



MULTIPLE FILLERS (New Pattern)

Thought Process for Fillers

STEP 1: Read the statement carefully and first, try to fill the missing word without looking at the options. Guess it! Predict it!

STEP 2: Choose the word from the options that best replaces the word that you had thought of initially. OR try to find most fit word from the options.

STEP 3: if you are unable to find the fit word go for elimination. Eliminate most unfit/illogical words from the answer options. Once you eliminated 2-3 words it will be easy to target answer from remaining words. Elimination will enhance accuracy and hence your score.

STEP 3: Read the sentence again by replacing the blank with the option that you have chosen if time permits.

NOTE: You must ensure that the word you have inserted in the blank enables you to read the sentence smoothly and correctly

STEP5 Even if you fail in above process then try it! Observe the words before/after the blank. Try to find clues using grammatical rules.

Grammar Rules

Preposition following a noun, adjective or verb. (Example: look at images)

a **prepositional phrase**. (Example: in spite of)

an **adverb**. (Example: they vacated the house two years ago)

a **connector**. (Example: it is raining, therefore ground is wet.)

a **conjunction**. (Example: Although he is seven, he can speak eight languages)

a **auxiliary verb** , an article , a pronoun , either subject or object. (Example: it is easier to know)

a **comparative or superlative involved?** (Example: she's taller than me)

Other General Rules

RULE1

It is very important that you **read the sentence in the question very carefully**. In most of the cases, clues about the type of information needed to fill the gap -- a person's name, a date or a fact -- can be derived by a good understanding of the meaning of the sentence itself.

RULE2

You should keep a close watch at **grammar clues**, for instance, if the article, "an" comes before the blank, then it implies that the answer must begin with a vowel. Such grammatical clues can be of great help in deciding the answers.

RULE3

You must recognize the logical structure of a sentence and pay attention to what the question requires.

RULE4

It is necessary that you **understand the context** of the sentence. While closely reading the sentence and the options given in the question, you must try to determine the tone of the missing word -- whether the required word is positive or negative in the meaning it implies

RULE5

In certain fill in the blank questions, you are required to fill more than one blank. In such cases you should use the **method of elimination** by simultaneously checking which of the options best satisfies both the entries.

RULE6

In case you are confused between two or more options, you can also apply the **hit & trial method** - one by one place each of the likely options in place of the missing word in the sentence. The option which credits maximum meaning to the sentence should be the correct answer.

RULE7

Do not spend a lot of time on one question. If you are unable to spot the correct answer, despite repeated efforts, leave the question and move forward.

PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

Directions: In each of the following sentences there are **four blank spaces**. Five pairs of words are given below each sentence. Find out **which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks** in the sentence in the same sequence to make it **meaningfully complete**.

Q1.

The worst market sell-off in _____ history may be around the corner. Just don't blame China alone for it. Since 2007, the aggregate size of central banks' balance sheets has tripled to \$22 trillion; _____ by asset repurchases to stave off a deeper crisis. After Lehman Brothers' collapse _____ a rout, the biggest central banks around the world _____ 'quantitative easing', or huge wads of cheap money, to encourage investment and bolster confidence.

- (a) Recent - bloated - triggered - unleashed
- (b) Current - bloated - triggered - unleashed
- (c) Recent - compressed - triggered - unleashed
- (d) Recent - bloated - influenced by - unleashed
- (e) Recent - bloated - triggered - enlarged

Q2.

The target to achieve "full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men" appears admirable — but making zero unemployment a global policy is foolish. Every economy needs some unemployment _____ workers to change jobs. All governments are already



focused _____ people into work. Moreover, studies show such language is used by interest groups to create great jobs for a minority while leaving others out in the cold, often pushing _____ workers back into the informal economy and increasing poverty. The costs of this target will _____ the benefits.

- (a) To be allowed - on getting more - vulnerable - likely outweigh
- (b) to allow - on getting more - vulnerable - likely outweigh
- (c) to allow - to get more - vulnerable - likely outweigh
- (d) to allow - on getting more - qualified - likely outweigh
- (e) to allow - on getting more - vulnerable - likely weigh

Q3.

Take achieving _____ access to contraception and family planning: it will mean _____ orphans and mothers dying in childbirth. It will also generate a _____, with more people of productive age. In total, every dollar spent will mean \$120 of benefits to society. _____, with ending tuberculosis by 2030 (saving nearly 1.5 million lives a year, with each dollar leading to \$43 worth of benefits) and completing the Doha free trade deal (lifting incomes and cutting poverty especially in developing countries, the benefits would be worth \$2,000 more than the costs).

- (a) global - fewer - demographic dividend - Likewise
- (b) universal - more - demographic dividend - Likewise
- (c) universal - fewer - demographic dividend - Likewise
- (d) universal - fewer - demographic profit - Likewise
- (e) universal - fewer - demographic dividend - unlike

Q4.

Analysis of all the benefits and costs shows that focusing on the top 19 targets _____ the Copenhagen Consensus Centre would achieve four times more than if we sprayed all the development spending around 169 targets. In other words, _____ would have the same effect as quadrupling the entire budget. Even here on the floor of the United Nations, I find that global leaders, ambassadors, and those who work in development agree that the targets _____ severely pruned. They just all want their targets. But _____ of making this a game of who got the most of their targets into the final declaration, it should be all about getting the most effective targets in there.

- (a) identify by - prioritising - should have been - instead
- (b) identified by - prior to - should have been - instead
- (c) identified by - prioritising - should have - instead
- (d) identified by - prioritising - should have been - instead
- (e) identified by - prioritising - should have been - along with

Q5.

Will they succeed? No harm trying. Does India weaken its case by aligning with the G4? Nonsense. China's argument that it would support India _____ were to break

ranks with Japan; and the US argument that it has no problem with India's candidature but remains conflicted on Germany over Italy and Brazil over Mexico, are all divide-and-rule _____ and have to be exposed as such. None of the P5 countries _____ cast-iron guarantees to India that it would get India into the UNSC if it abandons the G4. So, the argument that the G4 route weakens India's case is a _____

- (a) iff - tactics - has given - red herring.
- (b) if it - planning - has given - red herring.
- (c) if it - tactics - had been given - red herring.
- (d) if it - tactics - has given - red tape.
- (e) if it - tactics - has given - red herring.

Q6.

On its part, China created the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) _____ its geopolitical and geo-economic interests in Eurasia. The US _____ to created mega-regional trade groups, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), to deal with the Chinese trade threat. Diplomats and analysts will debate forever on the _____ of these and other such associations, groups, alliances and partnerships. Some succeed in their objectives, many fail. _____, more are getting created.

- (a) to pursue - has not hesitated - usefulness - Yet
- (b) to argue - has not hesitated - usefulness - Yet
- (c) to pursue - has not been hesitated - usefulness - Yet
- (d) to pursue - has not hesitated - useful - Yet
- (e) to pursue - has not hesitated - usefulness - indeed

Q7.

Over 300 million people in India are _____ and have no access to electricity. _____ building grids or nuclear plants, Valley companies like Simpa Networks and Tesla have renewable solar battery packs and can light up every home with 24x7 efficient and low-cost energy. Simpa has already brought solar battery powered electricity to over 10,000 homes in Mathru district in just less than 12 months. These are the kind of new micro-grid and micro-power wall solutions that _____ the common man's problem to bring _____ and clean energy.

- (a) on-grid - Rather than - will solve - affordable
- (b) off-grid - Rather than - will solve - affordable
- (c) off-grid - Rather then - will solve - affordable
- (d) off-grid - Rather than - will be solved - affordable
- (e) off-grid - Rather than - will solve - good

Q8.

