**CLOZE TEST**

**In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

The world’s climate has always changed and species have evolved accordingly to survive it. The surprising fact about the **(1)** between evolution and global warming **(2)** that it is not linear. **(3)** temperatures alone are not **(4)** of evolution. Evolution is also the **(5)** of seasonal changes. As the environment **(6)** those species which don’t adapt **(7)** to exist. But the sheer **(8)** of manmade climate change today is **(9).** ‘Bad things are happening‘ any by one **(10)** global warming could threaten up to one-third of the world’s species if left unchecked. In fact, a lot of the species which will be able to survive are the ones we consider pests, like insects and weeds.

1. 1) difference  2) similarity 3) argument 4) **relationship** 5) alliance
2. 1) being 2) **seems** 3) mainly        4) mainly 5) besides
3. 1) However 2) Mounted 3) **Rising**        4) Elevating 5) Inclining
4. 1) **means** 2) triggers 3) responses     4) threats 5) stimulus
5. 1) result 2) **precursor** 3) resistance         4) cause 5) Reason
6. 1) conversion 2) stifles 3) predicts        4) **changes** 5) emerges
7. 1) continue 2) halt 3) **cease**           4) terminate 5) discontinue
8. 1) luck 2) value 3) collapse        4) **pace** 5) attention
9. 1) threatened 2) pursued 3) **unprecedented**   4) record 5) debated
10. 1) forecast 2) chance 3) pattern              4) **occasion** 5) thinking

**2. In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

The world is going **(11)** a deep recession. At such a time, one thing we need in abundance is jobs for the semiskilled and unskilled. This is the only way in which equal **(12)** of wealth can take place. The healthcare industry is **(13)** poised to occupy this position. The IT industry hires people from the upper-middle strata and rich families, usually engineers, **(14)** the health care industry hires nurses, to the tune of eighty percent of the jobs created, from the lower economic strata.

Global health care is a $ 4.5 –trillion industry. **(15)** only to the agro industry... Even then health care **(16)** only eight percent of world’s population. Policymakers should **(17)** at healthcare industry as not only an industry which addresses pain but also as one which can **(18)** the economy. The last century was driven by mechanics that addressed human toil and it is strongly **(19)** that this century will be driven by health care. This, however, will only happen if policymakers make a conscious effort to **(20)** the right policies in place soon.

1. 1) past 2) against 3) **through**          4) across 5) on
2. 1) earning 2) share 3) venture        4) delivery 5) **distribution**
3. 1) commonly 2) **ideally** 3) indefinitely      4) preferably 5) invariably
4. 1) **whereas** 2) unlike 3) besides            4) although 5) despite
5. 1) encouraging 2) **second** 3) lesser             4) beating 5) greater
6. 1) affords 2) cures 3) visits            4) **reaches** 5) provides
7. 1) **look** 2) plan 3) weigh              4) admire 5) consider
8. 1) persuade 2) ascertain 3) **influence** 4) impede 5) estimate
9. 1) thought 2) credited 3) identified 4) **believed** 5) supposed
10. 1) derive 2) frame 3) figure 4) **consider** 5) put
11. **In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

The large number of natural disasters within a few days in late September has led to two assumptions. First, we are experiencing more natural calamities today **(21)** ever before, and second, the distribution of disasters **(22)** unequal. A UN report that studied natural disasters **(23)** 1975 and 2007 found that not only is the **(24)** of catastrophes increasing because of climate change and environmental **(25)** but also that the brunt of tragedies is borne **(26)** poor countries least equipped to deal with such **(27) .** It is true that some countries are disaster-prone but some **(28)** Japan, for example, have managed to overcome their geographical disadvantages. **(29)** to UN estimates, equivalent populations in the Philippines and Japan **(30)** the same number of cyclones each year but 17 times more people perish in the Philippines than in Japan. In some ways natural disasters give developed economics an excuse for technological improvement while in poorer ones it feeds a vicious cycle – since they are constantly struggling to recover from natural calamities, they cannot afford the disaster prevention measures needed.

