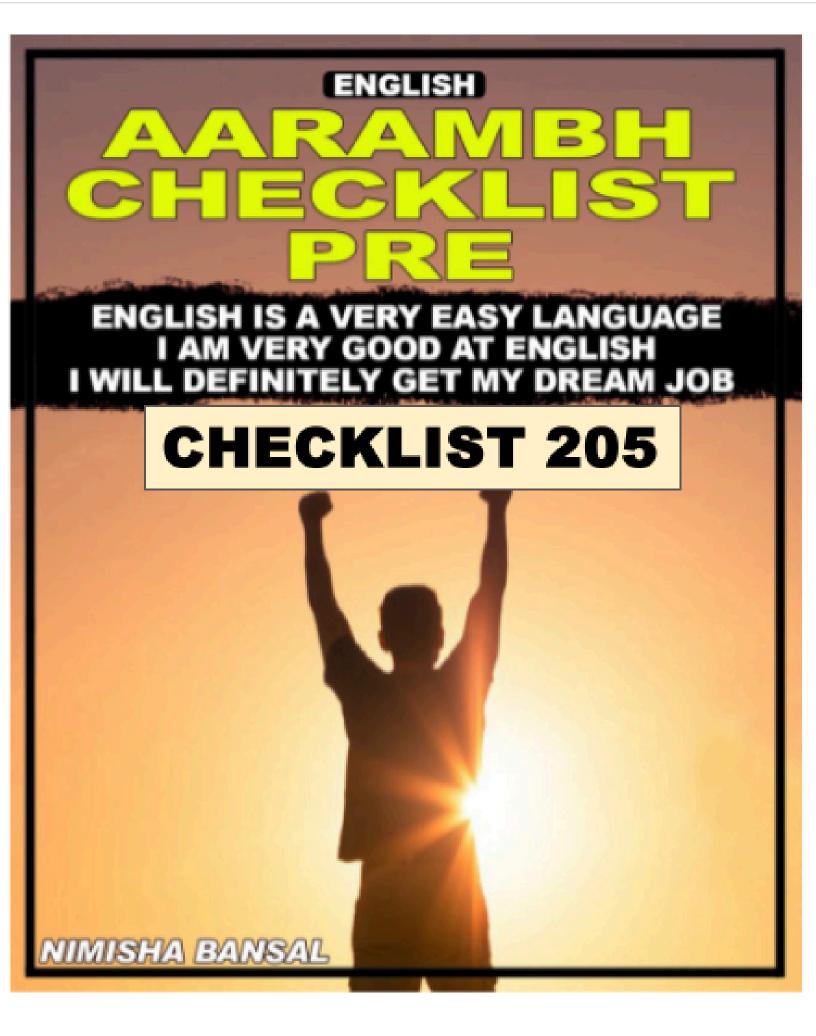
ENGLISH WITH NIMISHA BANSAL

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Single Fillers	
Directions (1-10): Select the most appropriate word to fill in the blank.	
The central bank's decision to raise interest rates was seen as a measure aimed at curbing inflation without stalling economic growth.	
(a) punitive(b) pragmatic(c) erratic(d) superfluous(e) retrospective	
2. Despite his assurance of transparency, critics argued that the company's handling of the data breach was anything but, raising concerns about concealed liabilities.	
(a) forthright(b) convoluted(c) perfunctory(d) arbitrary(e) austere	
3. The spokesperson's statement included a subtle that the merger could face regulatory hurdles despite the optimistic projections.	
(a) affirmation(b) caveat(c) mandate(d) precedent(e) incentive	
4. The whistleblower alleged that the funds were diverted with, indicating a deliberate attempt to bypass regulatory scrutiny.	

(a) negligence(b) malice(c) spontaneity(d) confusion(e) apathy		
5. To address long-standing legal ambiguities, the new directive of the statute, offering a more coherent framework for enforcement.	previous interpretations	
(a) obfuscated(b) repudiated(c) elucidated(d) circumvented(e) condoned		
6. Given the politically sensitive nature of the case, it was not surprising that the court's decision was received by stakeholders across the spectrum. (a) unequivocally		
(b) indifferently(c) derisively(d) ambivalently(e) overtly		
7. After reviewing extensive epidemiological data, the regulatory panelcompound as a potential threat requiring further investigation.	the chemical	
(a) glorified(b) classified(c) undermined(d) disregarded(e) fabricated		
8. The archival documents were preserved, their fragile pages bearing the faintest traces of centuries-old ink and careful restoration.		

 (a) painstakingly (b) perfunctorily (c) cavalierly (d) haphazardly (e) negligibly
9. He the complex proposal with such clarity and confidence that even the most skeptical board members were persuaded.
(a) mumbled(b) articulated(c) abandoned(d) obfuscated(e) dismissed
10. Despite his demeanor, he was known for a sharp wit and quick intellect.
(a) aloof(b) genial(c) exuberant(d) effusive(e) boisterous

ANSWER

1.Ans: (b)

Explanation: The blank requires an adjective that reflects a sensible and practical approach. *Pragmatic* fits well because it refers to decisions based on practical reasoning, especially important in managing economic policies.