Goldman Sachs claimed _____ no law. That's precisely the problem. Our societies are _____ by legal corruption. University professors are in cahoots with pharmaceutical companies that think nothing of _____ hundreds of thousands of dollars for life and death products that _____ hundreds. And economists who cannot see past markets support such nonsense.



- (a) to be broken - being destroyed - charging - cost them
- (b) to have broken - been destroyed - charging - cost them
- (c) to have broken - being destroyed - charging - cost them
- (d) to have broken - being destroyed - costing - cost them
- (e) to have broken - being destroyed - charging - charge them

Q9.

We are _____ on foreign sources of defence and other hi-tech technology than perhaps ever before. Creating an app or an e-commerce service doesn't qualify as hi-tech _____. Narendra Modi and his team seem to think that shaking hands with Jack Ma and Mark Zuckerberg are crucial steps in _____ a culture of innovation in India. The result is that our PM signs up for a town hall meeting at the Facebook office _____ investigating the ins and outs of hi-tech research at US institutions.

- (a) mere reliant - innovation - fostering - instead of
- (b) more reliant - innovatively - fostering - instead of
- (c) more reliant - innovation - growing - instead of
- (d) more reliant - innovation - fostering - instead of
- (e) more reliant - innovation - fostering - yet

Q10.

Organisations are gradually _____ the importance of creating strong brands that provide real customer benefits so they can avoid falling prey to commoditisation. In other words, companies are realising that it's the only way _____. To a point, marketing and brand building exercises can help _____ one's products and services and break the monotony and commoditisation but after that one often needs to turn to innovation and constant technological upgrades _____ mindshare.

- (a) Has realised - to survive - differentiate - to retain
- (b) realising - to be survived - differentiate - to retain
- (c) realising - to survive - contrasting - to retain
- (d) realising - to survive - differentiate - to gain
- (e) realising - to survive - differentiate - to retain

Q11.

Bridge is _____ popular card sport in the world with over 100 countries as members of the World Bridge Federation. The estimated number of bridge players exceeds 60 million. But not many know that bridge _____ the passion of corporate honchos and financial investors. Wall Street loves this cerebral game and some of _____ players in the US are investors. A bridge buff, Warren Buffet had famously declared, "I _____ mind going to jail if I had three cellmates who played bridge." I have had the personal fortune of playing two boards with Bill Gates, some 20 years ago.

- (a) the most - has always been - the best - wouldn't
- (b) the more - has always been - the best - wouldn't
- (c) the most - has always - the best - wouldn't
- (d) the most - has always been - the better - wouldn't
- (e) the most - has always been - the best - wouldn't have been

Q12.

It is a _____ great importance for an economy that inflation and inflationary expectations are _____ under control. Else, the economy risks getting into a situation where any sign of even moderately strong economic growth leads to _____ high inflation, thus, structurally reducing the potential rate of growth of the economy. However, the timing of the increase and decrease in rates is always a very difficult decision as it has to ensure _____ between both inflation and growth.

- (a) issue of - kept - the onset of - a delicate balance
- (b) matter of - kept - the onset of - a delicate balance
- (c) matter of - keep - the onset of - a delicate balance
- (d) matter of - kept - the insight of - a delicate balance
- (e) matter of - kept - the onset of - a perfect balance

Q13.

India is now at that crucial stage where inflation is falling, growth has slowed down _____ and more interest rate cuts are _____. However, the timing of these rate cuts is a bit _____ as the inflation trajectory is still not very clear. One has to remember that India has witnessed continuously high inflation over the last 7 years and, therefore, the central bank would likely to wait for concrete proof that inflationary expectations have been broken before cutting rates _____.

- (a) significant - expected - uncertain - further
- (b) significantly - expect - uncertain - further
- (c) significantly - expected - uncertain - further
- (d) significantly - expected - uncertainly - further
- (e) significantly - expected - uncertain - farther

Q14.

Three actions troubled the pharma lobby: In 2012, the Indian Patent Office granted India's first compulsory licensing order in favour of Natco Pharma, allowing it to manufacture Nexavar, an anti-cancer drug patented by Bayer In 2005, Parliament _____ Section 3(d) of the Patents Act and declined to provide intellectual property patent protection _____ changes in drug formulations that did not result in "enhancement of the known efficacy of that substance", a practice that is called "evergreening" In 2013, the Supreme Court refused to grant a patent for Novartis' cancer drug Glivec, citing and upholding Section 3(d) Compulsory licensing is a provision governments can use to ensure _____ of medicines in case of public health emergencies. Many in the government _____ the 2012 order did not meet these rigorous benchmarks and was probably unnecessary. However, on Section 3(d) it would appear India is on good ground and the case against "evergreening" is strong.

- (a) amend - to incremental - mass manufacture - concede
- (b) amended - to increment - mass manufacture - concede
- (c) amended - to incremental - mass manufacturing - concede



- (d) amended - to incremental - mass manufacture - concede
 (e) amended - to incremental - mass manufacture - has conceded

Q15.

Indeed, as global pharmaceutical companies themselves come under pressure in their home countries as to just how expensive cutting-edge, patented medicines can be, _____ generics versions, this is becoming a concern beyond just India. A story that came to _____ recently was of an Australian academic who began suffering from Hepatitis C, his liver reaching a critical precancerous stage, and realised patented medicines down under _____ him \$100,000 for a course. He made his way to Chennai and bought generics versions of the same drug for less than \$1,000. Completely cured, he is now running a _____ the high price of patented medicines.

- (a) in relation to - prominence - would cost - campaign against
 (b) in comparison to - prominently - would cost - campaign against
 (c) in comparison to - prominence - would have been cost - campaign against
 (d) in comparison to - prominence - would cost - campaign in favour of
 (e) in comparison to - prominence - would cost - campaign against

Q16.

While the NEP definitely needs _____ the anomalies and bring in a reasonable secure ecosystem for transactions, it _____ clearly in tune with the existing standards and expectations that India's online ecosystem deserves and demands. In a landmark judgment in March 2015, the Supreme Court had _____ Section 66A of the IT Act on the same premise that it encroached on online freedom. The lessons of that judgment _____ to the DEITY bureaucracy and experts in the committee to see a reasonably encompassing NEP in place.

- (a) to harmonise - has to be - struck down - should have been clear
 (b) to be harmonised - has to be - struck down - should have been clear
 (c) to harmonise - had been- struck down - should have been clear
 (d) to harmonise - has to be - struck by- should have been clear
 (e) to harmonise - has to be - struck down - should have clear

Q17.

While fundamentally the differentiated business pillars mentioned above should _____ sufficient, we realised that the execution _____ done differently as well. The Indian mass market consumer, was new to the internet as was the SME merchant — just bringing the marketplace

model to them _____. We created ShopClues as India's First "Managed" marketplace — what this meant was to take a very considered though opposing _____ being the first pure marketplace to intermediate shipping, customer service and many other supporting services from day one etc. Since then, many other ecommerce companies have "pivoted" to the model, but our clear differentiation has stood us in good stead.

- (a) have - had to be - was not enough - point of view of
 (b) have been - had to be - was not enough - point of view of
 (c) have been - has been - was not enough - point of view of
 (d) have been - had to be - was enough - point of view of
 (e) have been - had to be - was not enough - point of view

Q18.

