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#### Directions:

The following questions consist of a single sentence with one blank only. You are given six words as answer choices and from the six choices you have to pick up two correct answers, either of which will make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1) She speaks English with (an) \_\_\_\_\_ accent. (1) American (2) atrocious (3) terrible (4) fluent (5) vulnerable (6) imminent

- a) (1) and (4) b) (1) and (2) c) (3) and (6)  
d) (5) and (6) e) (2) and (3)

2) Shivalal \_\_\_\_\_ classical music. He always prefers Bhimsen Joshi to Asha Bhonsala, and Pandit Jasraj to Kumar Sanu. (1) adores (2) apprehends (3) encompasses (4) loves (5) cultivates (6) cares

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (5) c) (3) and (6)  
d) (1) and (5) e) (2) and (6)

3) The politics of division stirs the \_\_\_\_\_ over the Ambedkar tone. (1) furore (2) friction (3) dignity (4) camber (5) outcry (6) hunk

- a) (1) and (2) b) (2) and (3) c) (3) and (4)  
d) (5) and (6) e) (1) and (5)

4) Forty hours is fairly \_\_\_\_\_ working week for most people. (1) average (2) promising (3) prolific (4) attainable (5) normal (6) good

- a) (1) and (5) b) (2) and (3) c) (5) and (6)  
d) (3) and (4) e) (2) and (5)

5) Chemical weapons are \_\_\_\_\_ internationally. (1) banned (2) employed (3) exhibited (4) prohibited (5) frustrated (6) imposed

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (3) c) (5) and (6)  
d) (4) and (6) e) (1) and (5)

6) Some satirists are known for their \_\_\_\_\_ style. (1) critical (2) trenchant (3) sharp (4) incisive (5) aggressive (6) elegant

- a) (1) and (2) b) (2) and (3) c) (2) and (4)

- d) (4) and (5) e) (5) and (6)

7) His introverted behaviour is often \_\_\_\_\_ as haughtiness. (1) snubbed (2) erred (3) pampered (4) misconstrued (5) confused (6) portended

- a) (1) and (2) b) (3) and (4) c) (5) and (6)  
d) (2) and (4) e) (3) and (5)

8) The dean tried to retain control of the situation on campus, but his attempt was \_\_\_\_\_ by the board of trustees. (1) thwarted (2) witnessed (3) justified (4) disclosed (5) foiled (6) hurled

- a) (1) and (3) b) (2) and (4) c) (3) and (5)  
d) (1) and (5) e) (4) and (6)

9) The clerk had the \_\_\_\_\_ to contradict his boss. (1) impudence (2) guts (3) guilt (4) remorse (5) audacity (6) revocation

- a) (1) and (5) b) (2) and (6) c) (3) and (4)  
d) (2) and (3) e) (5) and (6)

10) Leadership defines what the future should look like and \_\_\_\_\_ people with that vision. (1) aligns (2) develops (3) trains (4) encourages (5) associates (6) transforms

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (5) c) (3) and (6)  
d) (1) and (5) e) (5) and (6)

11) Many democracies resort to \_\_\_\_\_ methods to control dissidence. (1) disagreeable (2) coercive (3) unsavoury (4) infernal (5) footling (6) distant

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (6) c) (4) and (5)  
d) (1) and (3) e) (3) and (4)

12) The minister's \_\_\_\_\_ to the small investors to return to the stock market is timely and ought to be welcomed. (1) plea (2) persuasion (3) extradition (4) exhortation (5) hesitation (6) exudation

- a) (1) and (5) b) (3) and (4) c) (5) and (6)  
d) (2) and (4) e) (3) and (5)





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13) The USA is trying to find \_\_\_\_\_ between the Iraqi version and the information Washington has collected. (1) discrepancies (2) lacunae (3) disparities (4) incongruities (5) conflicts (6) contradictions

- a) (1) and (3) b) (2) and (4) c) (5) and (6)  
d) (2) and (5) e) (1) and (6)

