

# CLOZE TEST - MAINS

## **CLOZE TEST- 1 (WORD REPLACEMENT)**

**Directions (1-6): In the following questions, a passage with few highlighted words are given which may or may not be correct. From the given options choose the most suitable option to replace the highlighted word to make the passage grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.**

<p>In 2024, Heathrow Airport witnessed an unprecedented surge in passenger footfall, catalyzing a <b>recalcitrant (A)</b> increase in retail expenditures within its commercial precincts. Nevertheless, the overarching fiscal yield contracted due to the British aviation regulator's imposition of a reduced ceiling on aeronautical tariffs levied upon airlines.</p> <p>This fiscal <b>quintessence (B)</b> unfolds as Heathrow—under the aegis of private-equity <b>colossus(C)</b> Ardian and sovereign-wealth juggernauts from Qatar and Saudi Arabia—embarks upon an ambitious infrastructural augmentation, most notably the prospective realization of a third runway. However, financing remains a contentious locus, exacerbated by <b>lugubrious (D)</b> airline dissent regarding perceived exorbitance in aeronautical surcharges.</p> <p>On a global scale, aerodrome expansions necessitate prodigious capital outlays, engendering an imperative reliance on passenger discretionary spending to underwrite escalating costs. The strategic gambit? Elevating culinary <b>ordinance (E)</b>—an experiential mélange of haute mixology and epicurean refinement.</p>	<p>JFK International Airport's Terminal 4 has heralded an urbane, New York-inflected gastronomic paradigm, encompassing establishments such as Dos Toros Taqueria and Villa Russo Café.</p> <p>Analogously, Orlando International Airport has conferred a \$10 million gastronomic concession to Barcelona-based purveyor Areas, while European aviation hubs—from Frankfurt to Madrid—are undertaking parallel commercial reinventions.</p>
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In 2024, Heathrow Airport witnessed an unprecedented surge in passenger footfall, catalyzing a **recalcitrant (A)** increase in retail expenditures within its commercial precincts.

**Q1. Which of the following is the most suitable word to replace (A)?**

- (a) No replacement required
- (b) evanescent
- (c) contumacious
- (d) insidious
- (e) None of the above

This fiscal **quintessence (B)** unfolds as Heathrow—under the aegis of private-equity **colossus(C)** Ardian and sovereign-wealth juggernauts from Qatar and Saudi Arabia—embarks upon an ambitious infrastructural augmentation, most notably the prospective realization of a third runway.

**Q2. Which of the following is the most suitable word to replace (B)?**

- (a) recalibration
- (b) extirpation
- (c) anachronism
- (d) No replacement required
- (e) None of the above

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**Q3. Which of the following is the most suitable word to replace (C)?**

- (a) oligopoly
- (b) No replacement required
- (c) anarchy
- (d) syndicate
- (e) None of the above

However, financing remains a contentious locus, exacerbated by **lugubrious (D)** airline dissent regarding perceived exorbitance in aeronautical surcharges.

**Q4. Which of the following is the most suitable word to replace (D)?**

- (a) lachrymose
- (b) vociferous
- (c) threnodic
- (d) pusillanimous
- (e) None of the above



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**Q5. Which of the following is the most suitable word to replace (E)?**

- (a) mandate
- (b) dictum
- (c) gastronomy
- (d) indulgence
- (e) None of the above

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**Q6. Which of the following is the most suitable word to replace (F)?**

- (a) No replacement required
- (b) soporific
- (c) prosaic
- (d) epicurean
- (e) None of the above

## **CLOZE TEST- 2**

### **(PHRASE FILLER CLOZE TEST)**

**Directions (7-12):** In the following questions, a passage is given with the omission of few phrases. Choose the set of phrases which is most suitable to fill the given blank.

\_\_ (A)—the mass re-KYC (Know Your Customer) compliance of hundreds of millions of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) account holders. Initiated with grandeur in 2014 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure \_\_, (B) PMJDY now encompasses 530 million accounts, over one-third of India's populace. The scheme witnessed an unprecedented expansion—15 million accounts on its inaugural day, 30 million within a month, and 75 million by January 2015. However, \_\_ (C) led to procedural lapses in KYC verification, which, a decade later, have resurfaced as a significant challenge. Currently, 110 million accounts—21%—remain dormant. An even graver concern \_\_, (D) depriving individuals of access to their financial assets due to unresolved KYC discrepancies. Field research in Jharkhand reveals that 69% of households have encountered barriers in accessing at least one account. These accounts are crucial for direct benefit transfers (DBT), insurance, and credit accessibility. Meanwhile, \_\_ (E)—customers fault banks, banks indict regulations, and the Reserve Bank of India attributes issues to "mule" accounts.

With the proliferation of fintech and digital banking, fraudulent activities via Unified Payments Interface (UPI) have surged. The government recently identified 1.9 million mule accounts, preventing illicit transactions worth ₹2,038 crore. The financial ecosystem remains precarious, necessitating \_\_ (F) systemic vulnerabilities and curtail digital financial malfeasance.

