

# CLOZE TEST

## **Set 1:**

**Directions (1-5): The passage below contains some blanks where the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.**

A shake-up of global trade and financial systems is under way, with the supply chains of goods and services too undergoing a/ an \_\_\_\_ (A) \_\_\_\_ restructuring. The \_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_ scale of this reorganisation of transactional commerce is caused not only by geopolitical fracturing, and a strong wave of protectionism, but is also driven by the rapid expansion of e-commerce, as well as digitisation of cargo movement and logistics systems. Whether India would gain from this \_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_ or be left high and dry yet again, will depend on how efficient and fast it could cut \_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_ economic costs. While several structural changes of the economy are needed, and there's scepticism about the pace at

changes

+ve

-ve

Mixed

which these are being undertaken, what's inspiring confidence is the major headway being made on the logistics front. That public-private-partnership (PPP) projects have really taken off in \_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_ areas of logistics infrastructure is encouraging.

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Question 1:

Which of the following best fits in Option A?

(a) punctilious

(b) choleric

(c) incipient

(d) concomitant

(e) None of the above

Adjective

new

Noun

fledgling

nascent

developing - budding

co - together

connected

associated, related

acrimonious

hostile

nettlesome

discreet

careful

meticulous

prudent

scrupulous

fastidious

circumspect

petulant

piquant

peevish

irksome

irascible

cantankerous

grouchy

grumpy

fractious

belligerent

bellicose

antagonistic

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## Question 2:

Which of the following best fits in **Option B**?

- (a) disperse Verb
- (b) unprecedented Adj
- (c) contrary Adj [opposite to]
- (d) deterrent (Noun)
- (e) None of the above

Something that  
has never happened  
before

obstacle  
hindrance

encumbrance  
impediment  
inhibition

Whether India would gain from this \_\_\_\_\_ (C) Noun or be left high and dry yet again, will depend on how efficient and fast it could cut \_\_\_\_\_ (D) \_\_\_\_\_ economic costs.

commotion  
ruckus  
fracas  
tumult  
turbulence  
chaos  
hullabaloo  
pandemonium  
disorder  
disarray  
brouhaha

**Question 3:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option C**?

thwart - Verb  
throttle  
hinder  
stymie  
hamper  
obstruct  
impede  
inhibit  
deter  
stifle  
encumber  
contain  
check  
curtail  
curb  
derail  
mayhem  
bedlam  
anarchy

(a) thwart - (Verb)

(b) portent - signal

(c) upheaval

(d) liberation

(e) None of the above

clamour  
uproar  
turmoil  
apocalypse  
catastrophe  
cataclysm

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- (a) rift — <sup>Noun</sup> break gap
- (b) quirks <sup>Noun</sup> unusual habits
- ✓ (c) ~~superfluous~~ <sup>Lexicon, redundant</sup>
- (d) spacious <sup>full of space</sup>
- (e) None of the above
- <sup>fickle, impulsive</sup>  
<sup>capricious</sup>  
<sup>mercurial</sup>  
<sup>volatile</sup>

outlandish  
 absurd weird ♀ ♀  
 bizarre  
 offbeat  
 idiosyncratic

Rift

whimsical absurd

#### Question 4:

Which of the following best fits in **Option D**?

quirky / eccentric / queer / peculiar / strange

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Question 5:

Which of the following best fits in Option E?

- (a) diverse <sup>discrete</sup> ~~different~~  
(b) indisputable  
(c) prolific <sup>producing a lot</sup>  
(d) eroded <sup>damaged</sup>  
(e) None of the above

incorrigible

Invincible  
Indomitable  
Impregnable  
Unassailable  
Invulnerable. } that can't be defeated

infallible  
irreproachable  
impeccable

unsubdued  
immaculate

pristine  
unblemished

irrefutable

perfect  
quintessential  
exemplary?

flowless

Adj

faultless

epitome  
Paragon  
perfect example



## Set 2:

Verb

Directions (6-10): The passage below contains some blanks where the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.

obliterate  
expunge  
decimate  
exterminate  
extirpate

wipe out  
eradicate  
demolish  
dismantle  
wrode  
erode

mar  
blemish  
smash  
pulverize  
incinerate  
annihilate  
dilapidate

destruct ruin  
destroy  
wreck havoc  
wreck  
sabotage  
tarnish  
garage  
vandalize  
vanish  
cripple  
debilitate

