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In SBI Clerical Cadre (Phase-I) Examination 5-10 questions based on Cloze Test may be asked.

In a Cloze Test usually a passage is given with some blank spaces, each of which has been numbered. Below the passage five alternatives are suggested for each blank. The candidate is required to choose the appropriate word for each blank.

A cloze test is primarily meant to test a candidate's grammatical knowledge, vocabulary power and common sense. Some of the blanks in the passage require correct form of the verb or correct tense, while some require appropriate conjunction or preposition. Some of the blanks may require appropriate phrasal verb while others may require appropriate noun, adjective or adverb. Thus, through a cloze test, a candidate's complete knowledge of English language is tested.

Rapid Clues

- Read the passage and try to understand its main theme and meaning.
- Clarification of some facts or concepts and hints for the blanks given in the beginning of the passage are often provided in the last few sentences of the passage. So, it is always better to read out the whole passage first.
- While considering a word for the blank, try to keep all the possible meanings of that word in your mind.
- The word should be chosen in the context of the whole passage and not according to the sense of the sentence only.
- The answer of a blank may have some link with the previous or next sentence.
- Try to find out which part of speech is required to fill in the blank.
- Sometimes one or two blanks may appear difficult to answer. Move on and solve other questions. You can come back to these questions later.

 You can also get to the right answer by eliminating the wrong options.

Practice Questions

Directions (Q. Nos. 1 - 150) In each of the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

PASSAGE 1

Human (1) from one place to another is a universal (2) that has been in (3) from time (4). This has been a (5) of study by scholars in different (6) like economics, sociology, geography, each (7) it from his (8) (9). Thus, for economists it is an economic phenomenon, for sociologists it is a (10) problem and for the geographers it is a locational problem.

1.

(1) involvement

(2) migration

(3) moving

(4) activities

(5) settling

2.

(1) movement

(2) topics

(3) debate

(4) colour

(5) phenomenon

(1) vogue

(2) countries

(3) areas

(4) trend

(5) system

(1) ancient

(2) past

(3) immemorial

(4) gone

(5) immense

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(2) force

(4) phase

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(2) feature

(4) subject

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(1) round(3) concern(5) scope
6. (1) aspects

(2) theories spects (4) directions (3) grounds (5) disciplines

(1) experimenting (2) ascertaining

(3) arranging (5) mentioning

8. (1) own (3) logical

(2) separate (4) entire

(5) imaginery

(1) scope (3) angle

10.

(5) judgement

(4) normal

(4) viewing

(2) reflection (4) temperament

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(5) structural

(1) generation

(3) basic

PASSAGE 2

The electoral (11) so far must be said to have stood the test (12), given especially the (13) odds (14) against it. Particularly (15) is the (16) of the voters who (17) the militant's gun and (18) the boycott call of some (19) elements to walk to the polling booth and (20) their franchise.

11.

(1) gambling (3) process

(5) era

12.

(1) excellently (2) widely (3) popularly (4) firmly

(5) creditably

13.

(1) divisive (2) extremist (3) political (4) formidable (5) basic

14.

(1) hurled (3) hiding (5) afflicted

(2) urgent

(2) stacked (4) envergised

(1) commendable (3) noticed (4) appreciated

(5) emphatic

15.

(2) faith (1) choice (4) selection (3) response (5) result

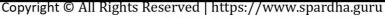
17.

(2) refused (1) snatched (3) faced (4) braved (5) diverted

18. (1) ignored (2) reversed (3) dictated (4) silenced (5) weakened

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19.

(1) drastic

(2) disturbed

(3) partial

(4) imperialist

(5) separatist

20.

(1) establish

(2) exercise

(3) empower

(4) deliver

(5) embark

PASSAGE 3

One fairly well knows that (21) of technological (22) has been a shortage of jobs. As a result of automation and computerisation, which made (23) progress over the last decade, managements have (24) employment levels. With the (25) of globalisation loosening government controls all over the world, competition and performance judged on bottom line results is sweeping across numerous jobs. These factors and (26) of mere survival are making voluntary retirement schemes a permanent feature of organisation (27) exercises. What is (28) is on its way to (29) compulsory. When a reasonable provision for alimony is made by the organisation, it (30) a character of mutual consent.

21.

(1) fall

(2) area

(3) upshot

(4) increase

(5) expansion

22.

