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# Fill in the blanks Questions for SBI Clerk Mains, IBPS Clerk Mains, RBI Grade B and RBI Assistant Exams.

## Fill in the blanks Quiz 49

**Directions:** In the questions given below a sentence is given with two blanks in each. Corresponding to each question two columns are given with three words in each column. Which combination of words from the two columns will perfectly fit into the blanks to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.

1. The World Health Organization has expressed \_\_\_\_\_ over the speed at which COVID-19 has spread in Iran, as well as it being \_\_\_\_\_ from the country to other countries including Lebanon.

**Column I**

- A. Elation
- B. Distress
- C. Concern

**Column II**

- D. Exported
- E. Imported
- F. Transmitted

A. A-E

B. B-D

C. A-F

D. A-D and B-E

E. B-F and C-D

2. Lack of education and ignorance \_\_\_\_\_ in rural areas are the reasons why issues like gender inequality, feticide and child labour have been prevailing since decades. It creates this \_\_\_\_\_ cycle of challenges that seem impossible to tackle.

**Column I**

- A. Prevailing
- B. Prevalent
- C. Abrogating

**Column II**

- D. Vicious
- E. Dangerous
- F. Benevolent

A. B-D

B. C-D and A-E

C. A-D

D. A-D and B-E

E. B-D and C-F

3. Although the recent judgment has \_\_\_\_\_ that political parties will give much wider publicity to the criminal antecedents of their candidates, it is possible that this alone may not \_\_\_\_\_.

**Column I**

- A. Decreed
- B. Ordered
- C. Absolved

**Column II**

- D. Suffice
- E. Advice
- F. Coerce

A. A-D

B. B-F

C. C-D

D. A-D and B-F

E. B-D and C-F

4. Globally over 200 million children below five years of age are \_\_\_\_\_ malnourished causing \_\_\_\_\_ problem in middle- and low-income countries.

**Column I**

- A. Obfuscate
- B. Chronically
- C. Gravely

**Column II**

- D. Persistent
- E. Middling
- F. Continuing

A. B-D and C-F

B. A-D

C. A-D, B-E and C-F

D. C-F

E. A-D and B-F

5. New research shows that proteins in the legs of malaria carrying mosquitoes help them develop \_\_\_\_\_ to insecticides, an advance that may lead to new \_\_\_\_\_ against the disease which kills nearly 4,00,000 people each year.

**Column I**

- A. Resistance
- B. Sensitive
- C. Delicacy

**Column II**

- D. Strategies
- E. Predicament
- F. Procure

A. B-D

B. C-F

C. A-D and B-F

D. B-D and C-F

E. A-D

6. Private sector \_\_\_\_\_ Yes Bank has been placed under moratorium till April 3 by the government after \_\_\_\_\_ deterioration of its financial position.

**Column 1**

- (A) lender
- (B) grabber
- (C) granter

**Column 2**

- (D) healthy
- (E) severe
- (F) awful

A. A-D

B. B-F

C. C-D

D. A-E and C-F

E. B-D and A-E

7. Delhi Police is collecting and \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of video footage of last week's \_\_\_\_\_ clashes in the north-east parts of the city.

**Column 1**

- (A) scrutinizing
- (B) examining
- (C) distributing

**Column 2**

- (D) separate
- (E) communal
- (F) mass

A. A-D

B. B-D

C. C-F

D. A-D and C-F

E. A-E and B-F

8. The FSSAI told the \_\_\_\_\_ that it has developed a framework for clean and fresh fruit and vegetable market to \_\_\_\_\_ safety and hygiene concerns.

**Column 1**

- (A) table
- (B) bench
- (C) panel

**Column 2**

- (D) address
- (E) modify
- (F) sustain

- A. A-F                      B. B-D                      C. C-E                      D. A-F and B-D                      E. B-D and C-D

9. Insurers should create \_\_\_\_\_ awareness campaign in the affected areas \_\_\_\_\_ highlighting the measures taken, the regulator said.

**Column 1**

- (A) small-scale
- (B) little
- (C) extensive

**Column 2**

- (D) duly
- (E) negatively
- (F) wrongly

- A. A-F                      B. B-D                      C. C-D                      D. A-F and C-D                      E. B-F and C-E

10. The Cabinet also decided that a compensation of 100000 will be given in cases of complete \_\_\_\_\_ of residential units and 50,000 for partial \_\_\_\_\_ and theft.

**Column 1**

- (A) ravaging
- (B) vandalism
- (C) seizing

**Column 2**

- (D) protection
- (E) looting
- (F) safeguard

- A. A-D                      B. B-F                      C. C-E                      D. A-E and B-E                      E. B-F and C-E

**Correct Answers:**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
E	D	A	A	E	D	E	E	C	D



## Explanations:

1. **Elation** means 'great happiness and exhilaration.' It does not fit first blank contextually.

Thus, we can eliminate Options A and D.

