

## Cloze test for SBI Clerk Pre, IBPS Clerk Pre, LIC Assistant and IBPS RRB Exams.

## Ex 84

Directions: In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a letter. Find the suitable word from the options given against each letter and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningful.

Three American spies were long known for having stolen U.S. atomic secrets between 1940 and 1948, sharing that information with the Soviets. Their actions fast-tracked the U.S.S.R's development of nuclear weapons and set the A for the Cold War. But in fact, there was a fourth spy — code-name "Godsend" — who handed over atomic secrets to Soviet intelligence. This person's identity was \_\_\_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_ from public view until now. His real name was Oscar Seborer, and he worked at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, home of the Manhattan Project where the first nuclear weapons were designed. For decades, Seborer's name \_\_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_ in relative \_\_\_\_ D \_\_\_\_, mentioned in a few dozen pages amid tens of thousands of secret documents compiled by the FBI. But once these files were declassified in 2011, they came to the attention of two historians, John Earl Haynes and Harvey Klehr. The researchers named Seborer as the fourth Los Alamos spy, based on the 2011 declassified FBI documents, as well as E records from a decades-long initiative called Operation SOLO. The operation, which ran from 1952 to 1980, centered on two brothers in the U.S. Communist Party who were FBI informants. To date, only the SOLO files up to 1956 have been released, and many open questions remain about Seborer's activities as a spy and what happened to him after he later F to the U.S.S.R., the researchers wrote.

## 1. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (A) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

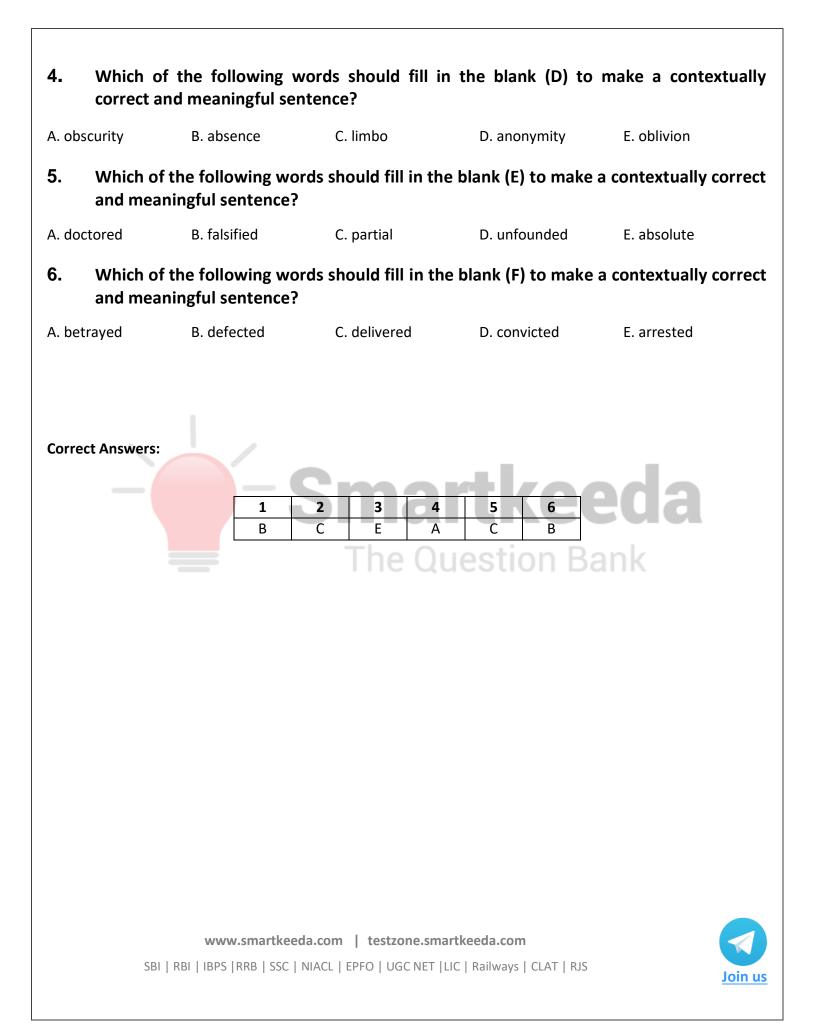
A. plate B. stage C. sand D. water E. violence

2. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (B) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

| A. hurdled | B. blindfolded | C. concealed | D. darkened | E. eclipsed |
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3. Which of the following words should fill in the blank (C) to make a contextually correct and meaningful sentence?

| A. declined | B. deteriorated | C. flourished | D. crumbled | E. languished |
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## **Explanations:**

**1.** "Stage" means 'a point, period, or step in a process or development'. "Stage" has this meaning in the given blank. And, it is perfectly appropriate here both grammatically and contextually.

The other words in the other options do not fit in the blank aptly. 'Plate', 'sand' and 'water' are ludicrously absurd in blank A. 'Violence' too is inappropriate in the blank A.

Hence they can be discarded.

Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

**2.** "Concealed" means 'kept secret; hidden'.

It is perfectly appropriate in blank B both grammatically and contextually.

The other words in the other options do not fit in the blank aptly. 'Hurdled' and 'blindfolded' are ludicrously absurd in blank B. 'Darkened' and 'eclipse' are also inappropriate in this blank.

Hence they can be discarded.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

**3.** 'Declined', 'deteriorated' and 'crumbled' are not contextually inappropriate in blank C. They don't impart correct meaning to the concerned sentence.

"Flourished" is the complete opposite of what the sentence demands. Hence, it can also be eliminated.

'Languished' fits in blank C appropriately and meaningfully.

Languish: (of a person, animal, or plant) lose or lack vitality; grow weak / fail to make progress or be successful

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

**4.** "Obscurity" means 'the state of being unknown, inconspicuous, or unimportant'. And, it is perfectly appropriate here both grammatically and contextually.

The other words in the other options do not fit in the blank aptly. Hence they can be discarded.

Limbo: an uncertain period of awaiting a decision or resolution; an intermediate state or condition

Oblivion: the state of being unaware or unconscious of what is happening around one

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

**5.** 'Doctored', 'falsified' and 'unfounded' records would not serve any research. Hence they are not apt in blank E. They can be eliminated.

"Absolute" is contextually inappropriate and does not fit in the blank meaningfully.

Only 'partial' fits in blank E appropriately: The researchers referred to the partial records...

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

**6.** Seborer was the citizen of the US, but the spy of USSR.

One 'betrays' one's own country, but 'defects' to another country.

Hence, 'betrayed' is not the correct word to fill in blank F.

"Defected" is the appropriate word here.

The other words in the other options do not fit in the blank aptly. Hence they can be discarded.

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Therefore, option B is the correct answer.