(1) parks

(2) research

(3) education

(4) innovation

(5) upgradation

23.

(1) slow

(2) rapid

(3) wider

(4) steady

(5) insignificant

24.

(1) frozen

(2) trained

(3) increased

(4) descended

(5) established

25.

(1) forces

(2) revival

(3) economics

(4) competition

(5) advancement

26.

(1) urge

(2) desire

(3) difficulties

(4) competitions

(5) compulsions

27.

(1) slimming

(2) building

(3) growing

(4) reducing

(5) developing

28.

(1) choice

(2) offered

(3) selective

(4) voluntary

(5) inevitable

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29.

(1) offering

(2) becoming

(3) obtaining

(4) graduating

(5) establishing

30.

(1) needs

(2) acquires

(3) signifies

(4) misses

(5) envelopes

PASSAGE 4

Equality is an (31) romantic word. It (32) largely only in (33), not in (34). The term equality had social, political, economic and cultural (35). Many people of (36) intellect and whose honesty or integrity can

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never be (37) dream of a world where equality would be a (38) of life. We continue to dream of a (39) life when all negativity (40) to be.

38.

(1) task

(2) solace (4) arena

(3) spiritual

(5) way

31.

(1) basically

(2) ideally

(3) utterly

(4) instant

(5) auspicious

39.

(1) saint

(2) utopian

(3) leading

(4) dramatic

(5) dictating

32.

(1) relates

(2) pronounces

(3) spells (4) consists

(5) exists

40.

(1) denies

(2) excludes

(3) underneath

(4) ceases

(5) suppresses

33.

(1) expression

(2) usage

(3) language

(4) essay

(5) culture

PASSAGE 5

34.

(1) existence

(2) theory

(3) concrete (5) society

(4) practice

Australia has become one of the most popular (41) for international students (42) the past decade for very

sound (43). Australia (44) a high (45) education at a (46) cost, a high (47) of living in a safe, multicultural

(48) and the Australian Government offers international students unique protection (49) their

(1) monopoly

(2) undertones

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(3) diagnosis

(4) influence

(5) inspiration

41.

(1) country

(2) destinations

(3) area

(4) region

(5) centre

36.

37.

(1) doubtful

(5) enormously

(1) questioned

(3) beyond

(5) imagined

(2) integral

(3) sharp

(2) discussed

(4) transparent

(4) challenging

42.

(1) over

(2) encompassing

(3) covering

(4) stretching

(5) along

43.

(1) academics

(2) technologies

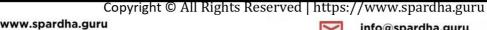
(3) experiments

(4) reasons

(5) possibilities

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(2) promises

(2) rewarding

(4) earning

(4) standard

(2) hub

(4) generation

(2) concerning

(2) independence

(4) fulfilling

(4) identity

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(4) designs

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4	4	

- (1) evokes
- (3) responds
- (5) offers
- 45.
- (1) speed
- (3) quality
- (5) desirable
- (1) competitive
- (2) opportune (3) wise (4) negotiable
- (5) reduced
- 47.
- (1) value
 - (2) class
- (3) style
- (5) return
- 48.
- (1) aspect
- (3) society
- (5) world
- 49.
- (1) covering
- (3) promising
- (5) saving
- 50.
- (1) rights
- (3) uniqueness
- (5) future
- PASSAGE 6

This (51) balance of payment situation must be seen alongwith an equally (52) problem of deficits in the government's own budget. A growing (53) exists between the government's total (54) and the sum of its current revenue and capital receipts. This gap, which has to be met through either external assistance or (55) deficit finance, has grown over the years. The government (56) cannot resort to indefinitely growing volumes of external assistance of deficit finance to meet the increasing gap between its total (57) and total receipts.

(58) these conditions, there has been strong pressure on government to (59) various development programmes, welfare schemes and subsidies. Even if outlay in money terms are not actually cut, the (60) of these programmes may be reduced in real terms or their rate of expansion atleast brought down.