Yet, despite having the world's largest youth market, India has one of the _____ shares of the annual \$100-billion global character and entertainment licensing industry. Asian characters like Pokemon, Dragonball Z and Doraemon _____ household names around the world, and countries like Japan, South Korea and China have built multi-billion-dollar character entertainment industries. Yet, India, a culture with some of the _____ and rich storytelling the world has _____, hasn't come close to unlocking its amazing vault of creativity in this space.

- (a) smaller - have become - most mythic - ever known
 (b) smallest - have been become - most mythic - ever known
 (c) smallest - have become - most mythic - ever known
 (d) smallest - have become - more mythic than - ever known
 (e) smallest - have become - most mythic - ever found

Q19.

This seems counterintuitive but is a growing leadership challenge. High performance and individual happiness cannot stay _____, notwithstanding the hardliner view that workplaces are about business success alone. It _____ helps the individual nor eventually the organisation. It is not just about engagement levels at a workplace, which _____ a short-term issue. It is about a Happiness Quotient, a bedrock of long-term effectiveness and _____ high performance. How can we create Happier Workplaces, not just successful ones? Places where there is a sense of joy and fulfilment, of trust and collaboration. And yes, tasks get delivered without a ringmaster's presence.

- (a) divorce - neither - could be - sustained
 (b) divorced - either - could be - sustained
 (c) divorced - neither - can be - sustained
 (d) divorced - neither - could be - sustained
 (e) divorced - neither - could be - sustain

Q20.



No free pizzas and food courts can substitute good work. The tasks must be _____ nor too little. Excessive and unending lists of 'to dos' drain people and confuse them on priorities. Bad and inadequately understood multitasking is a happiness drain. _____ on your plate also makes one unhappy. And is the kind of work that one is tasked with really something that the talent looks forward _____? Many organisations assign work of a level far removed than the profile of the user. Some tasks are just too _____ and never seem to connect with the larger purpose. It may seem to some that work, especially documents and presentations, is deliberately being constructed to keep people busy. The manager must always be alert and respectful of such cues. There are always constructive solutions but does the workplace pick up the cues?

- (a) neither too many - Not having enough - to - mundane
- (b) neither too much - Not had enough - to - mundane
- (c) neither too much - Not having enough - in - mundane
- (d) neither too much - Not having enough - to - tedious
- (e) neither too much - Not having enough - to - mundane

Q21.

Another reason that makes shoulders droop is faulty organisation design. Maybe jobs are not clearly sculpted. _____ people are stepping on too many toes. Accountabilities are _____. There may be a formal organisation structure but a stronger informal power structure is what _____ works. Are the rank and file getting conflicting messages from too many stakeholders? Could the structure and responsibilities be better _____, both in letter and spirit? Every team has issues of power, influence and politics. Could yours be getting to be a victim of it and living with unhappiness?

- (a) Too many - unclear - really - articulated
- (b) So many - unclear - really - articulated
- (c) Too many - not unclear - really - articulated
- (d) Too many - unclear - in reality - articulated
- (e) Too many - unclear - really - articulation

Q22.

There are many ironies investing the _____ of Nepal's new Constitution. President Ram Baran Yadav, who formally signed the charter on September 20, is a Madhesi. His community is unhappy about the Constitution. Who are the Madhesis? They _____ the southern plains of Nepal. Many have familial connections on the Indian side of the border. Why are they unhappy? Because they feel, with good reason, that the Constitution will not do them much good. On the other hand, the manner of _____ of provinces, they are convinced, will work to their disadvantage. The Tharus, another _____ who mostly inhabit the western reaches of the Nepal plains, have similar apprehensions. The violence that has been unleashed by these unhappy elements has already claimed close to 50 lives.

- (a) promulgated - inhabit - delineation - ethnic group

- (b) promulgation - inhabit - delineation - ethnic group
- (c) promulgation - inhibition - delineation - ethnic group
- (d) promulgation - inhabit - delineated by - ethnic group
- (e) promulgation - inhabit - delineation - minority group

Q23.

India is displeased with the treatment of the ethnic minorities and _____ no great effort to conceal this. What are the lessons to be learnt? Constitution-making has to be a _____ exercise, as it was in India, when every member of the Constituent Assembly _____ his or her signature to the charter of rights and responsibilities.

_____, if that is not possible, the next best thing may be to get the concurrence of the largest possible majority. This is what the Nepalese have done. They may, rightfully, point out that the vast majority of the Constituent Assembly voted for the Constitution in its present form.

- (a) Had been made - consensual - appended - However
- (b) has made - consensus - appended - However
- (c) has made - consensual - appended - However
- (d) has made - consensual - amended - However
- (e) has made - consensual - appended - Therefore

Q24.

Violence in the Terai can only make it difficult for that process to materialise. It would be good if all _____ realise this. There are many in the top Indian leadership who wish to see Nepal enjoy the _____ multi-party democracy and federalism in full measure. Some of them can surely muster sufficient goodwill in Kathmandu _____ the Nepalese leadership to set up a Commission to look into the grievances of the Madhesis and the Tharus, especially with respect to _____ of provinces and adequate representation.

- (a) concern - fruits of - to persuade - delineation
- (b) concerned - fruits for - to persuade - delineation
- (c) concerned - fruits of - to be persuaded - delineation
- (d) concerned - fruits of - to persuade - delineation
- (e) concerned - fruits of - to persuade - to deline

Q25.

Through the 'product envelopment' strategy, firms expand features of their platforms and offerings. The _____ Myntra by Flipkart for about \$300 million is a notable example. This has helped Flipkart _____ its product line in fashion apparel and target brand-conscious customers. By acquiring Freecharge, Snapdeal could _____ the mobile payment platform into its e-commerce offerings. The same holds for Flipkart recently acquiring FX Mart, which provides a prepaid wallet licence so that payment platforms _____ into Flipkart's online stores platform.

- (a) acquisition of - to expanded - embed - can be integrated
- (b) acquisition for - to expand - embed - can be integrated
- (c) acquisition of - to expand - embed - can integrate



- (d) acquisition of - to expand - embedded into - can be integrated
 (e) acquisition of - to expand - embed - can be integrated

Q26.

Companies are acquiring stakes in technologies unrelated to their core business that holds _____ the future. Google is _____ such acquisitions, buying the satellite imaging technology firm Skybox Imaging in 2014 for \$500 million to enhance its project Loon that intends to provide internet access in _____ of the world. With the acquisition of Nest Labs for \$500 million, Google showed its _____ home monitoring. Facebook acquired the Britain-based Ascenta to provide internet access through unmanned aerial vehicles. We are yet to see such high-risk, long-term investment types of acquisitions in India.

- (a) promise for - well known for - remote parts - appetite for
 (b) promise of - well known for - remote parts - appetite for
 (c) promise for - know how to - remote parts - appetite for
 (d) promise for - well known for - accessible parts - appetite for
 (e) promise for - well known for - remote parts - appetite to

Q27.

They're trying to disrupt (even create) industries, and emerge as the 'mutations' of this decade. This mindset has been further _____ the sudden ease in raising large amounts of venture capital funding, even compared to just three years ago. But the problem with growth is that it blinds you. It makes you feel that it's the only thing that _____. The infamous fall of Fab.com is a _____ to all startups which think they can just keep expanding categories and geographies by throwing money at the problem. What these startups don't realise is that they're growing just for the sake of growth. And with this approach, they will never win the battle. Only those few startups which understand how to 'grow naturally' will _____. The rest will become extinct.

- (a) fuel by - matters - testament - survive
 (b) fuelled by - matters - testament - survive
 (c) fuelled by - matter of importance - testament - survive
 (d) fuelled by - matters - tested example - survive
 (e) fuelled by - matters - testament - survival of

Q28.