1. 1) as 2) **than** 3) not 4) of 5) since
2. 1) being 2) are 3) often 4) **is**  5) seem
3. 1) after 2) prior 3) **between** 4) separating 5) affecting
4. 1) response 2) dances 3) occurring 4) damage 5) **frequently**
5. 1) **degradation** 2) protection 3) detriment 4) audit 5) summit
6. 1) of 2) by 3) **with** 4) for 5) on
7. 1) calm 2) misbelieve 3) **misfortunes** 4) faith 5) mistake
8. 1) inspite 2) even 3) since 4) how 5) **like**
9. 1) Thanks 2) comparing 3) Similar 4) **According** 5) Linked
10. 1) **endure** 2) incite 3) enjoys 4) trigger 5) encounters

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Hundreds of plants and animals are **(31)** everyday due to deforestation and urbanization. What might happen if this continues in the future? The last mass extinction of plant and animal species occurred 65 million years ago with the dinosaurs. In all, five mass extinctions have occurred and scientists **(32)** earth is in the sixth mass extinction. The world as it now is threatened, including people who are responsible for Earth’s **(33).**  Pesticides contaminating water over - harvesting of animals and plants, air pollution, illegal fishing and the clearing of land are direct results of urbanization and deforestation. People have **(34)** and damaged almost half of earth’s land at a very unsustainable rate.

Global Warning has a serious impact as well. A six degree Celsius increase in global temperature killed 95 % of all species on Earth 251 million years ago. An increase of six degree Celsius is forecast this century if a change is not made to **(35)** the damage done to Earth. Humans will be one of the 95% of species lost. Noticeably, changes due to global warming include migration **(36)** and a change in season timings. Migrating birds are migrating earlier which in turn is causing them to hatch eggs and **(37)** young earlier than they did at the beginning of this century. While this is just the tip of the iceberg, many other **(38)** regarding the extinction of plant and animals species need addressing. It is more important now than ever before to pull our heads out of the sand and make changes for the **(39)** of the Earth. Future generations are **(40)** as they are a species as well.

1. 1) Killing   2) alive      3) born     4) left              5) **lost**
2. 1) speak  2) told              3) estimation    4) **believe**       5) consider
3. 1) shape  2) development  3) **deterioration**    4) warmth      5) expansion
4. 1) **altered**    2) created            3) produced         4) made       5) brought
5. 1) void   2) dissipate         3) augment           4) **reverse**       5) increase
6. 1) delay    2) birds                3)  acceleration     4) hasten        5)  **slowdown**
7. 1) spare  2) **bear**                 3) destroy             4) amend 5) generation
8. 1) animals  2) difficulty          3) **issue**           4) humans      5) problem
9. 1) extinction 2) **better**              3) wealth        4) stigma         5) demand
10. 1)  **evaluated** 2) threaten     3) endangered      4) living 5) compared

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India has become, in purchasing power parity terms, the fourth largest economy in the world. India’s economic **(41)** since 1980 has been among the **(42)** rapid. Although India managed its one incipient crisis in the early 1990’s, it avoided the catastrophic losses **(43)**. While many **(44)** that exposing India economic **(45)** it has rather revealed strengths and often unexpected increasingly taking its **(46)** of India is increasingly taking its **(47)** on the global stage and in international forums as a 21st century super power. The generations of politicians and policy makers who have been **(48)** of leading India to where it is today can be justifiably **(49)** of the transformation. But achievements create new **(50),** two of which are improving service delivery, particularly to the poor; rapid growth across sectors, regions, and people.

1. 1) decline 2) policy 3) crisis 4) treaty 5) **growth**
2. 1) several  2) very              3) **most** 4) much 5) so
3. 1) end         2) deterioration  3) thus  4) together    5) **elsewhere**
4. 1) asked      2) **feared**    3) think   4) spoke       5) believe
5. 1) growth     2) space       3) gain   4) **weakness**   5) void
6. 1)  **dreamed** 2) questioned   3) arranged 4) plan           5) wanted
7. 1) matter  2) **place**    3) life 4) generation   5) mark
8. 1) **part**  2) mark    3) humus 4) figment   5) thought
9. 1) worried       2) angry  3) honoured 4) distinguished     5) **proud**
10. 1) **challenges**   2) evaluation      3) dangers 4) comparison 5)  impossibilities