- 51.
- (1) expanding
- (2) increasing
- (3) yawning
- (4) widening
- (5) deteriorating
- 52.
- (1) ignored
- (3) understood
- (4) serious

(2) posed

- (5) significant
- (1) disparity
- (2) bond
- (3) gap
- (4) awareness
- (5) realisation
- (1) resources
- (2) budget (4) planning
- (3) outlay
- (5) receipts
- 55.
- (1) zero
- (2) planning
- (3) budget
- (4) domestic
- (5) international

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(2) firm

(2) class

(4) ideology

(2) deserved

(4) manage

(2) spirit

(4) acclaim

(2) contribution

(4) challenge

(2) masses

(4) system

(2) journey

(3) desperate

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56.

- (1) perhaps
- (2) probably
- (3) willingly
- (4) obviously
- (5) notwithstanding

57.

- (1) outlay
- (2) services (4) resources
- (3) planning (5) expenditure

58.

- (1) Taking
- (2) From (4) Above
- (3) Under
- (5) Beside

59.

- (1) curtail
- (2) stop (3) reject (4) promote
- (5) evaluate

60.

- (1) services
- (2) outlay (3) scope (4) effect
- (5) impact

PASSAGE 7

The Parsi (61) is small, but very (62) and people would like to know how such a small ethnic (63) has (64) so much of public (65) for its (66) to (67). They love tradition but they are also very modern. Their (68) from Persia centuries ago and (69) in India is a (70) story by itself.

61.

- (1) group
- (2) community
- (3) congregation
- (4) brotherhood
- (5) identity

62.

- (1) influential
- (4) energetic
- (5) reflective

63.

- (1) brethren
- (3) group
- (5) visionary

- (1) competed
- (3) availed
- (5) won

65.

- (1) support
- (3) discerning
- (5) attention
- 66.
- (1) development
- (3) participation
- (5) responsibility
- (1) society
- (3) authorities
- (5) needy
- 68.
- (1) running
- (3) replacement
- (4) settlement
- (5) exodus

69.

- (1) housing
- (2) restoration
- (3) survival
- (4) assembling
- (5) immigration

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70.

(1) fascinating

(2) ripe

(4) mystical

(3) intricate (5) rewarding

PASSAGE 8

Speculation and opinions on accidents (71) to (72) them as part of natural (73). This is a very convenient way of (74) all concerned, of their responsibility, accountability and even culpability. Thus, over the years, the general public and the media have begun to (75) accidents as natural disasters. Most of the investigations (76) on the (77) that some natural phenomenon has (78) the accident. Thus, concrete (79) are bypassed, proper modelling and analysis of the process ignored and ridiculous but convenient conclusions (80) at.

71.

(1) mean

(2) offer

(3) are

(4) tend

(5) define

72.

(1) project

(2) notify

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(3) simplify

(4) sustain

(5) surround

73.

(1) calamity

(2) disaster

(3) chaos

(4) certainty

(5) phenomena

74.

(1) resolving

(2) absolving

(3) discerning

(4) releasing

(5) accounting

75.

(1) deviate

(2) doubt

(3) consider

(4) raise

(5) rethink

76.

(1) approach

(2) succeed

(3) avail

(4) proceed

(5) pursue

(1) theory

(2) basic

(3) criteria

(4) principle

(5) assumption

78.

(1) magnifield

(2) triggered

(3) managed

(4) surrounded

(5) inspired

79.

(1) evidences

(2) analysis

(3) solution

(4) verifying

(5) nature

(1) signalled

(2) called

(3) arrived

(4) managed

(5) strived

PASSAGE 9

Conventional medical wisdom does not advise taking (81) vitamins as pills and capsules. On the contrary, there was a strong lobby which (82) the supplementary intake of vitamins. This used to leave the (83) person confused. However, modern research is (84) a surprise. More and more scientists are beginning to (85) that (86) medical view on vitamins has been (87). Evidence shows that (88) extra vitamins

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plays a role in assuring vitality and (89) health than was (90) thought.

81.

(1) all (3) extra

(2) some (4) strong

(5) insoluble

82.

(1) criticized (3) advocated

(2) projected (4) facilitated

(5) communicated

83.

(1) sick (3) average (2) medical (4) educated

(5) scientific

84.

(1) trying

(2) holding (4) practising

(3) inventing

(5) manufacturing

85.

(1) trust (3) refute (2) forget

(4) last

(5) suspect

86.

(1) all

(2) modern (4) allopathic

(3) indigent

(5) traditional

87.

(1) limited (3) practical (2) feasible (4) correct

(5) confusing

88.