Ironically, even the business communities of India such as the Jains, Marwaris and Gujarati Vaishnavs _____ this assumption that money is evil and make it a point to atone for the sin of business by _____ vegetarian and funding temple-building projects and making huge donations to gurus, who fast on their behalf. And saffron-robed gurus, who travel in fancy cars and oversee vast FMCG, healthcare, hospitality and spa empires, hide their shrewd consumer insight and insist they, own nothing and

that their luxury lifestyle is just the _____ of devotees. To admit they enjoy their hard earned wealth _____ career suicide.

- (a) Endorsed by - being - generosity - would be
 (b) endorse - been - generosity - would be
 (c) endorse - being - generosity - would be
 (d) endorse - being - generous - would be
 (e) endorse - being - generosity - would have been

Q29.

In the Hindu Puranas, the problem is never with wealth. Wealth is a goddess, Lakshmi, one of the _____, invoked in the Shri Sukta of the Rig Veda for cows and grain and gold and children. The problem is with our relationship with wealth. In the Puranas, Brahma's son Indra is always chasing wealth. In contrast, Vishnu attracts wealth and Shiva is _____ to wealth. The wealth chasers are not worshipped; the wealth-attractors and the wealth-ignorers are _____ in temples. Vishnu is linked to householders and Shiva to hermits. But then Shiva is made to marry a princess of the mountains, Parvati, who is also the goddess of food, Anna-poorna, thus _____ to the value of food, if not wealth, in human society. Even the hermit who shuns wealth needs food. Thus, production and distribution of food and wealth are separated, though both are seen as key to society.

- (a) oldest - different - enshrined - drawing attention
 (b) older - indifferent - enshrined - drawing attention
 (c) oldest - indifferent - enshrine - drawing attention
 (d) oldest - indifferent - enshrined - drawing attention
 (e) oldest - indifferent - enshrined - getting attention

Q30.

There is talk of behavioural economics, but this subject does not bother with emotions, for the _____ that emotions cannot be measured and so are outside the _____ of science. In contrast, the Hindu scriptures are obsessed with human relationship with wealth. Do we derive our identity from how much money we have? Is _____ society celebrates in the list of the richest people in the world? If yes, then it is not a good thing. For we are placing wealth-chasing Indras and wealth-clinging Brahmas on pedestals as our role models, not the wealth-attracting Vishnu who does not need wealth to _____ himself.

- (a) better reason - purview - that what - validation
 (b) simple reason - review - that what - validate
 (c) better reason - purview - that what - validate
 (d) simple reason - review - that what - validation
 (e) simple reason - purview - that what - validate

Q31.

Be paranoid about customers. Do not believe that they will ever be loyal. They will _____ with zero compunction if someone provides a better service. You could reduce the risk of migration through small hooks like your frequent-flyer programme equivalent, but they _____ work



when customers are unhappy. Treat your frequent-flyer programme not as a retention hook but as gratitude for using your services. It's their gratitude that will always _____ in the race. Do not behave like an early mover. Remain humble (with humility comes open-mindedness) and agile – success often goes into the heads of the early movers and they tend to get a tad overconfident about their _____. As a result, they tend to scoff at the late entrants and their strategy. Be quick in making corrections on both the strategic and execution approaches based on shifting ground realities.

- (a) migrate - cease to - keep you ahead - invincibility
- (b) Migrated to - stop - keep you ahead - invincibility
- (c) migrate - cease to - keep you ready - invincible
- (d) Migrated to - cease to - keep you ahead - invincibility
- (e) migrate - stop - keep you ahead - invincible

Q32.

Early movers often lose the plot when they begin to make ill-informed _____ between scale and customer satisfaction (often by sacrificing customer satisfaction for scale) or revenue growth and profitability (sometimes sacrificing profitability for growth – and sometimes vice-versa). _____ early mover advantage can be built only if there is a deep knowledge of customer and business/domain trends. Winners use this knowledge and insight _____ the kind of thrusts a new entrant could make to snatch market share and constantly strengthen their armour at precisely these spots. At times, this could involve proactively investing in technology and analytics, and _____ it could be about opening a new line of business or service. A late entrant with deeper pockets can try and imitate, and even better your strategy. So, think about what you are doing that someone with access to funds cannot easily imitate. What is positively difficult to imitate is the culture. What is also positively difficult to imitate is IP. And, in a complex business that is not necessarily IP-driven, the quality of execution is equally difficult to imitate.

- (a) trade-offs - Sustainable – to be anticipated - at other times
- (b) trade-offs - Sustainable - to anticipate - at other times
- (c) balance - Sustained - to anticipate - at better times
- (d) trade-offs - Sustainable - to be anticipated - at better times
- (e) balance - Sustainable - to anticipate - at other times

Q33.

The reversal of FII flows would also stem the _____ in emerging market currencies. With the rupee stabilising and the US Fed's rate hike decision behind, the RBI would now be less constrained in easing rates in India. India is among the few large economies that can offer monetary _____ to aid growth. The rate cuts, I believe, may not necessarily wait for scheduled policy announcements. Over the next three months, I would expect RBI to cut rates by 50 basis points. This _____ some pressure on debt

servicing, and will also have a positive _____ on retail credit in the second half of FY16.

- (a) depreciation - stimulus - would be eased - consequence
- (b) Appreciation - support - would ease - impact
- (c) depreciation - stimulus - would ease - impact
- (d) Appreciation - stimulus – would be eased - impact
- (e) depreciation - support - would ease - consequence

Q34.

The Indian economy is in relatively good shape with \$380 billion forex reserves, adequate for 11 months of imports. While the trade account has been little soft, India is one of the most _____ investment destinations, with macroeconomic _____ and good growth outlook. As global investors return to emerging markets, I believe India would garner a fair share. Yet, while FII flows would drive stock market performance in the near term, in the longer term, the key driver _____ corporate earnings. While the period of volatility does cause nervousness, it always provides a very strong opportunity to raise allocation to equities. It's a good time to buy many quality companies available at a _____ price due to the recent correction. This time is no different.

- (a) Prefer to – stable - would be - discounted
- (b) Prefer to – stable - would be - discounted
- (c) preferred - stability - would have been - discount
- (d) preferred - stability - would be - discounted
- (e) preferred - stability - would have been - discount

Q35.

Efforts have been made in the past to cleanse the sector, but without success .The Appropriate Authority was set up by the tax department for pre-emptive purchase of property in cases where the value was _____. But the experiment flopped. There were litigations, the tax department was _____ with high priced properties, _____ could not be disposed of. These were _____ to officers for residential purposes. I recall colleagues staying in palatial accommodation in Golf Links, Malabar Hill and Cuffe Parade. The funds of the Government were unnecessarily blocked. The institution had to be scrapped.

- (a) Under declare - saddle - most of which - allotted
- (b) Under declare - saddle - most of which - allotted
- (c) Under declared - saddled - more of which - allotment
- (d) Under declared - saddled - more of which - allotment
- (e) Under declared - saddled - most of which - allotted

Q36.

Many businessmen, including small traders, are becoming NRIs. Or asking their kin not to return to India after completing their studies or employment _____. In 2015, _____ reversing the money drain, the government is aiding it. Amidst all the talk about attracting FDI, what can be a bigger PR disaster than home-grown business leaders planning _____ their residences and investments overseas? It comes as little surprise that India



_____ the Foreign Direct Investment Confidence Index's Top 10 list for the first time in 10 years.

- (a) abroad - instead of - to shift - dropped off
- (b) foreign - Indeed - to shift - dropped off
- (c) foreign - Indeed - to shift - dropped off
- (d) abroad - instead of - to be shifted - decline
- (e) abroad - instead of - to be shifted - decline

Q37.

