

# CLOZE TEST

In Cloze Test, a passage having some blanks is given. The blanks are numbered and for each blank four options are given at the end of the passage. The candidate is required to fill the blanks by choosing the suitable words from the given options that makes the passage meaningful and grammatically correct.

## Tips for Solving Cloze Test Questions

1. Read the given passage thoroughly to get an idea of the content of the passage.
2. While selecting the appropriate word to fill a given blank, the candidate should read the sentence with the blank and guess the part of speech that is required to fill the blank.
3. Now read next sentence and try to fill the blank in same way, you fill the first blank.
4. Once the candidate has selected all the options for the blanks given in a passage, he/she must read the passage with replacing the blanks and check whether passage becomes meaningful or not.

**Note** Good vocabulary and knowledge of Phrasal verbs helps in solving the Cloze test questions accurately. So, a candidate must Improve his vocabulary to solve questions based on Cloze Test.

*Cloze test is an assessment test to analyse the grammatical and vocabulary knowledge of a student.*

# PRACTICE EXERCISE

**Directions** (Passages 1-10) *In each of the following passages, there are blanks and each blank has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.*

## Passage 1

A food chain is a..... (1) between plants and animals. It starts with a plant. The next part of the link is a plant eater. When the prairie plants were uprooted, the animals that.....(2) on them lost their food source. So, while the farmers..... (3) more food for people, they broke the animals' food chain. For example, if a bird needs..... (4) to eat and the plant is gone, that bird will not be able to survive. And the animals that ate that bird won't have any food, either.

### Questions

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|----------------|--------------|
| 1. (a) link    | (b) source   |
| (c) base       | (d) chain    |
| 2. (a) lived   | (b) relied   |
| (c) cook       | (d) depended |
| 3. (a) created | (b) cooked   |
| (c) produced   | (d) sold     |
| 4. (a) flowers | (b) fruits   |
| (c) seeds      | (d) roots    |

## Passage 2

.....(1) figured out how the Earth changes. Earth orbits the Sun once each year. It travels once around the Sun every 365 days. The other eight planets in our solar system also .....(2) around the Sun. All travel in a pattern called an .....(3) , which is a kind of oval. So, at times Earth is .....(4) from the Sun.

### Questions

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. (a) Doctors | (b) Scientists |
| (c) Astronauts | (d) Teachers   |
| 2. (a) play    | (b) travel     |
| (c) orbit      | (d) circle     |
| 3. (a) circle  | (b) ellipse    |
| (c) eclipse    | (d) movement   |
| 4. (a) farther | (b) closer     |
| (c) in front   | (d) opposite   |

## Passage 3

Today there are cell phones. They do not need..... (1). They use signals that travel..... (2) the air. Some people now do not have a landline any more. They just use their cell phone. It can connect people. It can .....(3) music from the Internet. Some people even use their computers to talk .....(4) other people.

### Questions

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| 1. (a) receivers | (b) wires       |             |             |
| (c) operators    | (d) connections |             |             |
| 2. (a) from      | (b) of          | (c) by      | (d) through |
| 3. (a) listen    | (b) upgrade     |             |             |
| (c) download     | (d) broadcast   |             |             |
| 4. (a) with      | (b) to          | (c) against | (d) from    |

## Passage 4

There is a fable about the ant and the grasshopper. The grasshopper played all summer while the ant .....(1). The ant got ready for winter. The ant was a hard worker. It dug a hole to stay in .....(2) winter. It carried food to that hole. When winter came, the ant was able to live. The grasshopper did not have any food. It had no place to stay. Winter was a great .....(3) for the grasshopper. It asked the ant for help. The ant was .....(4). The ant did help the grasshopper.

**Questions**

1. (a) toiled (b) relaxed  
(c) died (d) teased
2. (a) between (b) around  
(c) during (d) the
3. (a) risk (b) challenge  
(c) joy (d) adventure
4. (a) cruel (b) giant  
(c) generous (d) miser

**Passage 5**

India is an agricultural country. Most of the people live in villages and are .....(1). They grow cereals, pulses, vegetables and fruits. The farmers leads a .....(2) life. They get up early in the morning and go to the fields. They stay and work on the farm late till evening. The farmers usually live in kutcha houses. Though, they work hard they .....(3) poor. Farmers eat simple food; wear simple clothes and rear animals like cows, buffaloes and oxen. ....(4) them there would be no cereals for us to eat.

**Questions**

1. (a) farmers (b) businessmen  
(c) politicians (d) doctors
2. (a) tough (b) prosperous  
(c) easy (d) bad
3. (a) become (b) live  
(c) remain (d) die
4. (a) With (b) Without  
(c) By (d) From

**Passage 6**

The Sun is a huge ball of .....(1). It has a diameter of 1,392,000 km. It is so huge that it can hold millions of planets inside it. The Sun is mainly made .....(2) of hydrogen and helium gas. The surface of the Sun is known as the photosphere. The photosphere is surrounded by a .....(3) layer of gas known as the chromospheres.