(1) taking

(2) buying

(3) marketing

(4) swallowing

(5) manufacturing

89.

(1) useful

(2) manly

(3) optimal

(4) stronger

(5) pleasurable

90.

(1) now

(2) even

(3) seriously

(4) occasionally

(5) previously

PASSAGE 10

There has been a (91) change in people's (92) towards and awareness (93) the environment. People are more (94) about the (95) condition of their environment. Land in all societies is subjected to (96) usage, viz. crop production, forest cover, grassland, urbanisation and industrialisation etc. During the last five decades (97) developmental activities have taken place. Slope failure and (98) of soil due to such (99) are (100) environmental hazards.

(1) special

(2) tremendous

(3) extreme (5) supportive (4) developmental

92.

(1) information (3) debate

(2) feasibility (4) participation

(5) attitude

93.

(1) protecting

(2) covering

(3) towards

(4) surrounding

(5) of

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94.	
(1)	con
121	

cerned (3) casual

(2) biased (4) desperate

(5) confused

95.

(1) grey (2) deteriorating (3) dry (4) rustic

(5) uneven

96.

(1) continued (2) drastic (3) multiple (4) unjustified

(5) insignificant

97.

(1) unique (2) disastrous (3) umpteen (4) extensive

(5) amazing

98.

(1) pollution (2) cultivation (3) deployment (4) demand

(5) erosion

99.

(2) misconception (1) urgency (4) action (3) activities

(5) misdeed

100.

(1) major (2) damaging (3) effective (4) distinctive

(5) concerned

PASSAGE 11

The Indian FM radio scene is (101) towards a repeat of the great telecom (102). A bidding (103) that had more holes than a pound of Swiss cheese, operators who (104) licences first and asked questions later and the familiar post-bid (105) for a sweetheart (106) that very often changes the entire (107) of the (108). And quite like the initial days of Indian telecom privatisation, the (109) were outrageous. Perhaps the operators were (110) on a repeat of the 1999 telecom bail-out that moved the entire industry to a revenueshare regime.

101.

(1) growing (2) heading (3) destined (4) gapping

(5) hunting

102.

(1) episode (2) economy (3) empire (4) wrangle (5) bid

103.

(1) game (2) network (4) culture (3) countdown (5) process

(3) deserved (4) disposed (5) tried

105.

(1) confrontation (2) agitation (3) lobbying (4) offer

(5) dealing

106.

(1) favour (2) ruling (3) opinion (4) deal

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(5) prize

107.

(1) results

(3) players

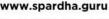
(4) movement

(2) gamut

(5) rules

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108.

- (1) bid (3) game
- (2) contract (4) sports
- (5) ground

109.

- (1) holdings
- (2) bids
- (3) hearings
- (4) judgements
- (5) attempts

110.

- (1) banking
- (2) assuming
- (3) managing
- (4) evaluating
- (5) regulating

PASSAGE 12

Decisions may be (111) at either through initiative or through inertia. Many misfortunes in the world come across the bridge of indecision. Power corrupts but weakness also corrupts. The fruits of weakness like fear, bitterness and suspicion can (112) in a paralysis of decision. Inner division can produce indecision and indecision results by weakness of character.

An occasional wrong decision may be sometimes (113) to indecision. The (114) man is often selfcentred. He fears making a (115) and the fear paralyses him. When indecision grips a nation, free men feel the need for an (116) ruler and they are prepared to (117) democracy overboard. In certain large democracies, the governments rule with a (118) majority. They often know what decisions would be beneficial in the long run, but they (119) to take them lest they be unpopular. Their (120) to carry the opposition and to rally people to a larger purpose, makes them ineffective rulers.

111.

- (1) aimed
- (2) looked (4) deferred
- (3) arrived
- (5) formulated

112.

- (1) drown
- (3) exist
- (2) result (4) indulge
- (5) entangle

113.

- (1) useful
- (3) acceptable
- (2) preferable (4) susceptible
- (5) questionable

114.

- (1) dishonest
- (2) common
- (3) selfish
- (4) indecisive
- (5) trustworthy

115.

- (1) decision
- (2) query
- (3) mistake
- (4) presentation

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- (5) submission

- (1) indecisive
- (2) energetic
- (3) eccentric
- (4) optimistic
- (5) autocratic

117.

