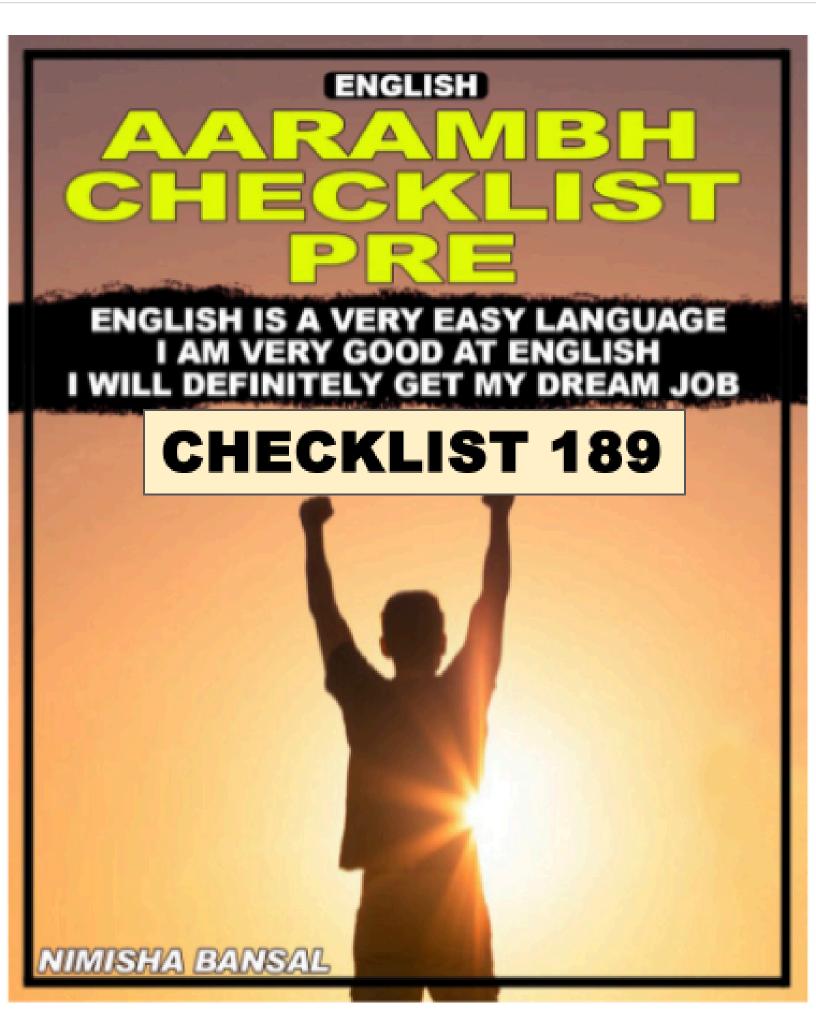
ENGLISH WITH NIMISHA BANSAL



<u>Fillers</u>
Directions (1-5) :Select the most appropriate word that is both grammatically and contextually correct to fill in the blank.
 The international tribunal's decisive ruling the multinational corporation's long-standing claims over the disputed territory, paving the way for equitable negotiations. (A) endorsed (B) dismantled (C) bargained (D) overlooked (E) mediated
2. Despite the provocative remarks during the panel discussion, the spokesperson reacted, carefully articulating the organization's stance without showing signs of agitation or offense. (A) vindictively (B) sarcastically (C) diplomatically (D) abrasively (E) dismissively
3. The philosopher's radical ideas about human nature began to traditional notions of morality, forcing society to reconsider long-held beliefs. (A) reinforce (B) undermine (C) embellish (D) commemorate (E) divert

4. The groundbreaking archaeological findings help conclusive evidence that challenged the previously (A) disprove	ed to the controversial claim, providing accepted interpretation of ancient trade routes.
(B) complicate	
(C) obscure	
(D) negate	
(E) corroborate	
5. The discovery of hidden documents	the historians, forcing them to reconsider their
previous conclusions about the ancient civilization's	practices.
(A) flummoxed	
(B) alleviated	
(C) placated	
(D) satisfied	

Match the column

(E) invigorated

Direction (6-10): Two columns are given with few sentences/phrases in each which are grammatically correct and meaningful. Connect them by the word given below the statements in the best possible way without changing the intended meaning. Choose the best possible combination as your answer accordingly from the options to form a correct, coherent sentence.

Question 6:

Column 1	Column 2
(A) India's fintech adoption rate of 87%, well above the global average,	(D) signaling strong international demand, particularly from Africa, Asia, Europe, West Asia, and the Americas.
(B) The PMI rose slightly from 58.1 in March to 58.2 in April,	(E) highlights a temporary boost for India's manufacturing sector, which saw a 4% growth low last fiscal year.
(C) Apple's decision to source most of its iPhones for the U.S. market from India	(F) has integrated small businesses into the formal banking system, improving tax compliance

and regulatory oversight.

- A. A-D, B-F, and C-E
- B. A-E, B-D, and C-F
- **C.** A-F, B-D, and C-E
- **D.** Only B-E and C-F
- **E.** Only B-E and C-D

Question 7:

Column 1	Column 2
(A) For sustainable growth, India's manufacturing sector needs to boost	(D) significantly progress in tax compliance.
(B) India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in April reached ₹2.37 lakh crore	(E) domestic consumption and secure favorable terms in trade agreements.
(C) This April, refunds to exporters rose by 86%, and GST revenues from imports increased by 20.8%, correlating with	(F) growth in the manufacturing sector, as indicated by the HSBC India Manufacturing PMI.