Ecommerce marketplaces such as Flipkart, Snapdeal and Amazon _____ revolutionised selling by simply connecting "sellers of goods" (earlier called traders) and "the consumer" _____ their platforms. In the recent past, we have seen the rise of hyperlocal commerce with companies connecting neighbourhood stores and service providers to consumers, to deliver anything from food and groceries to laundry and medicines. What's _____ important is that everyone seems to finally _____ with spending their rupees online.

- (a) Had been - across - more - be comfortable
- (b) have - through - more - be comfortable
- (c) Had been - across - more - be comfortable
- (d) have - through - most - comfortable with
- (e) have - through - more - most - comfortable with

Q38.

The ecommerce boom has certainly been good for consumers, but what it has almost _____ done for sellers is even more phenomenal. India has over 30 million small and medium enterprises which employ 40 per cent of the country's workforce but _____ to only 20 per cent of the GDP. There are _____ for this, but the three main reasons are lack of access to markets and a consumer base, lack of infrastructure, both digital and physical, and most important lack of financing. With the growth of ecommerce a large segment of these SMEs has suddenly received that much-_____ shot in the arm.

- (a) Inadvertent - contributed - several reasons - needed
- (b) inadvertent - contributed - several reasons - needed
- (c) inadvertently - contribute - several reasons - needed
- (d) inadvertently - contribute - many factors - need to
- (e) inadvertently - contribute - many factors - need to

Q39.

Even young entrepreneurs with companies less than a year old are cashing sales of almost `2-3 crore per month. While most ecommerce platforms are in the red, sellers are already profitable. Traditionally a lot of these sellers would witness cyclical or seasonal _____ on business that would hinder consistent growth. That has all changed — by _____ to customers from across the country they are able to take advantage of regional festivals and sometimes almost daily offers by ecommerce companies. Ecommerce companies are taking on traditional retail models, even going to the extent of backing their seller-partners with all the machinery that they need to win in a highly _____ market. From propping them up

through tieups with wholesalers and marketing agencies, and _____ them to sell online via cataloging companies, it is advantage all the way for sellers.

- (a) Affected - gain access to - competitive - assisting
- (b) Affected - gain access to - competitive - assisting
- (c) influences - gaining access - competition - support
- (d) influences - gaining access - competitive - assisting
- (e) influences - gaining access - competition - support

Q40.

Access to the right infrastructure, both digital and physical, _____ an issue for most SMEs, particularly traders and retailers. We see that large ecommerce companies now provide warehousing facilities for retailers to store and catalogue their inventory, even extending in-house logistics teams or third-party logistics support. This has also created _____ for cataloguing startups that help sellers list their products online and manage inventory _____ marketplaces. It's not enough to go e-tail, sellers have realised, without going digital. Today _____ before, they all transact online. This creates a much easier and transparent digital ecosystem in which to operate.

- (a) had been - opportunity - across - unlike
- (b) had been - opportunity - across - unlike
- (c) has always been - opportunities - through - like
- (d) has always been - opportunities - through - like
- (e) has always been - opportunities - across - unlike

Q41.

Now, conventional western wisdom holds that by raising or lowering interest rates, central banks can curb or _____ inflation. Apart from the immediate impact of rate changes, central bankers supposedly _____ the power to anchor future inflationary expectations by signalling the future course of interest rates. _____, some economists believe that the central bank _____ only one aim: to target inflation, and not get distracted by other tasks like influencing GDP growth or exports.

- (a) encourage - have - Indeed - should have
- (b) grow - have been - Indeed - should have
- (c) grow - have been - Indeed - should have
- (d) encourage - have - although - would have been
- (e) encourage - have - although - would have been

Q42.

This is a revolution spurred not by policy change or government grants but by private capital. The success of these leagues comes from the work of venture capitalists, bankers, business persons, actors, statisticians, an international technical crew and an evolving media, who together have all _____ these sports with professionalism and a glossy _____. This is not to say that cricket is losing its lustre. Far from it. Cricket, our national obsession, remains the _____ sport in India. The 2015 World Cup, despite being played in an 'inconvenient' time zone, delivered the best ever ratings



for any event on television. But cricket is no longer the only sport occupying the national _____ anymore.

- (a) Embedded - shade - most watched - consciousness
- (b) injected - veneer - most watched - consciousness
- (c) Embedded - shade - most watched - consciousness
- (d) injected - veneer - more watch - conscience
- (e) injected - veneer - more watch - conscience

Q43.

Already the success of the franchise based leagues is turning sport into an aspirational _____ for youngsters. The support of private capital assures lucrative _____, while the platform these leagues provide ensure players get the _____ they deserve. Today, our sporting heroes come from sports beyond only cricket. Hand in hand with our growing success on the global sporting stage, sports persons competing in boxing, shooting, snooker, wrestling, chess, golf, and most recently, kabaddi and football are _____ becoming household names.

- (a) Efforts - incomes - recognition - increasingly
- (b) Efforts - incomes - recognition - increasingly
- (c) endeavour - remuneration - recognition - increasingly
- (d) endeavour - remuneration - recognised - increasing
- (e) endeavour - remuneration - recognised - increasing

Q44.

The core of the Chinese economic policy is to create jobs at _____ cost, as long as basic raw material costs are covered. The banks, _____, are funded by the People's Bank of China, which prints currency notes to _____ that this cycle continues as it brings in the dollars, generates jobs and ensures that China can continue its breakneck speed of economic growth. The same holds for infrastructure. The banks _____ tons of companies who build ghost cities, highways to nowhere and buildings that no one occupies because the investment growth remains high and no one looks at economic returns.

- (a) all - on the other issue - ensure - fund
- (b) all - on the other issue - ensure - fund
- (c) any - on the other hand - make sure of - funding
- (d) any - on the other hand - ensure - fund
- (e) any - on the other hand - make sure of - funding

Q45.

We constantly ask when India _____ the next Google, Facebook or Uber. _____ are given but I believe it starts with the thinking. You must, right at the start, think and believe that your product, your company, is global. Google didn't say it wants to index all information in Mountain View, or California, or the United States. No. It said it wants to _____ all the information in the world — global from Day One. Similarly, Uber _____ it is the private driver for everyone in the United States. It said 'Everyone's private driver.' Global from Day One.

- (a) will be produced - some reasons - index - didn't say
- (b) will be produced - some reasons - index - didn't say

- (c) will produce - Many reasons - tabulated - doesn't say
- (d) will produce - Many reasons - tabulated - doesn't say
- (e) will produce - Many reasons - index - didn't say

Q46.

No matter how great you think your product is, it will always improve _____ if you go beyond India to tap other markets and find other users who will try it. In Singapore, we learnt a lot about how healthcare is practiced in a developed country, how responsive and scalable our infrastructure _____. We took a lot of these learnings and put them back into our product so that the next version was 10x better. What we also did was to not build a 'Singapore version' - we decided that if we go to a country and learn something that is better, we will _____ our product globally _____ that, not do isolated versions for each country.

- (a) significantly - needs to be - upgrade - to reflect
- (b) significant - need to - upgrade - to reflect
- (c) significant - need to - upgrade - to reflect
- (d) significantly - needs to be - enhance - to glimpse
- (e) significantly - needs to be - enhance - to glimpse

Q47.

