

Cloze Test

QUESTIONS :

Direction (01-05): In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

There is a saying that coming events cast their shadows before. (1)_____, it is not universally true. Something can happen within a second, and one may not (2)_____ it.(3)_____, some instances show that predictions based on certain signs have gone wrong. People generally say that natural calamities can be predicted by observing the animals. But what if animals are suffering from some disease and don't show any signs before the event appears? They may fail to make peculiar sounds or actions about the events which are going to take place.

(4)_____,some unnatural calamities that are likely to appear may forecast their shadows by some bad omens. (5)_____, we should not completely cancel out the possibilities that animals can sense certain unnatural happenings.

1. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.

- (a) Therefore (b) Furthermore (c) Moreover (d) However

2. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.

- (a) rescind (b) foresee (c) legalise (d) affect

3. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.

- (a) Therefore (b) Moreover (c) However (d) Nevertheless

4. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.

- (a) Therefore (b) Secondly (c) Besides (d) Despite

5. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.

- (a) Therefore (b) However (c) Nevertheless (d) Moreover

Directions (06-10) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number. The challenge in Madras

High Court to the Emergency-era shifting of education from state list to concurrent list (1) _____ a futile exercise in turning back the clock. Forty-six years have passed (2) _____ the 42 Constitution Amendment Act. In this period, the education sector has seen far too many changes, and most can't be (3) _____. For instance, a common national medical test now allows students the ease of appearing for just one examination instead of multiple ones conducted by each state. States still enjoy (4) _____ to operate their own universities, schools and education syllabus. Private sector is also flourishing in education. And the policy tinkering at all levels goes on. UGC is restructuring UG, PG and doctoral programmes. States are trying out clustering of schools, closing down smaller schools. Instruction in English seems to have lost favour at the Centre, even though society is (5) _____ headed in the opposite direction. But the moot point is no one entity can claim complete control. It is a diverse ecosystem. Far more important issues than locating education in the Constitution are at stake.

6. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.

- (a) have (b) were (c) had (d) is

7. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.

- (a) from (b) for (c) as (d) since

8. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.

- (a) turned (b) backed (c) returned (d) reversed

9. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4

- (a) flexible (b) flexibility (c) suitable (d) suitability

10. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.

- (a) irrevocably (b) irrevocable (c) irrelevant (d) suddenly

Direction (11-15): In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

Digital India can be the prime (1) _____ behind making a reality of the government's promise of minimum government, maximum governance. Such a transformation requires technology to be firmly (2) _____ into government, something that the Digital India project lists as one of its foremost objectives. Embedding technology into government (3) _____ will do three things; transform the government and make it more transparent and efficient, transform the lives of citizens especially those at the bottom of the (4) _____ pyramid and make our economy more efficient and competitive. A 2014 McKinsey Global Institute report predicts that the large-scale

(5) _____ of technology through Digital India positions India with the biggest opportunity yet to accelerate economic growth.

11. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 1.

- (a) impact (b) might (c) factors (d) force

12. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 2.

- (a) inserted (b) embedded (c) planted (d) stuck

13. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 3.

- (a) offices (b) details (c) processes (d) hierarchies

14. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 4.

- (a) mythical (b) proverbial (c) hypothetical (d) classified

15. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank number 5.

- (a) enhancement (b) anticipation (c) adaptation (d) monitoring

Directions (16-20): In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

The rise in the Irrawaddy dolphin (1) _____ in Chilika can be attributed to the eviction of (2) _____ fish enclosures. After thousands of hectares of Chilika lake were made (3) _____ free, Irrawaddy dolphins found unobstructed area for movement. (4) _____, due to the COVID-19 lockdown last year, there were comparatively fewer tourist boats on Chilika lake, which made it (5) _____ for dolphins to move from one part of the lake to another.

16. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1.

- (a) population (b) clan (c) natives (d) inhabitants

17. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2.

- (a) unwarranted (b) illegal (c) illegitimate (d) unconstitutional

18. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3.

- (a) trespass (b) confiscation (c) intervention (d) encroachment

19. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4.

(a) whereas (b) moreover (c) nevertheless (d) however

20. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 5.

(a) conducive (b) hurtful (c) detrimental (d) disturbing

Directions (21-25): Read the following passage and fill in each blank with words chosen from the options given.

An Italian mayor has been cleaning the streets along with his councillors after their town _____(1) with no manual workers, it's reported. In fact, _____(2) was sweeping the piazza in front of the _____(3) church in preparation for market day, _____(4) the deputy mayor's father and a town councillor armed with a high-pressure hose. The town Zerfaliu's last _____(5) retired six months ago, and nobody has been hired since then. "We can't do anything - we are blocked by bureaucracy," the mayor says.

21. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1

(a) leaves (b) was left (c) was leaving (d) has left

22. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no.2

(a) they (b) it (c) she (d) he

23. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no.3

(a) next (b) near (c) neighbour (d) local

24. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no.4

(a) as well (b) alongside (c) also (d) along

25. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no.5

(a) mayor (b) councilor (c) worker (d) member

Directions (26-30): In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Select the most appropriate option to fill each blank.

Watermelon is thought to have originated in Africa's Kalahari Desert. Believe it (1)_____ not, the first recorded watermelon harvest (2) _____nearly 5000 years ago in Egypt and is (3)_____ in Egyptian hieroglyphics on the walls of their (4)

_____ buildings. This fruit was often placed (5)_____ the burial tombs of kings to provide nourishment in the afterlife.

26. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.

- (a) but (b) or (c) and (d) if

27. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.