- A. Only C-F
- B. Only B-D
- C. A-F, B-D, and C-E
- **D.** Only A-E and C-F
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Question 8:

Column 1	Column 2
(A) Despite a challenging three-year term marked by low ratings on issues like the economy,	(D) discussions on trade, resilient supply chains, and partnerships in critical minerals and technology.
(B) With India set to host the Quad summit later this year, Mr. Albanese is expected to focus	(E) to diversify their economic interests and reinforce their strategic alliances.
(C) The changing geopolitical dynamics driven by China and the U.S. highlight the necessity for Indo-Pacific nations	(F) where his opposition to U.S. trade policies resonated with voters.

- **A.** Only A-F
- **B.** Only B-D and C-E
- C. A-F, B-D, and C-E
- **D.** Only A-E and C-F
- E. Only C-F and B-D

Question 9:

Column 1	Column 2
(A) The Centre's decision to include caste enumeration in the next national Census	(D) is apparent that the BJP is concerned about the potential political ramifications.
(B) While there is no clear evidence that these moves have gained the Congress electoral support, it	(E) represents a significant shift in the BJP's stance, marking a departure from its previous position.
(C) A caste census, the first since 1931, could reshape political and social realities, as it	(F) has the potential to unleash significant social forces that date back to colonial India.

A. A-D, B-F, and C-E

- B. A-E, B-D, and C-F
- C. A-F, B-D, and C-E
- **D.** Only A-E and C-F
- E. Only B-F and C-D

Question 10:

Column 1	Column 2
(A) The fire engines faced difficulties accessing the congested area,	(D) have become disturbingly routine across India, particularly in Kolkata.
(B) The lack of other accessible means of escape is a clear violation of fire safety norms,	(E) which demand multiple exit routes for emergencies.
(C) Devastating fires in congested buildings, leading to tragic loss of life and property,	(F) complicating efforts to control the blaze and rescue victims.

- A. Only C-D
- B. A-E, B-D and C-F
- **C.** Only A-F and B-D
- **D.** A-F, B-E and C-D
- E. None of these

ANSWER

1.Ans: (B)

Explanation: We need a verb that conveys the idea of **completely breaking down or eliminating** the corporation's claims.

- (A) **Dismantled** (verb): took apart or disassembled; here, used metaphorically to mean **nullified or invalidated** the claims.
- (B) **Endorsed** means approved or supported opposite of what's needed.
- (C) **Bargained** means negotiated doesn't fit the ruling context.
- (D) **Overlooked** means ignored illogical here since the tribunal ruled decisively.
- (E) **Mediated** implies acting as a go-between again, not the same as issuing a ruling.

2.Ans: (C)

Explanation: We need a word that reflects a **calm**, **tactful**, **and composed reaction** in response to provocative remarks. The word should suggest the spokesperson's ability to handle a potentially tense situation with **grace** and **professionalism**, without showing any signs of anger or frustration.

- (A) vindictively with a desire for revenge; too hostile for the calm, composed tone described
- (B) **sarcastically** in a mocking or ironic way; doesn't align with thoughtful articulation
- (C) **diplomatically** handling situations with tact and sensitivity; fits perfectly
- (D) **abrasively** harshly or aggressively; contradicts the idea of not showing agitation
- (E) **dismissively** showing something as unworthy of consideration; doesn't match the idea of addressing concerns logically

3.Ans: (B)

Explanation: We need a word that suggests the philosopher's ideas are **challenging or weakening** the traditional notions of morality, causing society to **rethink** its long-held beliefs. The word should reflect the **disruption or questioning** of existing ideas or concepts.

- (A) **reinforce** to strengthen or support; contradicts the idea of challenging established notions
- (B) **undermine** to weaken or erode gradually; fits perfectly with the concept of challenging traditional beliefs
- (C) embellish to add decorative details; doesn't fit with the context of challenging norms
- (D) **commemorate** to honor or remember; unrelated to altering beliefs
- (E) **divert** to distract or redirect; doesn't match the intended meaning of challenging foundational ideas

4.Ans: (E)

Explanation: We need a word that indicates **supporting or confirming** the controversial claim with new evidence, as the archaeological findings provided **conclusive evidence**. The word should reflect the idea that the findings **strengthen** or **back up** the claim.

- (A) **disprove** to prove something false; doesn't match the context of supporting or validating a claim
- (B) **complicate** to make something more difficult or complex; not suitable for the idea of supporting a claim
- (C) **obscure** to make something unclear or hidden; contradicts the idea of providing conclusive evidence
- (D) negate to nullify or make ineffective; doesn't align with providing supporting evidence
- (E) **corroborate** to confirm or support with evidence; fits perfectly as it indicates supporting the claim with new findings

5.Ans: (A)

Explanation: We need a word that conveys a **sense of confusion or bewilderment**, as the historians are being forced to reconsider their conclusions due to new discoveries.

- (A) **flummoxed** to bewilder or confuse; fits perfectly as the discovery caused confusion and forced a reevaluation
- (B) **alleviated** to relieve or ease; doesn't align with the idea of causing confusion or reevaluation
- (C) placated to soothe or calm; not suitable for a situation where confusion is the result
- (D) satisfied to fulfill or gratify; contradicts the idea of confusion or uncertainty
- (E) **invigorated** to give new energy or strength; doesn't fit with the concept of bewilderment caused by new evidence

6.Ans: D

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