So, if the taxman was to discover an undisclosed immovable property in India acquired in 2010, it _____ taxed not at the current market value but at the price paid for the property at the time of its purchase. But, as per the Black Money Act, the current market value of the foreign property on the date of its _____ would be subjected to tax. This means that the tax shall _____ payable on the 'black money' paid to acquire the property, but also on the appreciation in the price of the property — not to mention the _____ in the foreign currency.

- (a) would have been - disclosed - not only be - appreciation
- (b) would be - disclosure - not only be - appreciation
- (c) would have been - disclosed - not only be - appreciation
- (d) would be - disclosure - nor only been - appreciate
- (e) would be - disclosure - not nor only been - appreciate

Q48.

What is likely to be debated over a far longer time is whether a government has the right to _____ decide what kind of food products are to be sold and consumed. But, most importantly, what must not be forgotten is the impact this 'meat ban' issue _____ and such prohibitions in general can have on business in India. Such signals are especially _____ for any kind of attempts being made to improve 'ease of doing business' in India. Used frequently as a battle cry for progress, 'ease of doing business' has become a slogan that the central government proudly and frequently flaunts and promises to better. But _____ helping India become an easier place to do business — meat, online retail, F&B, anything — the



government's priorities seem misplaced. A much-publicised 'Will shops be closed or will they remain open?' discourse can deliver a big blow to India's already lackadaisical image for doing business.

- (a) unilateral - more specific - retrogressive - instead of
- (b) unilateral - more specific - retrogressive - instead of
- (c) unilaterally - in particular - retrogressive - instead of
- (d) unilaterally - in particular - progressive - although
- (e) unilaterally - in particular - progressive - although

Q49.

The World Bank's 'ease of doing business' report considers a number of factors in its assessment. These _____ what it takes to start a business, procuring licences and permits to operate, registering properties, protection of minority investors, certainty in taxation, enforcement of contracts and resolving insolvency. The government _____ to get India in the top 50 within the next two years. For that to be achieved, for starters, arbitrary bans and diktats need _____. Meat sellers and businesses, both in the organised and unorganised sectors, have been _____, as have the food chains selling meat-based food products. With revenues being lost, and unexpected impediments to doing business, this unpredictability and wanton disregard for the interests of businesses hardly bodes well.

- (a) Take into account - has to be vowed - to ban - affected
- (b) Take into account - has to be vowed - to ban - affected
- (c) include - has vowed - to be banned - effected
- (d) include - has vowed - to ban - affected
- (e) include - has vowed - to be banned - effected

Q50.

Although the World Bank's 'ease of doing business' report may not _____ its analysis such anomalous situations like a government's arbitrary action and diktat fuelled by some lobby or another affecting business, this _____ makes any analysis on a comprehensive 'ease of doing business' report incomplete. The case in point being that _____ the widespread and competitive meat bans in various states last week, the issue won't reflect in India's ranking, despite business on the ground being severely affected. This means that corporate institutions will look at the actual ground _____ in India rather than just World Bank rankings, and decide for themselves whether doing business in India is worth their efforts or not.

- (a) corporate into - separation - despite - realities
- (b) corporate into - separation - despite - realities
- (c) incorporate in - exclusion - indeed - reality
- (d) incorporate in - exclusion - indeed - reality
- (e) incorporate in - exclusion - despite - realities

Q51.

Birds migrate long stretches, sometimes even thousands of miles between its breeding and non-breeding ground, a journey _____ many hiccups, often perilous, but it doesn't have the luxury to reproduce and blossom in a

fixed habitat. It has to fly to a new spot, sometimes _____ food, some other times to escape harsh winters, the reasoning the same each time-the desire to survive. Migration as a phenomenon is nature's remarkable way of _____ Darwin's theory-'Survival of the fittest'; the Syrian migrants _____ the theory even more vehemently.

- (a) encompassing - in search of - validating - authenticating
- (b) encompass - in lieu of - validating - authenticating
- (c) encompass - in lieu of - validating - authenticating
- (d) encompassing - in search of - including - approving
- (e) encompassing - in search of - including - approving

Q52.

The current migrant _____ also brings to light the insecurities and selfish disposition of us humans. The people, who ought to support us, comfort us, cheer us in times of distress, give us a _____. These are the people who speak the same language, adorn the same garb, practise the same rituals, celebrate the same festivals, indulge in same nosh, pray to the same God- but give us apathy when we seek their _____. The 5 wealthiest countries of the Arabian Peninsula namely Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait and Bahrain- none of these lousy rich economies _____ considered offering a roof to the homeless Syrians. They take comfort in the fact that they financially support refugee camps in Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon, thus doing their bit.

- (a) disaster - Luke warm - asylum - have even
- (b) crisis - cold shoulder - asylum - have even
- (c) disaster - Luke warm - asylum - have even
- (d) crisis - cold shoulder - support - have even been
- (e) crisis - cold support - have even been

Q53.

Think of the times when you felt vulnerable, miserable and _____. What did you desire the most in that situation? A kin offering you few thousands of dollars to rebuilt your life, sans the emotions? _____ that kind of support suffice? Or did you seek a dear one offering you a shoulder _____, have him wipe off your tears, have him hold your hand assuringly and tell you- All will be OK! I find solace in words of kindness, I feel reassured with a warm hug, I feel consoled with a gesture that _____ a sense of belonging. And I need all this even if I am behind the eight ball.

- (a) Hoping for - Would be - to lean on - conveys
- (b) Hoping for - Would be - to lean on - conveys
- (c) hopeless - Would - to lean on - conveys
- (d) hopeless - Would - to lay around - deliver
- (e) hopeless - Would - to lay around - deliver

Q54.

It is appalling to see how these Gulf nations, floating in wealth, show no compassion or _____ responsibility of this crisis. It's indeed a disgrace to the Muslim



community who are shying away from taking the onus. How can they turn their backs to their 'own' people? Yes, the refugees do need the financial support _____ the pieces of their once beautiful life; no denying that fact. But what they need the most is _____. A flourishing economy like Kuwait would have been an ideal ground for the abandoned _____ because of similar customs, language, beliefs. Closing doors to these destitute and asking them to seek asylum elsewhere (EU being the most popular choice) where they are alien to their language, rituals, festivals and customs, reflects the inhumane and insensitive stance of these nations and its leaders.

- (a) Shared by - to take up - compassion - to recapitulate
- (b) Shared by - to take up - compassion - to recapitulate
- (c) sharing of - to pick up - no disturbance - to recalculate
- (d) sharing of - to pick up - compassion - to recapitulate
- (e) sharing of - to pick up - no disturbance - to recalculate

Q55.

Though there's a lot of buzz on rehabilitating the refugees, the world _____ needs to focus all its energies on ways to consummate the 4-year long civil war. The world is _____ over the Syrian crisis. Russia and Iran backing the Assad regime whereas US, Europe alongside few Gulf countries want Assad to vacate power. The _____ want Assad to continue to prevent Syria from falling into further chaos, thus allowing subsequent strengthening of IS's foothold. The latter want to dislodge Assad's regime _____ all the atrocities conducted by him; the reason behind the break of civil war.

- (a) Along with - division - former - in face of
- (b) Along with - division - former - in face of
- (c) simultaneously - divided - first - in lieu of
- (d) simultaneously - divided - first - in lieu of
- (e) simultaneously - divided - former - in face of

Q56.

The presence of information in electronic _____ on real-time basis, and the availability of advanced natural language processors, helps one measure sentiment of any new information on a continuous basis. Whether an investor will act rationally _____ availability of information depends on the 'effort' that the investor _____ to put in processing such information. Vendors who provide sentiment scores on news are, in a way, reducing the mental effort _____ process any information. They would, therefore, argue that an investor needs to spend a fraction of her limited attention span to act on available sentiment.

