

Fill in the blanks Questions for SBI Clerk Pre, IBPS Clerk Pre, LIC Assistant Pre and RBI Assistant Pre Exams.

Fill in the blanks Quiz 48

Directions: In each of the following questions a sentence is given with one blank. You have to fill the blank with one of the words given as options in order to make the sentence contextually and grammatically correct.

1.	It was very cold outside, and the fire we lit was dimming down; hence I decided to it a bit.						
A. soa	k	B. strike	C. stoke	D. increase	E. All of the above		
2.	Yesterday, the villagers caught a burglar a bottle of oil from the community hall.						
A. em	bezzling	B. frauding	C. swindling	D. pilfering	E. looting		
3.	The police commissioner condemned the murder and vowed to apprehend the wrongdoers within a fortnight.						
A. gris	ly	B. gruesome		D. horrifying			
4.	The rotten smell was so that she became unconscious then and there and had to be hospitalized.						
A. rev	olting	B. gratifying	C. captivating	D. unappealing	E. All of the above		
5.	The apparition stalked Reshma for days and ultimately threw her off the cliff.						
A. vindictive		B. benevolent	C. magnanimous	D. callous	E. All of the above.		
6.	Single-use	plastic refers to t of.	he entire class of	items that are u	sed once and then		
A. tho	ught	B. excluded	C. abandoned	D. disposed	E. removed		
7.	Banks should be left free to set their lending rates, in with their cos of funds and market conditions, apart from borrower profile.						
A. len	ding	B. meeting	C. settling	D. positively	E. accordance		

8.	It will make create a bla	and, perhaps, even					
A. goo	od	B. worse	C. better	D. weaker	E. stronger		
9.	Right now, the concern is about banks not lowering their lending rates fast enoug						
A. bec	cause	B. since	C. although	D. from	E. through		
10.	India's pro	blem is not the for them.	paucity of traffic	rules and regulat	ions but a general		
A. insi	istence	B. absence	C. allocation	D. disregard	E. None of these		
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Explanations:

1. "Stoke" means "add coal or other solid fuel to (a fire, furnace, boiler, etc.)". The word "stoke" fits the blank perfectly.

"Soak" and "strike" do not make any sense here either grammatically or contextually.

"Soak" means make or allow (something) to become thoroughly wet by immersing it in liquid

"Strike" means hit forcibly and deliberately with one's hand or a weapon or other implement

"Increase" may also fit the blank, but "stoke" is more appropriate in the given context.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

2. "Embezzling" means misappropriating/**stealing of funds** placed in one's trust or belonging to one's employer. Hence, it does not fit the context properly.

The word 'frauding' is incorrect. "Fraud" is a noun; '-ing' cannot be added to it. Hence, it can also be eliminated.

"Swindling" means '**use deception** to deprive (someone) of money or possessions'. It also does not fit the context properly.

"Looting" means 'steal goods from (a place), typically during a war or riot". It also does not fit the context aptly.

"Pilfering" means 'stealing things of little value'.

As, 'a bottle of oil' can be considered a thing **of not much value**, 'pilfering' fits the blank appropriately.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

3. All of the given words mean the same thing: 'causing horror/ extremely shocking/ causing great horror or fear/ terror'.

All of them fit perfectly in the given blank both contextually and grammatically.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

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4. Rotten smell is never pleasant. Besides, 'she' became unconscious smelling it. So, the smell was not pleasing for sure.

The words 'gratifying' and 'captivating' are synonymous with 'pleasing'. Hence, these words can be eliminated.

"Unappealing" is not a very strong word and consequently won't fit here. The context demands a very strong word as 'she' became 'unconscious' smelling the rotten odour.

Only "revolting" fits the blank appropriately both contextually and grammatically.

"Revolting" means causing intense disgust; disgusting

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

5. The apparition (=ghost) that stalked Reshma for days, ultimately threw her off the cliff. So, 'benevolent' and magnanimous' won't fit the blank as these are positive words.

"Benevolent" means well-meaning and kindly

"Magnanimous" means generous or forgiving, especially towards a rival or less powerful person

"Callous" means indifferent/ showing or having an insensitive disregard. It does not make any sense in the given context, and hence, can be eliminated

Only 'vindictive' fits the blank appropriately.

"Vindictive" means having or showing a strong or unreasoning desire for revenge/ revengeful

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

6. The presence of the preposition 'of' after the blank eliminates options B, C and E.

Option A is contextually incorrect.

'Disposed of' makes the sentence correct both grammatically and contextually.

Option D is hence the correct option.

7. The presence of the prepositions 'in' and 'with' before and after the blank respectively indicates that the correct phrase to be used here is 'in accordance with' which means 'in a way that agrees with or follows something'.

'Accordance' makes the sentence correct both grammatically and contextually.

Option E is hence the correct option.

8. The presence of a 'bad economic situation' indicates that the statement has a negative tone. Further, the word 'marginally' before the blank indicates that the answer should be in comparative form.

The word 'worse' makes the sentence both grammatically and contextually correct .

Option B is hence the correct option.

9. Carefully studying the sentence fragments before and after the blank, it can be concluded that they should be joined by a conjunction which means in spite of the fact that.

The conjunction 'although' makes the sentence both grammatically and contextually correct.

Option C is hence the correct option.

10. The blank is a reason of the 'problem' and hence it should be a negative word. This word should also be one that can be followed by the preposition 'for'.

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The word 'disregard' makes the sentence both grammatically and contextually correct.

Option D is hence the correct option.



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