- (1) regard
- (2) accept
- (3) throw
- (4) cultivate
- (5) sacrifice

118.

- (1) derisive
- (2) slender
- (3) vast

- (4) winning

(5) substantial

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119.

(1) like (3) prefer (2) fail

(4) decide

(5) hesitate

120.

(1) desire

(2) skill

(3) apathy

(4) inability

(5) indifference

PASSAGE 13

Yet another Children's Day has (121) but the children of India (122) to be a neglected (123). The children of working women are (124) to the (125) of ayahs and (126) even denied mother's milk. (127) sad is the lot of those children who (128) their time in creches. School-going boys and girls are (129) of their mother's (130) for long hours.

121.

(1) presided (3) passed

(2) witnessed (4) celebrated

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(5) marched

122.

(1) continue

(2) branded (4) deprived

(3) emerge

(5) suppose

123.

(1) children

(2) teenagers

(3) students

(4) lot

(5) volunteers

124.

(1) charged

(2) entrusted

(3) ensured

(4) adopted

(5) deposited

125.

(1) schools

(2) mercy

(3) tyranny

(4) destiny

(5) care

126.

(1) poorly

(2) fortunately

(3) consequently

(4) astonishingly

(5) intentionally

127.

(1) Same

(2) Equally

(3) Proportionate

(4) Basically

(5) Tragically

128.

(1) spend

(2) celebrate

(3) allow

(4) gather

(5) sacrifice

129.

(1) ignored

(2) rebuked

(3) scolded

(4) yearning

(5) deprived

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130.

(1) milk

(2) cooperation

(3) routine

(4) company

(5) privilege

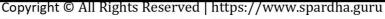
PASSAGE 14

Singapore is the (131) education (132) in Asia, offering (133) education (134) at all (135) to local and international students. (136) on the strengths and international (137) of Singapore (138) the Singapore Government is (139) promoting and developing the education industry in Singapore for all international students from (140) the world.

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131.

- (1) unique
- (2) legendary
- (3) striking (5) premier
- (4) proven

- 132.
- (1) hub
- (2) window (4) network

(2) career

(4) basically

(2) environ

(4) opportunities

- (3) prospect
- (5) country
- 133.
- (1) demanding
- (3) quality
- (5) prosperous
- 134.
- (1) atmosphere
- (3) system
- (5) privilege
- 135.
- (1) infrastructure
- (3) stream
- (5) levels
- (2) corridors
- (4) networks

(2) Feeding

(4) Spreading

(2) dynamism

(4) track

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- 136.
- (1) Multiplying
- (3) Building
- (5) Holding
- (1) recognition
- (3) record
- (5) exposure
- 138.
- (1) educating
- (3) institutions
- (5) division
- (2) syllabus
- (4) management

- 139.
- (1) mainly
- (2) actively (4) thoroughly
- (3) vastly
- (5) intentionally
- 140.
- (1) within
- (3) over
- (5) covering

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It has been (141) that women are in no way (142) as we have seen them (143) eminent (144) in banks, industries, media and (145) all (146) by (147) of education and ability to do work honestly. There is no need for any reservation. What is (148) is free education or subsidised fees for them to get educated and become (149) of their (150).

(2) around

(4) along

- 141.
- (1) verified
- (3) proved
- (2) known (4) imagined

(2) inferior

- (5) calculated

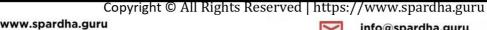
- 142.
- (1) enterprising
- (3) fragile
- (4) distinct
- (5) succumbing
- 143.
- (1) usurping
- (3) competing
- (4) occupying

(2) fighting

- (5) practicing
- 144.
- (1) seniority
- (2) authorities
- (3) positions
- (4) prestige
- (5) responsibility

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145.

(1) likewise

(2) therefore

(3) dictating

(4) almost

(5) making

146.

(1) departments

(2) fields

(3) system

(4) duty

(5) assignments

147.

(1) virtue

(2) privilege

(3) luck

(4) merit

(5) mixture

148.

(1) held

(2) noted

(3) priority

(4) prominent

(5) required

149.

(1) aware

(2) responsible

(3) fair

(4) honest

(5) dedicated

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150.

(1) possibility

(2) system

(3) rights

(4) future

(5) aim

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