The annual India Policy Forum (IPF), which recently concluded, brought together academics and policymakers from India and elsewhere. The conference is hosted by the National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and co-sponsored by the World Bank and NITI Aayog. \_\_ (A) \_\_ and explicitly, the government's goal of transforming India into a developed nation by its centenary of independence, namely 2047, \_\_ (B) \_\_ much of the discussion. What follows are my own impressions and opinions, rather than a literal account of any individual analysis or presentation. One noteworthy feature of the conference was the power of an ambitious target to frame people's thinking. Importantly, 2047 is far enough away to allow for hope, though \_\_ (C) \_\_ of the recent past and the current situation does not necessarily suggest that the goal is attainable. On the other hand, the goal leads to analysis of why India may fall short. Clearly, India has to accelerate its growth rate, and ultimately, the question is how to do so. If anything \_\_ (D) \_\_ for me from the

discussions, it was the need for India to have more firms that grow rapidly. Most firms in India stagnate. Only the top 5% grow at rates comparable to developed countries. Of course, stressing the importance of firms that grow (and must be productive to do so) is just restating what development is, but it redirects the focus to an aspect of the economy that is often neglected in India, for \_\_ (E) \_\_ reasons.

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Meagre - petty, trivial, trifling  
paltry, skimpy  
scanty, sparse

Question 6:

Which of the following best fits in **Option A**?

modicum - a very less amount

dearth - scarcity  
paucity

~~can't be separated~~  
(a) Inextricably

(b) Decently <sup>behaving properly</sup>

(c) Implicitly <sup>- Indirectly</sup>

(d) Meagerly <sup>- (-ve) (very less)</sup>

☒ (e) None of the above

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intimidating  
threatening  
lethal

Question 7:

Which of the following best fits in Option B?

interneine / inimical / detrimental

mala - bad  
malignant tumors  
fatal  
dangerous - deadly

perilous  
pernicious  
jeopardous  
malicious  
deleterious  
noxious  
insidious

nefarious  
vicious

(a) goaded

(b) malignant

(c) acclimatised

(d) underpinned

(e) None of the above

venomous  
treasonous  
poisonous  
hazardous  
barlous

Importantly, 2047 is far enough away to allow for hope, though \_\_\_\_\_ (C) Noun of the recent past and the current situation does not necessarily suggest that the goal is attainable.

strength support  
(a) reinforcement

☒ (b) extrapolation

(c) agitation

(d) munificence Noun

(e) None of the above

### Question 8:

Which of the following best fits in **Option C**?

munificent  
kind  
compassionate

Adj

altruistic  
philanthropic  
& generous  
magnanimous

disturbance

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### Question 9:

Which of the following best fits in **Option D**?

fly off the handle  
very angry

state  
of being  
angry &  
nervous

be  
very  
angry

- (a) freaked out
- (b) fallen behind
- (c) stood out <sup>-different from others</sup>
- (d) hacked off
- (e) None of the above

Of course, stressing the importance of firms that grow (and must be productive to do so) is just restating what development is, but it redirects the focus to an aspect of the economy that is often neglected in India, for \_\_\_\_\_ (E) \_\_\_\_\_ reasons.

sacrosanct  
consecrated

hard to  
deal

**Question 10:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option E**?

sheepish  
coy  
timid

cowardly  
chicken hearted  
mousy

pusillanimous  
timorous  
meek

- (a) inviolable <sup>pure sacred pious</sup>
- (b) intractable
- (c) ruinous <sup>dangerous</sup>
- (d) timid
- (e) None of the above

### **Set 3:**

**Directions (11-15): The passage below contains some blanks where the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.**



Apple's largest iPhone assembler Foxconn's move to recall hundreds of Chinese engineers and technicians from its iPhone factories in India is \_\_**(A)**\_\_. The Foxconn move is the latest example of how China is determined to \_\_**(B)**\_\_ technology transfers and exports of equipment to India and other South-east Asian nations as it seeks to protect its manufacturing base and prevent other countries from expanding theirs. Whether this is a breach of contractual agreements will be \_\_**(C)**\_\_ later, but in the meanwhile, the setback to Apple, which has been scaling up exports of phones from India and was readying to ramp up production of the iPhone17, is undeniable. Both the quality of production and the efficiency of the assembly lines would be \_\_**(D)**\_\_. Nearly all the iPhones exported by Foxconn from India went to the US between March and May, customs data showed, far above the 2024 average of

50%. The episode, once again, exposes India's significant weakness—its inability to create a large pool of adequately trained manpower that can be employed in the country's high-tech manufacturing units. The problem is not a new one. Corporate India has been \_\_**(E)**\_\_ this concern for quite some time, saying that while there may be enough workers, employability remains an issue.

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Adj

plunder  
ransack

### Question 11:

Which of the following best fits in Option A?

lively  
animated  
enthusiastic  
ex

euphoric  
elated  
ecstatic  
effervescent  
exultant  
ebullient

perky  
zesty  
chippy  
bubbly

(a) pillage - loot

(b) vivacious (+ve)

(c) regrettable (-ve)

(d) incessant (+ve)

(e) None of the above

resolute  
determined  
steadfast  
tenacious  
unswerving  
unrelenting  
persistent  
persevering  
firm

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**Question 12:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option B**?