\_\_\_ **(A)**—the mass re-KYC (Know Your Customer) compliance of hundreds of millions of Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) account holders.

Q7. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase A?

- (i) A brewing financial storm looms over
- (ii) A regulatory overhaul is disrupting
- (iii) The banking sector faces an impending crisis

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above

<p>Initiated with grandeur in 2014 under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure __, <b>(B)</b>PMJDY now encompasses 530 million accounts, over one-third of India's populace.</p> <p>Q8. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase B?</p> <p>(i)aiming to boost private sector banking (ii) to expedite financial inclusivity, (iii) as a social welfare initiative</p>	<p>(a) Only i (b) both ii and iii (c) only iii (d) both i and iii (e) None of the above</p>
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However, \_\_\_\_ **(C)** led to procedural lapses in KYC verification, which, a decade later, have resurfaced as a significant challenge.

Q9. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase C?

- (i) the exigency to meet ambitious targets
- (ii) rising financial fraud cases
- (iii) the swift implementation of the scheme

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above

An even graver concern\_\_\_ , **(D)** depriving individuals of access to their financial assets due to unresolved KYC discrepancies.

Q10. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase D?

- (i) is the exponential rise in frozen accounts
- (ii) arises from financial illiteracy
- (iii) is the inadequacy of customer service

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above



Meanwhile, \_\_\_\_ **(E)**—customers fault banks, banks indict regulations, and the Reserve Bank of India attributes issues to "mule" accounts.

Q11. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase E?

- (i) fintech startups are revolutionizing services
- (ii) a convoluted cycle of blame persists
- (iii) banks are implementing stricter measures

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only ii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above

The financial ecosystem remains precarious, necessitating \_\_\_\_ **(F)** systemic vulnerabilities and curtail digital financial malfeasance.

Q12. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase F?

- (i)urgent reforms to address
- (ii)financial literacy campaigns to mitigate
- (iii) stringent oversight to mitigate

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above

## **CLOZE TEST- 3 (CONTEXTUAL PHRASE REPLACEMENT CLOZE TEST)**

**Directions (13-18): In the following questions, a passage is given with few highlighted phrases. From the given options, choose the most suitable set of alternatives to replace the highlighted phrases to make the passage grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.**

The proportion of eighth-grade students demonstrating a rudimentary level of reading proficiency in 2024 precipitously declined to 67%, marking the lowest recorded metric **as compared to scores with (A)** 1992, according to a seminal federal evaluation. Merely 60% of fourth-grade students achieved this fundamental threshold, **suggesting a flourishing resurgence in literacy (B)**. These regressions, **with federal interventions (C)**, have persisted unmitigated, exacerbating scholastic disparities among the most academically vulnerable cohorts while permeating diverse demographic strata nationwide. **The current trend alleviates (D)** profound societal repercussions, given its established correlations with attenuated graduation rates, diminished civic engagement, and an elevated proclivity for incarceration. The National Assessment of Educational Progress—colloquially termed the Nation’s Report Card—further **neglected key socioeconomic variables (E)**, with eighth-grade mathematics scores exhibiting no substantive advancement and fourth-grade improvements remaining negligible, both trailing pre-pandemic benchmarks. Amid intensifying discourse

on literacy instruction methodologies, numerous educational institutions have **recalibrated their (F)** pedagogical frameworksto incorporate phonics-centric approaches. However, an amalgamation of factors—including pervasive student disengagement, educator attrition, and the pervasiveness of digital diversions—continues to exacerbate these academic declines. Educational theorists contend that this literacy crisis transcends pandemic-related disruptions, underscoring an entrenched and multifactorial impediment to the efficacy of the American educational paradigm.

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Q13. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase A?

- (i) since the inception of standardized assessments in
- (ii) before implementation of standards in
- (iii) from historical data recorded at

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above

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Q14. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase B?

- (i) highlighting an incremental scholastic improvement
- (ii) nearing historically unprecedented troughs
- (iii) revealing an unparalleled academic deterioration

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above

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Q15. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase C?

- (i) antecedent to the pandemic
- (ii) which had been largely anticipated
- (iii) though previously considered cyclical

- (a) both i and ii
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above

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Q16. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase D?

- (i) This downward trajectory suggests
- (ii) Academic decline results in
- (iii) The erosion of literacy competencies harbors

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) All i, ii and iii
- (e) None of the above



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Q17. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase E?

- (i) contradicts prior negative trends
- (ii) delineated an educational landscape beset by stagnation
- (iii) underscores the stagnation of academic performance

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and ii
- (e) None of the above

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Q18. Which of the followings can replace the highlighted phrase F?

- (i) reluctantly acquiesced their
- (ii) cautiously retrograde their
- (iii) actively protested their

- (a) Only i
- (b) both ii and iii
- (c) only iii
- (d) both i and iii
- (e) None of the above