**Concern** means anxiety or worry. **Distress** is its synonym. Thus, these two fit the first blank.

**Exported** and **Transmitted** – means 'passed on from one place to another'. These two fit the second blank.

**Imported** – means 'bringing something from another place.' It does not fit into second blank.

Hence, option E (B-F and C-D) is the correct answer.

2. **Prevailing** refers to 'something having most appeal or influence; **prevalent**'. These two fit the first blank.

**Abrogating** - means to repeal a law, right, or formal agreement. This doesn't make sense in first blank.

Thus, we can eliminate Options B and E.

The second part of sentence has a negative connotation to it. Thus, **Benevolent** which means 'well meaning and kindly' doesn't fit into second blank.

**Vicious** means **dangerous**. These two fit the second blank.

**Vicious cycle** - means a sequence of reciprocal cause and effect in which two or more elements intensify and aggravate each other, leading inexorably to a worsening of the situation.

Hence, option D (A-D and B-E) is the correct answer.

3. **Decreed** - means 'ordering something by decree.'

**Ordered** means 'an authoritative command or instruction.'

**Absolved** means to declare (someone) free from guilt, obligation, or punishment. It does not fit into first blank.

Thus, we can eliminate Options C and E.

**Suffice** means 'being enough or adequate.' It fits the second blank.

**Advice** means 'guidance or recommendations offered with regard to prudent future action.' It does not fit the second blank correctly.

**Coerce** means 'persuade (an unwilling person) to do something by using force or threats.' It makes no sense in second blank.

Hence, option A (A-D) is the correct answer.

4. **Obfuscate** means to make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible. It makes no sense in first blank.

Thus, we can eliminate Options B, C and E.

**Gravely** means 'to a degree that gives cause for alarm.'

**Chronically** - means '(in relation to illness) in a persistent and recurring way.'

**Middling** – means 'fairly or moderately'. It makes no sense in second blank.

**Persistent** – means continuing to exist or occur over a prolonged period.

**Continuing** – means 'ongoing'.

These two fit the second blank.

Hence, option A (B-D and C-F) is the correct answer.

5. **Resistance** refers to 'the ability not to be affected by something, especially adversely.' It fits the first blank.

**Sensitive** means quick to detect or respond to slight changes, signals, or influences. It is grammatically incorrect for first blank.

**Delicacy** – means 'fineness or intricacy of texture or structure.' It makes no sense in first blank.

Thus, we can eliminate every option except E.

**Strategies** - refers to 'a plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall aim.' It fits the second blank.

**Predicament** means 'a difficult, unpleasant, or embarrassing situation.'

**Procure** means 'to obtain (something), especially with care or effort.'

These two do not fit the second blank correctly.

Hence, option E (A-D) is the correct answer.

6. Both 'lender' and 'granter' mean an organization or a person who lends money and are synonyms to each other and either of them can fill the 1st blank appropriately.

If we talk about 'grabber' which means the one who accumulates is an antonym of what is needed and is eliminated.

Observing 'severe' and 'awful' which mean something very undesirable and being synonyms to each other can fill the 2<sup>nd</sup> blank.

But talking about 'healthy' which means being in good state does not fit with the context of the sentence and is eliminated.

Hence, option D is correct.

7. Both 'scrutinizing' and 'examining' are synonyms to each other which mean inspecting something closely and they both fit in the 1st blank.

'Distributing' means the act of distribution of something among people which makes no sense in the context of the sentence and is eliminated.

'Separate' means to be different, unconnected which again makes no sense and can't fit in.

Both 'communal' and 'mass' means 'of different religions and ethnic origins' aptly fit in 2nd blank implying clashes between people of different backgrounds.

Hence, option E is correct.

8. 'Table' being a noun is just a furniture which does not make any sense and can be eliminated. Words 'bench' and 'panel' mean a group of representatives that are responsible for a certain task and can be placed in the 1st blank.

'Address' means to direct something towards accomplishment which is suitable here in the 2nd blank.

'Modify' means to change or transform and 'sustain' means to survive, both of these are not required and can be eliminated.

Hence, option E is correct.

9. 'Extensive' means large-scale which is best to fit in the 1st blank and 'small-scale' as well as 'little' are antonyms of it which can be eliminated.

'Duly' means appropriately and correctly which will best fit in 2nd blank whereas 'negatively' and 'wrongly' are antonyms of it which can be eliminated.

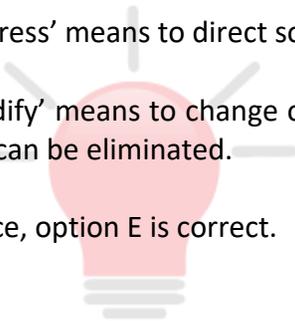
Hence, option C is correct.

10. Words 'ravaging' and 'vandalism' are synonyms of each other meaning deliberate actions of destruction which matches the context of the sentence for 1st blank.

'Seizing' means to take something in captivity or hold which is not required and is eliminated.

'Looting' means stealing goods especially in a war or riot which best fits 2nd blank while words 'protection' and 'safeguard' means providing safety which are eliminated.

Hence, option D is correct.





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