(d)

prune  
cut

Verb  
shorten  
abridge

stymie  
encumber

- (a) reinforce <sup>(+ve)</sup> strengthen bolster fortify
- (b) truncate
- (c) mild <sup>-Adj</sup> lukewarm
- (d) stifle <sup>tepid</sup>
- (e) None of the above

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*be the perfect fit*

*remove / stop functioning*

**Question 13:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option C**?

*gradually stop*

(a) phased out

*be mentally unavailable*  
(b) zoned out

*unavailable*  
(c) sorted out  
*clear*

(d) cut out

(e) None of the above

Both the quality of production and the efficiency of the assembly lines would be

\_\_\_\_(D)\_\_\_\_.

**Question 14:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option D**?

- rejected*  
*crippled, debilitated*  
*(-ve)*  
*put in danger*  
*angry*
- (a) rebutted
  - (b) impaired
  - ~~(c) imperiled~~
  - (d) outraged
  - (e) None of the above

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rebuke lampoon  
admonish  
rally  
gibe

jeer sneer  
swiff  
mock taunt  
ridicule

### Question 15:

Which of the following best fits in **Option E**?

criticise  
condemn  
belittle  
berate

demean  
deride  
censure  
disparage

excoriate  
swiff  
denounce  
upbraid  
lambaste

reprimand  
chastise  
chide  
castigate

- (a) <sup>criticise</sup> disparaging  
(b) <sup>astounding</sup> staggering  
(c) <sup>expressing criticism</sup> damning  
(d) <sup>highlighting</sup> underscoring  
(e) None of the above

## **Set 4:**

**Directions (16-20): The passage below contains some blanks where the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.**

It's been more than three decades since India replaced a command-and-control mode of governance (A) state ownership of the means of production with a new mode of governance where private sector participation in economic activity is governed by the rule of law and independent regulation. While independent regulatory bodies are (B) with the statutory mandate of sectoral governance in areas (C) to be at greater risk of market failures, such as telecoms, oil and gas, ports, and airports, an economy-wide market regulator, the Competition Commission of India (CCI), has (D) these regulatory institutions to make markets function better and provide the necessary "entrepreneurial

freedom" to (E) economic growth. On the back of these economic and institutional reforms, thus far, India is positioned to become the third-largest economy in the world.



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(E)

increase

- (a) taking out <sup>removing</sup>
- (b) egging on <sup>encouraging</sup> <sup>(foolish)</sup>
- (c) ~~relying on~~ <sup>dependent</sup>
- (d) ratcheting up
- (e) None of the above

### Question 16:

Which of the following best fits in **Option A**?

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**Question 17:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option B**?

surrender  
capitulate

yield  
give in

give up  
raise the white

- (a) extricated <sup>freed</sup> <sup>emancipated</sup>
- (b) entrusted <sup>liberated</sup>
- (c) relinquished <sup>surrender</sup> <sup>abdicate</sup>
- (d) condemned
- (e) None of the above

criticised.

given  
responsibilities

throw in the

towel

flag

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**Question 18:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option C**?

- (a) retaliated
- (b) aggravated
- (c) perceived
- (d) malleable
- (e) None of the above

*add insult to injury turn the knife*  
*give greenway*  
*pardon*  
*vindicate, absolve, give amnesty*  
*vindictive*  
*retaliatory*  
*severgeful*  
*exonerate, acquit, liberate*

*worsen*  
*avenged*  
*avenged*  
*Lexacer*  
*bated*  
*add fuel to fire*  
*Ady*  
*unleash*  
*unbridle*  
*unfetter*  
*unchain*  
*unshackle*  
*apply salt in a wound*  
*Ady*  
*exculpate*  
*emancipate*

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**Question 19:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option D**?

- (a) forbidden
- (b) rebuffed
- (c) constrained
- (d) complemented
- (e) None of the above

compliment  
comment

praise  
eulogize  
hail

applaud  
laud

forgive

commend

supported  
glorify  
appreciate  
extol  
exalt  
venerate  
revere

restricted

limited

proscribed  
banned

reject  
spurn

-ve

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L  $V^2$   $b$

**Question 20:**

Which of the following best fits in **Option E**?

- (a) reaffirm *confirm*
- ☒ (b) propel *- encourage push forward*
- ☒ (c) reprieve *stimulate*
- ☒ (d) impede *relief respite*
- (e) None of the above

## Set 5:

Directions (21-25): The passage below contains some blanks where the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.

- ① - ?
- ② - ?
- ③ - Hindi Medium
- ④ - Fail
- ⑤ - 2-3 years

Past

Syllabus Mock 1  
↓  
Present  
↓  
Perfection  
Editorial  
Puzzles  
DI Command

Future

- ?
- Computer ??
- Nervous ??
- Result
- Selected
- ?

Present is everything

Focus

100%

English  
Quanta  
Reasoning  
CA/GrA