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**PASSAGE**

The most attractive and unique feature of crossword puzzle is that it is a game one can play alone. There are several kinds of crossword puzzles. One kind is the prize competition in which the \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ who finds the correct answer gets a big prize \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ the answers are very hard to find, since several \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ appear equally appropriate: bad, mad or sad, for \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ in the clue sentence, "people are seldom popular" Such \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ attract people who are fond of gambling, because by \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ a small entry fee, they can win big prizes. The \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ type of crossword puzzle is one in which \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ is only one possible answer to every clue. But \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ answer is elusive and calls for some detective work \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ our part. The clue gives only hints about the word. A \_\_\_\_ (11) \_\_\_\_ like 'mate changes to flesh for food I \_\_\_\_ (12) \_\_\_\_ elude you till you realise that by changing the \_\_\_\_ (13) \_\_\_\_ of 'mate' you get 'meat' your comprehension and your \_\_\_\_ (14) \_\_\_\_ knowledge are put to the test. The effort to \_\_\_\_ (15) \_\_\_\_ such crosswords is an intellectual exercise.

1) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (1)?

- a) persons                      b) person  
c) actor                         d) actors

2) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (2)?

- a) although                      b) though  
c) but                             d) as

3) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (3)?

- a) words                         b) letters  
c) alphabets                      d) letter

4) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (4)?

- a) illustration                      b) assumption  
c) example                         d) examples

5) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (5)?

- a) puzzles                         b) competitions

c) races

d) competition

6) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (6)?

- a) buying                         b) paying  
c) giving                         d) gives

7) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (7)?

- a) second                         b) another  
c) two                             d) first

8) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (8)?

- a) their                             b) this  
c) there                             d) that

9) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (9)?

- a) this                             b) an  
c) any                             d) another

10) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (10)?

- a) in                                 b) on  
c) upon                             d) over

11) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (11)?

- a) word                             b) clue  
c) puzzle                             d) sports

12) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (12)?

- a) did                                 b) shall  
c) will                                 d) had

13) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (13)?

- a) words                             b) spelling  
c) lettering                         d) place

14) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (14)?

- a) overall                         b) common sense  
c) general                         d) no need

15) Which of the following words exactly fits gap (15)?

- a) solve                             b) think of  
c) dissolve                         d) think





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#### Direction:

The following questions, you have several passages where some of the words have been left out. Read the passages carefully and choose the correct answer to each blanks with its particular number, out of the five alternatives.

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As the country embarks on planning \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ the 12th Plan \_\_\_\_ (2012-17) \_\_\_\_ period, a key question mark \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ hangs over the process is on the energy requirements. Growth is energy-hungry and the aspirations of growing at 9-10% will \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ huge demands on the energy resources of the country. In this energy jigsaw, renewable energy will \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ like never before in the 12th Plan and the \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ . By the rule of the thumb, India will \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ about 100 gigawatts \_\_\_\_ (Gw) \_\_\_\_ -100,000 megawatts of capacity addition in the next five years. Encouraging trends on energy efficiency and sustained \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ by some parts of the government—the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, in particular, needs to be complimented for this—have led to substantially lesser energy intensity of economic growth. However, even the tempered demand numbers are \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ to be below 80Gw. As against this need, the coal supply from domestic sources is unlikely to support more than 25 Gw equivalent capacity. Imported coal can add some more, but at a much \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ cost. Gas-based electricity generation is unlikely to contribute anything substantial in view of the unprecedented gas supply challenges. Nuclear will be \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ in the foreseeable future. Among imported coal, gas, large hydro and nuclear, no more than 15-20Gw equivalent can be \_\_\_\_ (11) \_\_\_\_ to be added in the five-year time block. \_\_\_\_ (12) \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ (13) \_\_\_\_ this, capacity addition in the renewable energy based power generation has touched about 3Gw a year. In the coming five years, the overall capacity addition in the electricity grid \_\_\_\_ (14) \_\_\_\_ renewable energy is likely to range between 20Gw and 25Gw. Additionally, over and above the grid-based capacity, off-grid electricity

applications are reaching remote places and \_\_\_\_ (15) \_\_\_\_ lives where grid-based electricity supply has miserably failed.

#### 16) Find the missing word for the blank (1)?

- a) against b) for c) onwards  
d) at e) on

#### 17) Find the missing word for the blank (2)?

- a) that b) inside c) always  
d) who e) where

#### 18) Find the missing word for the blank (3)?

- a) forward b) subject c) place  
d) demand e) replace

#### 19) Find the missing word for the blank (4)?

- a) pass b) publish c) feature  
d) find e) light

#### 20) Find the missing word for the blank (5)?

- a) likewise b) publicity c) next  
d) after e) earlier

#### 21) Find the missing word for the blank (6)?

- a) waste b) require c) highlight  
d) generate e) consumed

#### 22) Find the missing word for the blank (7)?

- a) structures b) efforts  
c) projections d) practices  
e) developmental

#### 23) Find the missing word for the blank (8)?

- a) sure b) unsure c) unexpected  
d) unlikely e) likely

#### 24) Find the missing word for the blank (9)?

- a) nominal b) excelled c) higher  
d) lower e) expected

#### 25) Find the missing word for the blank (10)?







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- a) failure      b) success      c) dangerous  
d) maximum      e) marginal

