to avoid internal divisions that could threaten

Question 1:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place m**?

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 1
- D. 2
- E. 5

Question 2:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place n**?

- A. 1
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 2
- E. 5

Question 3:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place o**?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 1
- E. 5

Question 4:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place p**?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 1
- E. 5

Question 5:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place q**?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 1
- E. 5

Direction (6-10): A paragraph is given below with five blanks. Below different phrases are also given, which will fill these blanks and make a coherent passage. You are required to find the correct place for these phrases and fill in the blanks.

Affirmative action remains one of the most effective ways _____(m)_____. The most recent attempt to address deep-rooted discrimination against persons with disabilities in Tamil Nadu _____(n)_____. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin tabled two Bills in the Assembly last week to increase the number of persons with disabilities in all local bodies in the State. While one Bill _____(o)_____, municipal councils and municipal corporations with amendments to the Tamil Nadu Urban Local Bodies Act, the second intends to bring into law the decision to nominate one person with disabilities to all village panchayats, panchayat union councils and district panchayats by amending the Tamil Nadu Panchayats Act. Mr. Stalin said once these Bills are enacted, _____(p)_____, 12,913 in village panchayats, and 388 in panchayat unions, besides 37 persons with disabilities in district panchayats. At the moment, there are only 35 persons with disabilities in urban local bodies, he informed the House. Besides ensuring dignity for persons with disabilities, and eroding stigma and discrimination, this change would empower the community, _____(q)_____.

1. there would be guaranteed posts for 650 persons with disabilities in urban local bodies
2. involving their representatives in decision-making at the grassroots level
3. of addressing historical wrongs and systemic deprivation
4. seeks to nominate persons with disabilities to all town panchayats
5. is likely to have a far-reaching impact for the community

Question 6:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place m**?

- A. 5

- B. 4
- C. 1
- D. 2
- E. 3

Question 7:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place n**?

- A. 1
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 2
- E. 5

Question 8:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place o**?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 1
- E. 5

Question 9:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place p**?

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 3
- D. 1

E. 5

Question 10:

Which of the following phrases can contextually and grammatically fill the **place q**?

A. 2

B. 4

C. 3

D. 1

E. 5

ANSWER**1.Ans: B**

Explanation: We need a phrase that logically and grammatically completes this sentence by describing or explaining the “constant threat of terrorism.”

"which strikes without warning at innocent civilians": This phrase clearly and effectively describes how terrorism works — it complements the idea of a "constant threat" and explains its unpredictable, deadly nature. **Grammatically**, it is a **non-defining relative clause**, making it a perfect fit after a general noun phrase like "the constant threat of terrorism."

2.Ans: A

Explanation: We are looking for a phrase that describes **what this horrifying act represents or signifies**. Grammatically, this blank needs a **noun phrase** that can serve as the **object of "mark"**.

"a new low in the history of Pakistan-sponsored terrorism": This fits **both grammatically and contextually**. It refers to a particularly heinous and shocking act and suggests that this incident is among the worst examples of such terrorism. The structure also fits perfectly after “mark.”

3.Ans: E

Explanation: We're looking for a phrase that shows **why** or **in what way** something is important **to social cohesion**, or why social cohesion is needed **in this context of national calamity**. The paragraph describes a horrifying attack in Kashmir that aimed to divide people along religious lines. In such a situation, the nation must remain united to prevent the terrorists from achieving their goal of creating chaos and division. "It is imperative to avoid internal divisions that could threaten social cohesion" fits contextually as it warns that if we allow divisions (religious, regional, or ideological) to grow, we risk weakening the very unity that can help us stand strong against terrorism.

4.Ans: C

Explanation: This sentence is highlighting **what role or value** unity holds **in the context of the terrorist attack**. The attack was an attempt to divide people — especially along religious lines — and provoke fear and disintegration. The sentence aims to show that **unity is not just valuable, but also a strong counter to that threat**. “potent antidote to terror instigated from across the border” fits **grammatically** because it acts as a noun phrase that completes the sentence logically. The article “the” before “most” suggests a **superlative noun phrase** — something that unity **represents at its strongest**. It fits **contextually**, because the phrase **"potent antidote"** implies that **unity actively counters terrorism**. It refers specifically to **terror instigated from across the border** — tying the sentence to the larger theme of cross-border terrorism and national integrity.

5.Ans: A

Explanation: We are looking for a phrase that expresses **what the widespread protests signified** in the aftermath of the attack. The protests are described as a **reaction to the terrorist violence**, and the tone of the paragraph is focused on unity, resilience, and condemnation of terror. So the correct option must capture the **public's disapproval or moral stand** against the brutality. "**a rejection of such violence by ordinary citizens**" fits grammatically, it is a complete noun phrase that fits directly after "signalled." **Contextually**, it makes complete sense — protests by locals (including those from the region where the attack happened) show **solidarity with the victims** and **disapproval of the attackers' motives**.

6.Ans: E

Explanation: "of addressing historical wrongs and systemic deprivation": This is a grammatically correct and contextually relevant **noun phrase** that fits after "one of the most effective ways..." This phrase explains the **purpose** of affirmative action — correcting injustices. **Affirmative action** is a **policy tool** used to provide opportunities to historically marginalized communities — including **persons with disabilities**, in this passage. The paragraph talks about **legislative action in Tamil Nadu** to **increase representation** for such individuals in local governance. Therefore, the missing phrase should express the **larger goal** or **moral justification** of affirmative action.

7.Ans: E

Explanation: "is likely to have a far-reaching impact for the community"

It fits the tone, structure, and flow — and adds value by emphasizing the importance of the initiative before explaining it. The sentence talks about a **recent attempt to combat discrimination**. This phrase evaluates that attempt: it **doesn't just describe what the attempt does**, but tells us its **expected significance**. The rest of the paragraph elaborates on what the attempt *is* — introducing Bills, nominating persons with disabilities to local bodies, etc. So, this sentence acts as a **transition from the general to the specific**.

8.Ans: B

Explanation: We're looking for a phrase that tells us what **one of the two Bills** does — particularly, something that connects to **municipal councils and corporations**.

"seeks to nominate persons with disabilities to all town panchayats" fits contextually. The paragraph is discussing two Bills: One Bill addresses **urban local bodies** (like **town panchayats, municipal councils, corporations**). The second Bill addresses **village panchayats** and **district panchayats**. This phrase clearly refers to **urban local bodies**, specifically **town panchayats**, which fits the subject matter of this first Bill.

9.Ans: D

Explanation: "there would be guaranteed posts for 650 persons with disabilities in urban local bodies":

The sentence discusses **what will happen** after the Bills are passed. This phrase talks about the **creation of guaranteed posts** for **persons with disabilities**, which is the **direct outcome** of the Bills. The next part of the sentence talks about **additional reserved seats** in **village panchayats**, **panchayat unions**, and **district panchayats** — so beginning the list with the **urban local bodies** makes perfect sense.

10. Ans: A

Explanation: "involving their representatives in decision-making at the grassroots level":

The sentence starts by highlighting **positive outcomes** of the change: ensuring dignity, eroding stigma and discrimination, empowering the community. This phrase explains **how the community is empowered** — by **actively including persons with disabilities in decision-making processes** at the **grassroots level**. It aligns perfectly with the overall theme of **political inclusion, representation, and participatory democracy** that the rest of the passage promotes.



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