- (a) format - based on the - would like - required to
- (b) Form - basis in the - would like - required to
- (c) Form - basis in the - would like - required to
- (d) format - based on the - must like - requirements
- (e) format - based on the - must like - requirements

Q57.

But our research _____ that investors cannot operate on divided attention. Major non-market attention-grabbing events overwhelm firm _____ information carrying strong sentiment. For example, when Hazare was on his fast, a positive news item on Coal India gaining Maharatna status _____ negative sentiment. Its price fell by almost 2 per cent over the next two days. Around the same period, there was neutral-to positive news on Infosys with officials _____ in talks to have the IT company set up local presence. Strangely, the stock reported a negative cumulative abnormal return (CAR) of 1 per cent in the two days around the Hazare event.

- (a) has been shown - in particular - generated - reportedly
- (b) has shown - specific - generated - reportedly
- (c) has been shown - in particular - generated - reportedly
- (d) has shown - specific - develop - reported
- (e) has shown - specific - develop - reported

Q58.

Let's simply decode the first verse of the Rig Veda. Language experts have concluded that there are older verses in the Rig Veda, _____ when the books were re-organized, this verse was located as the first one. A traditionalist will try to exclude general public people from the decoding exercise using various _____ reasons. These isolationist rules were created to protect the _____ of hymns, but _____ breeding corruption in the priestly class, much like the License Raj. Again it is a burden we do not bear in the 21st century. The hymn is identified as Rig Veda 1.1.1, meaning it is the first hymn (rig) of the first poem (sukta) of the first of the ten books (mandala).

- (a) So - devout - sanctity - ended up
- (b) So - devout - sanctity - ended up
- (c) but - orthodox - sanctity - ended up
- (d) but - orthodox - religiousness - closed
- (e) but - orthodox - religiousness - closed

Q59.

Exchange happens between shareholder and the organisation, _____ employees and the organisation, between customers and the organisation, between the state and the organisation. When exchange favours one side _____ we speak of inefficiency, or exploitation, or the absence of ethics. All the various directors and managers and supervisors and team leaders of an organisation play are the purohitams, the rtviks, the hotras, all _____ the exchange. German Indologists of the 18th century wrongly translated the word yagna as sacrifice. This meant one group of _____ as it was expected to 'give' without 'getting'. But this word has glamour in the religious world and so a preferred translation even amongst those who conduct yagna.

- (a) Among - over the latter - participating in - being exploited
- (b) Among - over the latter - participating in - being exploited



- (c) between - over the other - including - been exploited
- (d) between - over the other - participating in - being exploited
- (e) between - over the other - including - been exploited

Q60.

We want to be seen as 'givers'. But the yagna is as much about 'getting'. Not taking but getting. So yagna is not _____ a contract, that is the cornerstone of modern management, and contract as an idea comes from Abrahamic _____, not the Vedas. The deity is under no contractual obligation for there is no regulatory authority out there to _____ we can petition in case of breach of contract. It is all about trust between the buyer and the seller, the seeker and the hoarder. When there is decent exchange, relationships _____ and society prospers. That is the direction in which the first hymn of the Veda takes us.

- (a) More than - myth - which - thrive
- (b) More than - myth - which - thrive
- (c) quite - mythologies - whom - generate
- (d) quite - mythologies - whom - generate
- (e) quite - mythologies - which - thrive

Q61.

The macro-policy stance and climate are, however, not _____ to growth. The US Federal Reserve has _____ the record of greater success. It achieved this with a dual mandate and not a monetarist perspective — of which inflation targeting is a collateral product. The dual mandate underscores the sovereignty of employment — i.e. growth — as an independent policy objective and _____ treat inflation as a monetary _____.

- (a) conducive - arguably - does not - phenomenon
- (b) productive - argue - does not - phenomenon
- (c) productive - argue - does not - phenomenon
- (d) conducive - arguably - has not been - occurrence
- (e) conducive - arguably - has not been - occurrence

Q62.

Despite its fears of migrants, India has been home to _____ Nepalis and Bangladeshis. Many moons ago, persecuted refugees such as the Parsi community and Jews _____ India their home. Countries with totalitarian and authoritarian systems have to also find ways in which they can _____ migrants. Demographic shifts, with ageing societies losing their global competitiveness, _____ this more compelling.

- (a) Many of - have made - accommodate - have made
- (b) thousands of - made - accommodate - have made
- (c) Many of - have made - accommodate - have made
- (d) thousands of - made - accommodation - have been made
- (e) thousands of - made - accommodation - have been made

Q63.

While even the ILO refers only to 'labour', the fact is that today's refugees and migrants are often _____ labour. They deserve protection from social and political _____ and economic discrimination in host nations. Be it in Europe or in China, in West Asia or North America, every modern nation must grant the 'right of entry' and human security to refugees and migrants, coming _____ the laws of demographics and the human instinct for survival. Stringent visa systems and immigration laws are a 20th century _____ that have no place in the 21st.

- (a) Future's - hostile - to terms with - aberration
- (b) Future's - hostile - to terms with - aberration
- (c) tomorrow's - hostility - to terms with - aberration
- (d) tomorrow's - hostility - along with - irregularity
- (e) tomorrow's - hostility - to along with - irregularity

Q64.

It has been argued that right to be forgotten strengthens privacy and _____ granted when the public interest test is satisfied. But acknowledgement of the right would indicate that search engines could adjudicate what constitutes public interest. An _____ could be found in the sensitive data-protection rules under the Information Technology Act. This _____ entail that if the right to be forgotten is formally recognised, it should _____ to the extent of removal of sensitive personal data, and nothing else.

- (a) Would have been - option - would - only be allowed
- (b) Would have been - option - would - only be allowed
- (c) should be - alternative - would be - only allow
- (d) should be - alternative - would - only be allowed
- (e) should be - alternative - would be - only allow

Q65.

Ultimately, any such formal recognition must be informed by experiences from real-life content removal requests. In Europe, where the right to be forgotten _____, many of the data-deletion requests involve the _____ past criminal behaviour. Nearly 20% of the requests were for removal of reportage relating to fraud, and 12% for allegations relating to child pornography. The question now is _____ protection of individual privacy is _____ important than the protection of an uncensored internet.

- (a) recognised - removed of - whether - more
- (b) recognised - removed of - whether - more
- (c) has been recognised - removal of - rather - most
- (d) has been recognised - removal of - rather - most
- (e) has been recognised - removal of - whether - more

Q66.

A search engine may weigh the public interest in such information _____ the right of the person seeking its removal. But this process is _____ transparent. Moreover, drawing attention to the content _____ would only further highlight it, creating what is known as a



'Streisand effect'. With online privacy and data protection fast becoming important areas of legislative consideration, it is only _____ before proponents of the right to be forgotten seek its formal approval. But a nuanced conversation about this right will only get off the ground after a comprehensive right to privacy is established.

- (a) against - seldom - being removed - a matter of time
- (b) In accordance with - sometimes - being removed - a matter of time
- (c) In accordance with - sometimes - being removed - a matter of time
- (d) against - seldom - been removed - a case of time
- (e) against - seldom - been removed - a case of time

Q67.