**26) Find the missing word for the blank (11)?**

- a) certain      b) linked      c) remarked  
d) expected      e) sure

**27) Find the missing word for the blank (12)?**

- a) When      b) But      c) However  
d) If      e) As

**28) Find the missing word for the blank (13)?**

- a) for      b) with      c) is  
d) ever      e) against

**29) Find the missing word for the blank (14)?**

- a) through      b) project      c) versus  
d) against      e) capacity

**30) Find the missing word for the blank (15)?**

- a) lightening      b) making      c) touching  
d) saving      e) generating

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In the thirties and forties, geography was \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ subject in schools. Children spent hours tracing maps and \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ about strange places, peoples and customs. Harvard University \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ its geography department after World War II. A string of leading universities in the United States \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ suit. Geography has been tarred with the racist brush, and no one wants to be \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ . David S Lands, professor of history and economics at Harvard University, makes a forceful \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ for geography in his book, The Wealth and Poverty of

Nations. Geography, he says, tells the unpleasant truth that nature is unfair, unequal in its \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ and that its unfair nesses are not easily \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ . For Lands, there is nothing racist in a geography that links \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ and group behaviour to nature, no one can be praised or \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ for the temperature of the air, the volume or timing of rainfall, or the topography.

**31) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (1)?**

- a) full-fledged      b) resourceful  
c) decent      d) boring  
e) famous

**32) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (2)?**

- a) knowledge      b) drawings  
c) ignored      d) learned  
e) figures

**33) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (3)?**

- a) established      b) nurtured  
c) intensified      d) developed  
e) abolished

**34) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (4)?**

- a) followed      b) cleared  
c) prepared      d) wore  
e) filed

**35) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (5)?**

- a) learned      b) contaminated  
c) neglected      d) prepared  
e) knowledgeable

**36) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (6)?**

- a) decision      b) impeachment  
c) lesson      d) plea





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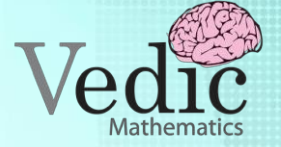
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e) plan

37) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (7)?

- a) behaviour
- b) favours
- c) sources
- d) deal
- e) functions

38) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (8)?

- a) sensed
- b) placated
- c) remedied
- d) over-ruled
- e) understood

39) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (9)?

- a) expediency
- b) sentiments
- c) performance
- d) acquisition
- e) obedience

40) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blank with number (10)?

- a) credited
- b) implored
- c) admired
- d) flattered
- e) blamed

#### PASSAGE

When the European Central Bank's Governing Council met on December 14, there was little to surprise financial markets, because no policy changes could be (1) from public remarks. The previous meeting, in late October, had already set the stage for the normalization of monetary policy, with the announcement that the ECB would halve its monthly asset purchases, from €60 billion (\$71 billion) to €30 billion, beginning in January 2018. The motivation behind normalization does not appear to be the eurozone's inflation performance, which continues to (2) the target of roughly 2% by an uncomfortable margin. Inflation expectations, while inching up recently, also appear anchored well below target, despite recent (3) confidence readings. And the ECB's

own forecast suggests that it does not (4) that price growth will breach 2% anytime soon. What about the output gap? In step with the US Federal Reserve, the ECB (5) its growth forecasts higher. In that setting, R-star (the natural rate of interest) may be perceived as (6) up, in line with output moving closer to (7) across a broad swath of eurozone economies. Still, OECD estimates of the 2017 (and 2018) output gap for most of the eurozone countries (Germany and Ireland are notable exceptions) suggest that there is slack, and in (8) cases considerable slack. While German unemployment, now below 4%, is at its lowest level since (9), EU unemployment still hovers around 9%. Given this, it appears premature to view fears of eurozone overheating as the main driver of monetary policy normalization. Perhaps there are other motives for normalization that the ECB doesn't discuss publicly. Financial stability comes to mind. After all, the Fed does not forecast recessions, and the International Monetary Fund usually does not issue public (10) on a country's odds of default. The silence reflects an understandable desire to avoid fueling a self-fulfilling process.

41) Identify the exact word for the blank (1)?

- a) bending
- b) lenient
- c) segmentation
- d) dispersed
- e) gleaned

42) Identify the exact word for the blank (2)?

- a) flexible
- b) limber
- c) scattered
- d) undershoot
- e) pliable

43) Identify the exact word for the blank (3)?

- a) pliant
- b) separated
- c) soaring
- d) yielding
- e) prevailing

44) Identify the exact word for the blank (4)?

- a) acknowledgment
- b) anticipate
- c) content
- d) disunion





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e) unassuming

**45) Identify the exact word for the blank (5)?**

- |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|
| a) nudged    | b) fulfilled |
| c) be amazed | d) stunned   |
| e) desperate |              |

**46) Identify the exact word for the blank (6)?**

- |                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| a) drifting     | b) satisfied |
| c) be surprised | d) consensus |
| e) abide        |              |

**47) Identify the exact word for the blank (7)?**

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| a) partition | b) doubt   |
| c) potential | d) gratify |
| e) privilege |            |

**48) Identify the exact word for the blank (8)?**

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| a) numerous    | b) soothe      |
| c) rediscover  | d) subdivision |
| e) vivisection |                |

**49) Identify the exact word for the blank (9)?**

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| a) return        | b) revert      |
| c) severance     | d) disjuncture |
| e) reunification |                |

**50) Identify the exact word for the blank (10)?**

- |                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| a) deficient      | b) lacking |
| c) pronouncements | d) carving |
| e) rupture        |            |

