

VIJETA CHECKLIST MAINS



CHECKLIST 126

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Double Fillers

Directions (1-5): In the following questions, a sentence is given with two blanks in it followed by two columns. From column I, pick the most appropriate alternative/s that fit/s correctly in the first blank and from column II pick the most appropriate alternative/s that fit/s correctly in the second blank. Choose the correct combination of words using the given options. If none of the combinations is correct, choose option E as your answer.

Question 1:

Despite the CEO's public display of humility, his inner circle was well aware of his _____ ambition and his tendency to _____ those who questioned his authority.

Column I	Column II
P. unbridled	S. revere
Q. latent	T. undermine
R. capricious	U. ingratiate

- (A) Both Q-S and R-U
- (B) Only P-T
- (C) Both P-T and Q-T
- (D) Both Q-U and R-S
- (E) None of the above

Question 2:

The journalist's investigation was met with _____ resistance from officials who feared exposure, prompting her to proceed with even greater _____.

Column I	Column II
P. perfunctory	S. trepidation

Q. vehement	T. resolve
R. indifferent	U. hesitation

- (A) Both Q-U and R-S
- (B) Only R-T
- (C) Both P-T and Q-S
- (D) Only Q-T
- (E) None of the above

Question 3:

The diplomat's _____ remarks during the press conference were lauded by analysts, who praised his ability to deliver criticism with _____.

Column I	Column II
P. caustic	S. tact
Q. measured	T. contempt
R. flippanant	U. fervor

- (A) Both P-T and R-U
- (B) Only Q-S
- (C) Both P-S and Q-U
- (D) Both R-T and Q-S
- (E) None of the above

Question 4:

The professor's lecture was met with initial _____ by the students, but as the session progressed, they recognized the _____ structure underlying his seemingly abstract arguments.

Column I	Column II
P. skepticism	S. erratic
Q. confusion	T. robust
R. admiration	U. deliberate

- (A) Only P–S
- (B) Both R–S and Q–T
- (C) Both P–T and Q–U
- (D) Only Q–U
- (E) None of the above

Question 5:

What began as a _____ remark in the middle of the discussion soon evolved into a _____ idea that reshaped the entire strategy.

Column I	Column II
P. caustic	S. transformative
Q. casual	T. redundant
R. offhand	U. compelling

- (A) Both Q–S and R–U
- (B) Only R–T
- (C) Both P–T and Q–U

(D) Only P–S

(E) None of the above

Error Detection

Direction (6-10): The given paragraph contains errors, either grammatical or contextual, in one or more parts. Determine the number of parts with errors. Mark “E” if the sentence contains “no error”.

Question 6:

The much-anticipated Digital Personal Data Protection Bill was first introduced in 2022 and subsequently revised after extensive consultations with the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), industry experts, and civil society representatives. As per official sources, the revised draft are expected to be presented before Parliament in the upcoming winter session. The 2024 version of the Bill introduces several key changes to the Information Technology Act, 2000, and aim to establish a dedicated Data Protection Board. The overarching objective of the amendments is to ensure responsible handling of personal data and to strengthen individual privacy rights in line with global standards. Among the notable provision is the requirement for all data fiduciaries to obtain explicit consent before processing data. Another critical proposal involves establishing stricter cross-border data transfer protocols, thereby enhancing trust in India’s digital ecosystem.

(A) One

(B) Two

(C) Three

(D) More than three

(E) No error

Question 7:

The Supreme Court on May 1, 2025 putted the onus of completing the work of tapping six partially tapped drains in Agra on the Uttar Pradesh government. The work should be completed with four months, the court ordered. It is for the state of Uttar Pradesh to decide which agency complete the work, the apex court noted. The applications would remain pending until all compliances are reported, the order added. SC perused the affidavits filed on behalf of the Municipal Corporation, Agra and Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Urban). Affidavit dated April 11, 2025, filed by the Municipal Corporation, Agra, indicated that the issue was about 61 untapped drains and six partially tapped drains. Interim measures such as bio-remediation and phyto-remediation techniques are being used in present. The work of

tapping 23 untapped drains was to be completed by the end of April 2025. However, compliance has not yet been reported, SC noted.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) More than three
- (E) No error

Question 8:

Imagine waking up one morning to a world without coffee. Your salad lacks crisp cucumbers and ripe tomatoes and your desert is missing apples and almonds. While this might initially seem like a minor inconvenience, it signals a far deeper crisis — the breakdown of the ecosystems that sustain our food supply. Pollinators, the silent architects of agriculture, are indispensable to the growth of countless crops that nourish humanity. Animals such as bees, butterflies, birds and bats are key to the reproduction of more than 75 per cent of flowering plant species and are responsible for nearly a third of the global food supply, according to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). Worldwide, pollination by animals aids the survival of approximately 308,000 flowering plant species, highlighting the indispensable role of pollinators in preserving biodiversity and ecological stability. Their value becomes even clearer when examining the improvements they bring to agricultural productivity.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) More than three
- (E) No error

Question 9:

Two granite memorials bearing messages from acclaimed authors Manjushree Thapa and Andri Snær Magnason will be unveiled on May 12, 2025 at the rapidly retreating Yala Glacier in Nepal's Langtang Valley, in a poignant tribute to one of the Himalaya's most studied and endangered glacier. The ceremony, set to take place at an altitude of over 5,000 metre, will bring together scientists, monks,

villagers, and government officials, stated a press note by International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). It will begin with a Buddhist prayer led by local monks, followed by speeches from glaciologists and central government representatives. Attendees will then tour the glacier site, viewing photographic comparisons that starkly illustrate the glacier's retreat from 1974 to the present.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) More than three
- (E) No error

Question 10:

Greece is caught in a climate trap: Longer droughts are now precursors to more intense floods, a dangerous cycle driven by parched landscapes and overwhelmed waterways. Scientists possesses the technical know-how to break this chain with strategies such as early warning systems and nature-based solutions, but there is a problem. The EU's recent legal action against Athens for lagging flood preparedness reveals a hurdle: Political inertia hindering the shift from reactive disaster response to proactive, resilience planning crucial for safeguarding the nation against escalating climate risks. Climate change is having widespread effects, including on the water cycle, which in turn directly impacts events like droughts and floods. Scientists often refer to this interconnectedness as the "climate change–drought–flood" chain, or as a set of compound risks.

- (A) One
- (B) Two
- (C) Three
- (D) More than three
- (E) No error

ANSWER

1.Ans: B

Explanation:

For First Blank: The sentence implies that the CEO appears humble outwardly but is secretly extremely ambitious.

P. unbridled (adjective): uncontrolled or unrestrained – this fits well.

Q. latent (adjective): hidden or dormant – possible, but the sentence suggests his ambition is known to his circle.

R. capricious (adjective): unpredictable or impulsive – doesn't fit the idea of ambition.

For Second Blank: The CEO "tends to" do something negative to those who challenge him.

T. undermine (verb): to weaken or sabotage – fits perfectly.

S. revere (verb): to admire deeply – opposite of what we want.

U. ingratiate (verb): to try to gain favor – doesn't fit someone reacting negatively to dissent.

Only **P-T** makes a logically and semantically correct pair.

2.Ans: D

Explanation:

For First Blank: The sentence indicates that the journalist encountered strong opposition.

Q. vehement (adjective): intense or forceful – fits perfectly.

P. perfunctory (adjective): done with minimal effort – doesn't fit resistance.

R. indifferent (adjective): unconcerned – completely the opposite.

For Second Blank: The journalist continued with greater determination.

T. resolve (noun): firm determination – fits well.

S. trepidation (noun): fear – opposite of what's needed.

U. hesitation (noun): delay or uncertainty – doesn't fit "proceed with even greater..."

Thus, only **Q-T** is the correct pair.

3.Ans: B

Explanation:

For First Blank: The diplomat made remarks that were praised for their subtle, controlled criticism.

P. caustic (bitterly sarcastic or scathing) is too harsh to be "lauded" in a diplomatic context.

Q. measured (carefully considered and restrained) fits the tone of diplomatic speech and praise.

R. flippant (not showing a serious attitude) is inappropriate for a praised diplomatic remark.

Second Blank: He delivered criticism with a positive quality—probably diplomacy or skill.

S. tact (sensitivity in dealing with others) is the perfect fit.

T. contempt (disrespect or disdain) is negative and wouldn't be praised.

U. fervor (intense passion) doesn't suit the context of restrained diplomatic criticism.

So, the best combination is **Q-S**.