The brewing industry in India has, of late, turned flat. Foreign players such as Heineken and Budweiser are now strong leaders in the market. But the Indian beer industry has been _____ from its growth potential because of stringent taxation policies and availability, along with curbs on distribution. This, in turn, is the _____ no distinction made between beverages with low alcoholic content like beer and wine and spirits like whisky and vodka. Most beers have a 6% alcoholic _____, while most liquor has 40% and above. In India, however, they are all clubbed as 'daaru'. In countries such as Germany and France, spirits are taxed at six times the rate of beer where the price and tax distinction _____ alcohol content.

- (a) promoted - affect of - content - are based on
- (b) thwarted - result of - content - are based on
- (c) promoted - affect of - content - are based on
- (d) thwarted - result of - constituents - basis on
- (e) thwarted - result of - constituents - basis on

Q68.

This heavy taxation _____ in beer being seen as a 'high-end' drink driving drinkers to hard spirits. The current policies of each and every state government are _____ aimed at raising revenues from the alcoholic beverage sector without differentiating between categories of low and high alcoholic beverages. These policies _____ social needs and objectives, thereby driving drinkers to opt for liquor consumption. One must appeal to the states to stop looking _____ at beer producers to fund their coffers.

- (a) has been resulted - indiscriminate- overlook - overwhelmingly
- (b) has been resulted - indiscriminate - overlook - overwhelmingly
- (c) has resulted - indiscriminately - overlook - overwhelmingly
- (d) has resulted - indiscriminately - overturn - increasingly
- (e) has resulted - indiscriminately - overturn - increasingly

Q69.

Recent plunges in China's stock markets, currency value and economic growth have _____ global fears. After a long spell of gravity defying rise, the sudden spectacle of China stumbling and panicking _____ confidence in President Xi Jinping's 'dream of national _____ has upset calculations of not just Chinese consumers and producers, but _____ international stakeholders.

- (a) promoted - sustained - rejuvenation - also of
- (b) promoted - sustained - rejuvenation - also of
- (c) triggered - to sustain - reformation - including
- (d) triggered - to sustain - rejuvenation' - also of
- (e) triggered - to sustain - reformation - including

Q70.

The core failure exposed by China's fall from double digit GDP growth to approximately 5% or less is in the working of its state capitalist system. Excessive _____ of economic decision-making authority in Xi's own hands at the expense of Premier Li Keqiang, who is theoretically _____ the economy, and the former's contradictory priorities of cracking down on official corruption while preserving the commanding position of public sector enterprises, _____ a major hand in China's contemporary troubles. Speculative bubbles in real estate and overcapacity in manufacturing and infrastructure had _____ the Chinese GDP racehorse for years and oiled the palms of the Communist Party bureaucracy.

- (a) focus - acceptance for - have played - fuelled
- (b) focus - acceptance for - have played - fuelled
- (c) concentration - responsible for - have being played - promoted
- (d) concentration - responsible for - have been played - promoted
- (e) concentration - responsible for - have played - fuelled

Q71.

Xi is widely accepted as the most authoritarian Chinese leader since Deng Xiaoping. Some _____ labelled him as a 21st century Mao Zedong. _____, this control freak ideology has limits in keeping the lid on underlying problems. The series of 'administrative interventions' ordered by Xi in the past few weeks _____ the bearish stock market, put a floor on the renminbi's depreciation, and prevent capital flight _____ that the strongman method of crisis-response does not compensate for fundamental economic weaknesses.

- (a) have even - However - to prop up - reveal
- (b) Have been even - Therefore - to prop up - reveal
- (c) Have been even - Therefore - to prop up - reveal
- (d) have even - However - to gain for - explore
- (e) have even - However - to gain for - explore

Q72.

Countries that keep adapting institutions and policies can maintain rapid growth _____ others, Harvard's Dani Rodrik has long argued. Strategies that work for moving from low to middle income must change for progress to



upper-middle income, or later to high income. Such adaptations are difficult. Hence, discontinuities are far _____ than sustained growth. Acemoglu and Robinson emphasise the role of institutions — these need to keep _____ sophistication and quality. Constant improvements _____ in the quality of government services, transaction and accounting practices, transparency and accountability, and predictability of policies and legal interpretations.

- (a) more longer than - common - improving in - are needed
- (b) much longer than - commoner - improving in - are needed
- (c) more longer than - common - improving in - are needed
- (d) much longer than - commoner - improved on - need
- (e) much longer than - commoner - improved on - need

Q73.

Soon Gasim's business interests were targeted and he was hit with a \$100 million fine for delay in developing the islands that were leased out to him. His bank accounts were _____, his business temporarily crippled; so much so that he _____ pay salaries of thousands of his employees. Gasim was forced to make a deal with then Tourism Minister, now elevated to the post of Vice President, Mohd. Adheeb, widely _____ the money bag of the President. Never before had the Tourism Industry, the mainstay of the country's economy had been caught in the crosshairs of country's politics. Yameen soon realized that _____ inviting the wrath of thousands of employees, it is better to strike down Gasim's political ambitions.

- (a) Being frozen – would have been - known as - instead of
- (b) Being frozen – would have been - known as - instead of
- (c) frozen - could not - known as - instead of
- (d) frozen - could not – knew for – in spite of
- (e) frozen - could not - knew for – despite

Q74.

The Americans remain officially optimistic, even if a little impatient, at India's pace of economic reforms. But when two countries as _____ as India and the US get together to face complex _____ the world, there will be things that don't work. The focus, say US officials, is and should be on implementation. Both Barack Obama and Modi are sensitive that past _____ about the world's most powerful and the largest democracies walking into the sunset together has begun sounding _____. When they last met, they agreed to focus on getting things done.

- (a) mix - restrictions of - rhetoric - hollow
- (b) mix - restrictions of - rhetoric - hollow
- (c) diverse - challenges of - oratory – hollowness
- (d) diverse - challenges of - rhetoric - hollow
- (e) diverse - challenges of - oratory – hollowness

Q75.

While the good is getting better, the bad may be getting _____. The situation in Afghanistan, including Pakistan's role in planting designated terrorists as the new Taliban 'leaders' with _____ US acceptance, has alarmed New Delhi. Washington's continuous _____ to believe in Islamabad's myth-making abilities _____ a sour point but the latest play has made New Delhi extremely unhappy.

- (a) worst - clear - tendency - has always been
- (b) worst - clear - tendency - has always been
- (c) worse - apparent - tend - has always being
- (d) worse - apparent - tendency - tend - has always being
- (e) worse - apparent - tendency - has always been

Q76.

Consider this target: "By 2030 ensure all learners _____ knowledge and skills _____ promote sustainable development, including among others through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship, and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's _____ to sustainable development". It is hard to know what is promised, _____ how it will be implemented, monitored or evaluated.

- (a) acquire - needed to - contribution - recent
- (b) Has been acquired – require to - contribution - recent
- (c) Has been acquired – require to - contribution - recent
- (d) acquire - needed to - support - recently
- (e) acquire - needed to - support – at present

ANSWERS :

1 a	2 b	3 c	4 d	5 e	6 a	7 b
8 c	9 d	10 e	11 a	12 b	13 c	14 d
15 e	16 a	17 b	18 c	19 d	20 e	21 a
22 b	23 c	24 d	25 e	26 a	27 b	28 c
29 d	30 e	31 a	32 b	33 c	34 d	35 e
36 a	37 b	38 c	39 d	40 e	41 a	42 b
43 c	44 d	45 e	46 a	47 b	48 c	49 d
50 e	51 a	52 b	53 c	54 d	55 e	56 a
57 b	58 c	59 d	60 e	61 a	62 b	63 c
64 d	65 e	66 a	67 b	68 c	69 d	70 e
71 a	72 b	73 c	74 d	75 e	76 a	