Without the Sun, there would be no .....(4) on Earth. There would be no plants, no animals and no human beings. As, all the living things on Earth get their .....(5) from the Sun for their survival.

**Questions**

1. (a) gases (b) coals  
(c) fireworks (d) planets
2. (a) from (b) with  
(c) up (d) upon
3. (a) thick (b) thin  
(c) circular (d) during
4. (a) animal (b) life  
(c) energy (d) heat
5. (a) food (b) heat  
(c) hydrogen (d) energy

**Passage 7**

Firefighters have to take .....(1) tests to make sure their bodies are strong enough to do all of the work required. They have to be able to carry heavy objects, go up many flights of stairs, and work for a long time. Firefighters also go .....(2) frequent training. They need to be aware of the latest techniques in fighting fires, and keeping themselves and others safe. Not only do they .....(3) themselves, but they also talk to other people about fire .....(4). Some schools have the firefighters come in every year to .....(5) kids about how to stay safe around fire.

**Questions**

1. (a) biological  
(b) laboratory  
(c) physical  
(d) mental
2. (a) about (b) through  
(c) against (d) with
3. (a) save (b) learn  
(c) train (d) talk
4. (a) safety (b) alarm  
(c) fighters (d) extinguisher
5. (a) train (b) save  
(c) address (d) teach

**Passage 8**

Remembering Mahatma Gandhi, the Prime Minister .....(1) the nation that on 2nd October, 2014, the countrymen .....(2) to fulfill the dream of the Father of the Nation of a 'Clean India' by his 150th birth.....(3) (in 2019). Pitching on "Swachh

Bharat", the Prime Minister .....(4) the youth of the nation to come forward and .....(5) to the scheduled survey so that their cities do not lack behind in survey rankings.

### Questions

1. (a) addressed  
(b) mentioned  
(c) reminded  
(d) remembered
2. (a) gifted (b) pledged  
(c) promised (d) ordered
3. (a) year  
(b) annual  
(c) anniversary  
(d) party
4. (a) urged (b) suggested  
(c) requested (d) ordered
5. (a) complete (b) do  
(c) make (d) contribute

### Passage 9

The much awaited New Year is finally here. While you might have made .....(1) to exercise daily, read 20 books before the year ends, splurge less on clothes or learn to .....(2) a musical instrument, but have you spared a thought about your .....(3) life? In case, you are still figuring out what all you can do to climb up the corporate ladder in 2018, we have got you covered.

We have compiled a list of six small changes that can make a huge .....(4) in your career. Apart from increasing your daily productivity and managing the stress levels at workplace, these habits would also help you to .....(5) a better work life balance.

### Questions

1. (a) plans (b) reports  
(c) expenses (d) resolutions
2. (a) play (b) make  
(c) teach (d) perform
3. (a) personal (b) professional  
(c) economical (d) social
4. (a) gap (b) difference  
(c) deviation (d) profit
5. (a) gain (b) find  
(c) maintain (d) achieve

### Passage 10

Delhi is the capital of India. People from all parts of the country and the world .....(1) to Delhi. There are many historical buildings in Delhi. People .....(2) the Rajghat, Shantivan and Vijayghat. We visited Delhi last year .....(3) our cousins. It was a .....(4) experience as we visited many places in Delhi. The place I liked the .....(5) was the India Gate.

### Questions

1. (a) came (b) comes  
(c) come (d) coming
2. (a) visited (b) visits  
(c) visiting (d) visit
3. (a) for (b) with  
(c) on (d) without
4. (a) grim (b) greatly  
(c) medium (d) great
5. (a) much (b) more  
(c) most (d) fast

## Answers

### Passage 1

1 (a) | 2 (d) | 3 (c) | 4 (c) |

### Passage 2

1 (b) | 2 (c) | 3 (b) | 4 (a) |

### Passage 3

1 (b) | 2 (d) | 3 (c) | 4 (b) |

### Passage 4

1 (a) | 2 (c) | 3 (b) | 4 (c) |

### Passage 5

1 (a) | 2 (a) | 3 (c) | 4 (b) |

### Passage 6

1 (a) | 2 (c) | 3 (b) | 4 (b) | 5 (d)

### Passage 7

1 (c) | 2 (b) | 3 (c) | 4 (a) | 5 (d)

### Passage 8

1 (c) | 2 (b) | 3 (c) | 4 (a) | 5 (d)

### Passage 9

1 (d) | 2 (a) | 3 (b) | 4 (b) | 5 (d)

### Passage 10

1 (c) | 2 (d) | 3 (b) | 4 (d) | 5 (c)