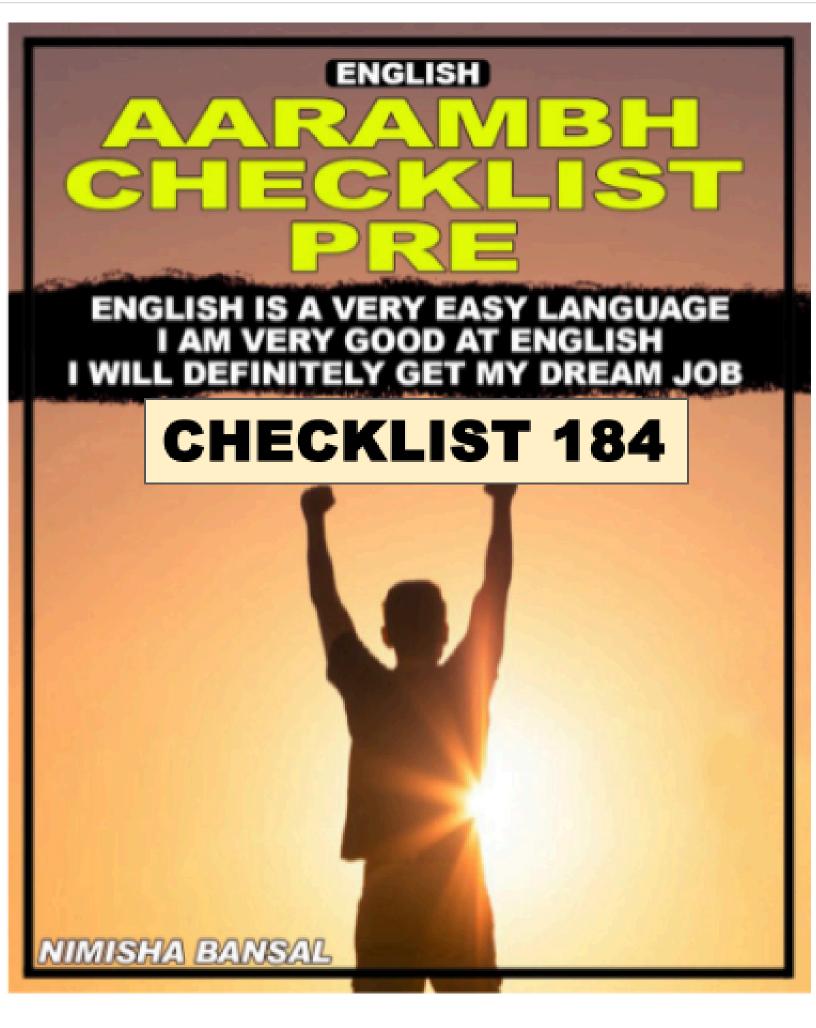
ENGLISH WITH NIMISHA BANSAL

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<u>Fillers</u>
Directions (1-10) :Select the most appropriate word that is both grammatically and contextually correct to fill in the blank.
The Supreme Court's landmark verdict all remaining legal challenges to the new environmental policy, setting a firm precedent for future cases.
A) curbed B) quashed C) strove D) shunned E) shielded
2. The novelist's latest work is a tale of survival and self-discovery, blending raw emotion with a haunting sense of realism that lingers long after the final page.
A) mundane B) disjointed C) poignant D) superficial E) incoherent
3. The orator's rhetoric, filled with biting sarcasm and scathing critiques, left the audience both mesmerized and unsettled by its unrelenting intensity.
A) innocuous
B) caustic
C) benign
D) soporific
E) jovial

4. She chose to respond to the criticism, maintaining her composure and addressing the concerns with calm logic instead of escalating the situation.
A) impulsively B) erratically C) bitterly D) diplomatically E) impatiently
5. The principal's firm announcement all speculation about the school's closure, assuring students and parents that classes would continue as usual.
A) ignited B) prolonged C) dispelled D) resisted E) concealed
6. The invasive weeds had begun to on the native plants' habitat, threatening the delicate balance of the ecosystem.
A) impinge
B) intact
C) evade
D) abscond
E) menace
7. The discovery of ancient manuscripts helped to the historian's theory, offering tangible proof that supported the long-held belief about the civilization's advanced technological prowess.
A) undermine B) diminish C) obscure

D) circumvent E) validate
8. The enigmatic letter left by the renowned artist the art community, prompting a wave of speculation about its meaning and origins.
A) flummoxed B) alleviated C) placated D) satiated E) invigorated
9. The renowned physicist's offhand remark about "redefining gravity" the scientific community's collective imagination, triggering months of intense theoretical debate.
A) mitigated
B) piqued
C) quelled
D) admonished
E) precluded
10. The rapid expansion of the factory started to on the natural habitat surrounding the village, disrupting the balance of the local ecosystem and wildlife.
A) encroach B) placate C) exacerbate D) ameliorate E) galvanize

ANSWER

1.Ans: B

Explanation: The sentence is in the past tense ("verdict **set** a firm precedent"), so the blank should also take a past tense verb.

- A) curbed means limited or restrained, but not strong enough for completely ending legal challenges
- **B) quashed** means forcefully suppressed or ended; fits perfectly
- C) strove means tried hard; doesn't fit with the idea of a decisive verdict
- **D) shunned** means avoided; doesn't relate to legal challenges directly
- **E)** shielded means protected; doesn't match the context of ending challenges

2.Ans: C

Explanation: "Poignant" means deeply moving or emotionally touching, which fits the sentence's description of a tale filled with raw emotion, realism, and lasting impact.