- (a) contained (b) produced (c) discovered (d) occurred

28. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.

- (a) depicted (b) diverted (c) distributed (d) directed

29. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.

- (a) obsolete (b) outdated (c) ancient (d) elderly

30. Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.

- (a) along (b) with (c) in (d) after

ANSWER KEY :

1. D
2. B
3. D
4. A
5. C
6. D
7. D
8. D
9. B
10. A
11. D
12. B
13. C
14. B
15. C
16. A
17. B
18. D
19. B
20. A
21. B
22. D
23. D
24. B
25. C
26. B
27. D
28. A
29. C
30. C

EXPLANATIONS :

1. (d) However introduces a contrast in the passage.
2. (b) Foresee means to predict something before it happens.
3. (d) Nevertheless conveys continuation despite challenges.
4. (a) Therefore introduces a logical conclusion.
5. (c) Nevertheless fits the context of continuing possibilities.

6. (d) The sentence refers to the ongoing challenge in the Madras High Court, which requires the present tense verb “is”.

Other Options:

Have: Incorrect, as the subject is singular.

Were: Incorrect, past tense doesn't fit.

Had: Incorrect, as it implies completed action.

7. (d) The phrase “Forty-six years have passed” indicates a starting point in time, making “since” the correct choice.

Other Options:

From: Incorrect preposition for duration.

For : Used for duration but doesn't indicate a starting point.

As : Contextually irrelevant.

8. (d) The sentence refers to changes in the education sector that cannot be undone, and the correct term is “reversed”.

Other Options:

Turned : Doesn't fit the context.

Backed : Incorrect meaning.

Returned : Doesn't apply here.

9. (b) The sentence describes how states still have “flexibility” (yphykiu) to operate their own systems, making it the appropriate choice.

Other Options:

Flexible : Adjective, grammatically incorrect.

Suitable : Doesn't fit the meaning.

Suitability : Incorrect for this context.

10. (a) The phrase “headed in the opposite direction” indicates an unchangeable or “irrevocable” trend.

Other Options:

Irrevocable : Adjective, grammatically incorrect here.

Irrelevant : Doesn't fit.

Suddenly : Contextually inappropriate.

11. (d) Force: Digital India is the driving force behind implementing the government's promise.

12. (b) Embedded: Technology must be deeply and firmly integrated into government systems.

13. (c) Processes: Embedding technology into government processes leads to transformation.

14. (b) Proverbial: Refers to the commonly understood social or economic pyramid.

15. (c) Adaptation: Refers to the large-scale adoption and implementation of technology.

16. (a) “population” fits the blank appropriately; Population typically refers to the number of people/animals in a single area, whether it be a city or town, region, country, continent, or the world.

17. (b) “illegal” fits the blank appropriately; it means contrary to or forbidden by law, especially criminal law

18. (d) “encroachment” fits the blank appropriately; it means-a gradual advance beyond usual or acceptable limit.

19. (b) “moreover” fits the blank appropriately; it means-as a further matter; besides.
20. (a) “conductive” fits the blank appropriately; it means making a certain situation or outcome likely or possible.
21. (b) Past perfect tense should be used here, which shows something that happened before another action in the past. Thus, “was left” is the correct filler for the blank.
22. (d) The first line suggests that the Italian mayor is a male (the possessive pronoun “his” has been used). So, we need a masculine pronoun to fill in the blank. Thus, the pronoun “he” is the correct word for the blank.
23. (d) Here, an adjective should be used which perfectly modifies the noun ‘church’. “Local”, meaning “relating or restricted to a particular area or one’s neighbourhood”, is the correct filler for the given blank. Other words such as “neighbour”, “near”, and “next” do not fit in the blank as it is not mentioned in the passage where the church was. Thus, ‘local’ is the most suited option.
24. (b) The given sentence implies that the mayor, along with the deputy mayor’s father and a town councillor, was sweeping the piazza armed with a high-pressure hose. ‘Thus, ‘alongside’, which means “together and in cooperation with”, perfectly fits in the blank.
25. (c) The first sentence has the phrase “no manual workers, “ implying that the last worker retired six months ago. Thus, ‘worker’ is the most suitable noun here.
26. (b) After analyzing the meanings of the given words, it is clear that “Or” is the most suited conjunction that needs to be filled because “Believe it or not” is a phrase which means “used to concede that a statement is surprising”.
27. (d) Contained: To have something inside or as part of itself
- Produced: To make something to be sold, especially in large quantities
- Discovered: To find or learn something that nobody had found or knew before
- Occurred: To happen, especially in a way that has not been planned
- After analyzing the meanings of the given words, it is clear that “Occurred” is the most suited option for the given blank.
28. (a) Depicted: To show somebody/something in a painting or drawing

Diverted: To change the direction or purpose of somebody/something, especially to avoid a problem

Distributed: To give things to a number of people

Directed: To point or send something towards somebody/something or in a particular direction

After analyzing the meanings of the given words, it is clear that “Depicted” is the most suited option for the given blank.

29. (c) Obsolete: No longer useful because something better has been invented

Outdated: Not useful or common any more; old-fashioned

Ancient: Belonging to a period of history that is thousands of years in the past

Elderly: (Used about a person) old

After analyzing the meanings of the given words, it is clear that “Ancient” is the most suited option for the given blank.

30. (c) Along: From one end to or towards the other end of something

With: In the company of somebody/ something; in or to the same place as somebody/something

In: (Used to show place) inside or to a position inside a particular area or object

After: Later than something; at a later time

After analyzing the meanings of the given words, it is clear that “In” is the most suited option for the given blank.