Incorrect options:

punitive – too harsh or penal in tone, unsuitable for a balanced economic strategy. *erratic* – implies unpredictability, which undermines the idea of a carefully planned decision. *superfluous* – means unnecessary or excessive, which doesn't fit with an essential economic measure. *retrospective* – relates to the past, whereas the context is about a forward-looking decision.

2.Answer: (a)

Explanation: The sentence contrasts the *assurance of transparency* with the actual *handling of the breach*, implying that the handling was **not open or direct**. Hence, the blank needs a word that *means honest or candid* — *forthright* fits perfectly.

Incorrect options:

convoluted – means complex or twisted; doesn't contrast with transparency in the most precise sense. perfunctory – means done superficially; not directly related to the idea of honesty. arbitrary – implies randomness or lack of reason, which isn't the primary issue in this context. austere – means strict or plain; unrelated to honesty or transparency.

3.Answer: (b)

Explanation: The sentence hints at a **warning or condition** subtly inserted into an otherwise positive statement. *Caveat* (noun) means a warning or caution, especially one that qualifies or limits something — which fits perfectly here.

Incorrect options:

affirmation – a positive declaration; contradicts the idea of warning.
 mandate – an official order; not suitable for a subtle remark.
 precedent – a previous example; doesn't indicate a warning.
 incentive – a motivation or reward; not contextually relevant.

4.Answer: (b)

Explanation: The phrase "a deliberate attempt to bypass regulatory scrutiny" suggests **intentional wrongdoing**. *Malice* (noun) means the intention or desire to do harm — which aligns perfectly with the context of deliberate fund diversion.

Incorrect options:

negligence – implies carelessness, not intent. spontaneity – suggests impulsiveness, which contradicts the idea of a deliberate act. confusion – lacks the element of intent or purpose.

apathy – means lack of interest or concern, not deliberate wrongdoing.

5.Answer: (c)

Explanation: The sentence aims to convey **clarification** of legal ambiguities. *Elucidated* (verb) means *made clear or explained*, which fits the best in the context of offering a coherent legal framework.

Incorrect options:

obfuscated – means to make unclear or confusing; opposite of the desired meaning. repudiated – means rejected or denied, which doesn't align with the idea of clarification. circumvented – means to avoid or go around, not to clarify. condoned – means accepted or forgave a wrong; contextually unrelated.

6.Answer: (d)

Explanation: The sentence sets up a context where reactions are *mixed or cautious* due to the political sensitivity of the case. *Ambivalently* (adverb) means *with mixed feelings or uncertainty*, which best captures that complexity.

Incorrect options:

unequivocally – means clearly or unambiguously, which contradicts the expected mixed response. indifferently – suggests apathy, which is unlikely in a politically charged context. derisively – means mockingly, which would require a more critical tone. overtly – means openly, but doesn't express the emotional tone or complexity of the reception.

7.Answer: (b)

Explanation: The sentence implies that the panel formally *identified* the compound as a potential threat. *Classified* fits best as it means *categorized or designated*, especially in scientific or regulatory contexts.

Incorrect options:

glorified – means praised highly; doesn't fit the tone of concern.

undermined – means weakened, which doesn't logically apply to assessing a compound.

disregarded – means ignored; contradicts the act of issuing a warning.

fabricated – means made up; doesn't make sense in context with "reviewing data."

8.Answer: (a)

Explanation: The sentence describes preservation with attention to delicate detail and care. *Painstakingly* means showing diligent care and effort, fitting perfectly here.

Incorrect options:

perfunctorily – done without enthusiasm or thoroughness, opposite meaning. cavalierly – meaning carelessly or arrogantly, unsuitable for careful preservation. haphazardly – means randomly or disorderly, contradicts careful preservation. negligibly – means insignificantly or hardly, not fitting the context.

9.Answer: (b)

Explanation: The sentence requires a verb meaning *expressed clearly and effectively*. *Articulated* fits perfectly, as it means to express or explain fluently and coherently.

Incorrect options:

mumbled – speaks unclearly, opposite meaning.

abandoned – means to give up; doesn't fit context.

obfuscated – means to confuse or make unclear, opposite in meaning.

dismissed – means rejected, not suitable here.

10. Answer: (a)
Explanation: The blank requires an adjective that describes a reserved and distant manner, which contrasts with the sharp intellect and wit mentioned. <i>Aloof</i> means emotionally or physically distant and detached, fitting perfectly here.
Incorrect options:
genial – means friendly and cheerful, opposite of reserved. exuberant – means lively and enthusiastic, inconsistent with detached demeanor. effusive – means expressing feelings openly and warmly, not reserved. boisterous – means noisy and energetic, contrary to aloofness.







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