- A) mundane ordinary or dull. Doesn't match the emotional depth.
- **B)** disjointed lacking connection or coherence. Doesn't fit the tone.
- **C)** poignant deeply moving; evoking a sense of sadness or tenderness. Perfect fit.
- **D)** superficial shallow, lacking depth. Opposes the idea of raw emotion.
- **E) incoherent** unclear or confusing. Doesn't match a powerful, lasting impact.

3.Ans: B

Explanation: The correct answer is **caustic** (meaning severely critical or sarcastic), which aligns with the description of harsh, biting language.

- **A) innocuous** means harmless or inoffensive. This doesn't fit the harsh tone described.
- **B)** caustic means severely critical or sarcastic; matches perfectly with the tone of biting sarcasm and scathing critique.
- **C)** benign means gentle or kind. This contrasts with the intensity of the rhetoric.

- **D)** soporific means sleep-inducing. This is the opposite of what the sentence describes.
- **E) jovial** means cheerful and friendly. This doesn't match the scathing or unsettling tone.

4.Ans: D

Explanation: The sentence describes someone who **maintains composure** and uses **calm logic** when facing criticism, which suggests a **measured**, **respectful response**. So, **diplomatically** fits well.

- A) impulsively acting without thought; doesn't match calm behavior
- B) erratically unpredictably; not consistent with logical, composed behavior
- **C)** bitterly with resentment; contradicts the calm tone
- **D) diplomatically** handling situations with tact and sensitivity; fits perfectly
- E) impatiently lacking calmness; again, doesn't align with the context

5.Ans: C

Explanation: The sentence indicates that the announcement **put an end to speculation** and offered **assurance**, so we need a word meaning "eliminated doubts or rumors." So, "**dispelled**" fits appropriately.

- A) ignited started something (like a rumor); opposite of what's needed
- B) prolonged made something last longer; doesn't fit
- C) dispelled removed or drove away (doubts or fears); perfectly fits the context
- **D) resisted** fought against something; not appropriate here
- E) concealed hid something; doesn't fit a context of clarification or assurance

6.Ans: A

Explanation: The correct answer is **impinge**, as it means to encroach or have an unwanted effect, fitting the context of disruption.

- A) impinge means to intrude or have a harmful effect, which fits the context perfectly.
- **B) intact** means remaining in a whole or unaltered state, which doesn't fit the sentence.
- C) evade means to escape or avoid, which doesn't relate to the impact on the habitat.

- **D) abscond** means to run away or escape, which doesn't fit the context of affecting the habitat.
- **E) menace** refers to something threatening or dangerous, but doesn't directly describe the act of affecting the habitat in the way "impinge" does.

7.Ans: E

Explanation: The sentence suggests that the discovery provided **support or proof** for the historian's theory, so we need a word that means **confirming or affirming**.

- **A) undermine** means to weaken or damage, which is the opposite of supporting the theory.
- **B) diminish** means to reduce in size, importance, or value, which is the opposite of confirming the theory.
- **C) obscure** means to make something unclear or difficult to understand, which contradicts the idea of providing evidence for the theory.
- **D) circumvent** means to bypass or avoid, which doesn't fit the idea of strengthening the historian's theory.
- **E)** validate means to confirm or make something officially accepted or recognized, which fits the context of strengthening the theory.

8.Ans: A

Explanation: The sentence suggests that the letter caused **confusion or bewilderment** in the art community, so we need a word that implies **puzzling or bewildering**.

- **A) flummoxed** means to bewilder or confuse, which fits perfectly with the idea of the letter causing confusion.
- **B)** alleviated means to ease or relieve, which doesn't fit with the idea of causing speculation.
- **C) placated** means to calm or soothe, which contradicts the sense of confusion or intrigue suggested by the sentence.
- **D)** satiated means to satisfy fully, which doesn't fit the context of arousing speculation.
- **E) invigorated** means to energize or revitalize, which is the opposite of confusing or bewildering.

9.Ans: B

Explanation: The sentence implies that the physicist's remark **aroused or stimulated** the scientific community's interest, leading to intense debate. Therefore, we need a word that suggests **sparked curiosity or interest**.

- **A) mitigated** means to lessen or reduce, which does not fit the context of triggering debate or interest.
- **B) piqued** means to stimulate or arouse interest or curiosity, which fits the context of sparking the community's imagination.
- **C) quelled** means to calm or suppress, which is the opposite of stimulating curiosity or debate.
- **D) admonished** means to reprimand or warn, which doesn't fit the context of sparking imagination.
- **E) precluded** means to prevent or make something impossible, which is contrary to the idea of stimulating debate.

10. Ans: A

Explanation: The sentence implies that the factory's expansion is having a **negative impact** on the habitat, so we need a word that suggests **gradually intruding or trespassing**.

- **A) encroach** means to gradually intrude or trespass, which fits the context of a harmful impact on the habitat.
- **B) placate** means to make someone less angry or calm, which is unrelated to the context of damaging the habitat.
- **C) exacerbate** means to make a situation worse, which could fit the negative tone but doesn't focus on the **physical** impact like "encroach" does.
- **D)** ameliorate means to improve or make something better, which contradicts the harmful effect.
- **E) galvanize** means to shock or stimulate into action, which doesn't fit the idea of damaging the habitat.







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