4. Ans: C

Explanation:

For First Blank: The students initially struggled to grasp the lecture:

P. skepticism: makes sense—they were doubtful or hesitant at first.

Q. confusion: also fits—students were unclear at the beginning.

R. admiration: too positive for the phrase "initial... but as the session progressed..."

Second Blank: The second half of the sentence emphasizes a deeper understanding of structure:

T. robust: strong and well-formed argument structure — fits.

U. deliberate: intentional and purposeful — also fits well with "underlying structure."

S. erratic: inconsistent or unpredictable — doesn't fit "structure" that led to appreciation.

So, the best combination is **P-T** and **Q-U**.

5. Ans: A

Explanation:

For First Blank:

First Blank: We are talking about something that *started out casually* during a discussion:

Q. casual (informal, unplanned) is a perfect fit.

R. offhand (done without preparation) also fits well.

P. caustic (bitter or sarcastic) does not fit the neutral-to-positive tone.

Second Blank: The idea eventually became significant:

S. transformative (causing a significant change) fits perfectly.

U. compelling (convincing, powerful) also fits well.

T. redundant (unnecessary or repetitive) does not match "reshaped the entire strategy."

So, the best combination is **Q-S** and **R-U**.

6. Ans: C

Explanation: The given paragraph contains **three** errors:

I: "The revised draft **are** expected" should be "The revised draft **is** expected" because "draft" is singular, and the verb should agree with it.

II: "The 2024 version of the Bill introduces several key changes to the Information Technology Act, 2000, and **aim** to establish a dedicated Data Protection Board" should be "and **aims** to establish" because the subject "The 2024 version of the Bill" is singular, and the verb should be in singular form.

III: "Among the notable **provision**" should be "Among the notable **provisions**" because "provision" should be in its plural form, as it refers to multiple provisions in the Bill.

7.Ans: D

Explanation: The given paragraph contains **four** errors:

I: "The Supreme Court on May 1, 2025 **putted** the onus" should be "The Supreme Court **on May 1, 2025, put** the onus" because "put" is the correct past tense form of the verb.

II: "The work should be completed **with** four months" should be "The work should be completed **within** four months" because "within" is the appropriate preposition to indicate the timeframe for completion.

III: "It is for the state of Uttar Pradesh to decide which agency **complete** the work" should be "It is for the state of Uttar Pradesh to decide which agency **completes** the work" because the verb needs to match the subject "agency," which is singular, so "completes" is correct.

IV: "Interim measures such as bio-remediation and phyto-remediation techniques are being used in **present**" should be "are being used **at present**" because "at present" is the correct phrase to refer to the current time.

8.Ans: A

Explanation: The given paragraph contains **one** error:

The word "desert" is incorrect in this context. It should be "dessert."

Desert (noun): A dry, barren area of land.

Dessert (noun): A sweet course typically eaten at the end of a meal.

9.Ans: B

Explanation: The given paragraph contains **two** errors:

I: The phrase "*in a poignant tribute to one of the Himalaya's most studied and endangered glacier*" is incorrect. The word "**glacier**" should be in its plural form "**glaciers**" because the phrase "one of the"

must be followed by a **plural noun**. The correct phrase is:

"one of the Himalaya's most studied and endangered glaciers."

II: The sentence *"at an altitude of over 5,000 metre"* uses the word **"metre"** in singular form, which is incorrect when referring to a specific measurement above one. It should be **"metres"** because the number 5,000 indicates plural. The correct phrase is:

"at an altitude of over 5,000 metres."

10. Ans: C

Explanation: The given paragraph contains **three** errors:

I: **"Greece is caught in a climate trap"** is incorrect. The verb **"caught"** is not a proper past participle. The correct form of the verb **"catch"** in passive voice is **"caught"**. **Corrected sentence:** *"Greece is caught in a climate trap."*

II: **"Scientists possesses the technical know-how..."** is incorrect. The subject **"Scientists"** is plural, so the verb should also be plural: **"possess"** (not "possesses"). **Corrected sentence:** *"Scientists possess the technical know-how..."*

III: In the phrase **"resilience planning"**, the word **"resilience"** is a noun, but the sentence requires an **adjective** to modify "planning". The correct adjective form is **"resilient"**. **Corrected sentence:** *"...proactive, resilient planning crucial for safeguarding the nation..."*



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