14) The \_\_\_\_\_ in his voice was unmistakable. (1) sanctity (2) malice (3) paragon (4) rampage (5) mellow (6) rancour

- a) (1) and (3) b) (2) and (3) c) (4) and (5)  
d) (5) and (6) e) (2) and (6)

15) Ambedkar \_\_\_\_\_ soul into a soulless people. (1) enraged (2) hindered (3) vaulted (4) infused (5) inculcated (6) uttered

- a) (1) and (3) b) (2) and (4) c) (5) and (6)  
d) (1) and (3) e) (4) and (5)

16) Many educationists think that the classroom instruction should be made more \_\_\_\_\_. (1) active (2) lavish (3) grotesque (4) lively (5) opulent (6) vigorous

- a) (1) and (2) b) (3) and (5) c) (2) and (4)  
d) (4) and (6) e) (5) and (6)

17) His \_\_\_\_\_ inspite of the incriminating evidence surprised all of us. (1) capricious (2) exoneration (3) gumption (4) vindication (5) magniloquence (6) recollection

- a) (1) and (3) b) (2) and (4) c) (4) and (6)  
d) (3) and (5) e) (2) and (5)

18) All of us must endeavour to \_\_\_\_\_ the miseries of poor. (1) augment (2) elaborate (3) discourage (4) mitigate (5) exhibit (6) alleviate

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (5) c) (3) and (6)  
d) (3) and (5) e) (4) and (6)

19) Drugs worth three lakh were \_\_\_\_\_ from the apartment by the police. (1) manufactured (2) ruptured (3) seized (4) confiscated (5) bought (6) compared

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (3) c) (3) and (5)  
d) (5) and (6) e) (3) and (4)

20) He was correct in his \_\_\_\_\_ that the minister has been lying. (1) assertion (2) remark (3) estimate (4) claim (5) indolence (6) surmise

- a) (1) and (6) b) (1) and (4) c) (2) and (3)  
d) (4) and (5) e) (5) and (6)

21) The scheme needs to be popularised through persuasion, \_\_\_\_\_ the genuine concerns of the affected parties. (1) clarifying (2) allaying (3) petrifying (4) alleviating (5) rupturing (6) rambling

- a) (1) and (3) b) (2) and (4) c) (3) and (5)  
d) (4) and (6) e) (5) and (6)

22) The \_\_\_\_\_ came to an abrupt stop when she entered the room. (1) conversation (2) confection (3) celebration (4) commotion (5) performance (6) rhetoric

- a) (1) and (2) b) (3) and (4) c) (5) and (6)  
d) (2) and (5) e) (4) and (6)

23) The earth is at present in great danger of becoming uninhabitable because of \_\_\_\_\_ environmental pollution which is going on at an incredibly rapid pace. (1) immense (2) inhuman (3) gigantic (4) colossal (5) splendid (6) stupendous

- a) (1) and (2) b) (2) and (3) c) (3) and (4)  
d) (5) and (6) e) (1) and (4)

24) She felt groggy in the morning as she had slept \_\_\_\_\_ the previous night. (1) fitfully (2) faintly (3) fleshly (4) respectfully (5) starkly (6) intermittently

- a) (2) and (3) b) (4) and (5) c) (1) and (6)  
d) (2) and (4) e) (4) and (6)

25) A man reportedly \_\_\_\_\_ two passports with the same photograph but under different names was arrested by the commissioner's Task Force. (1)







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possessing (2) examining (3) surrendering (4) mastering (5) holding (6) fixating

- a) (2) and (3) b) (3) and (6) c) (1) and (5)  
d) (1) and (4) e) (4) and (5)

26) I am \_\_\_\_\_ why she has not called. (1) baffled (2) confused (3) surprised (4) well (5) delighted (6) accomplished

- a) (1) and (2) b) (3) and (6) c) (5) and (6)  
d) (4) and (5) e) (2) and (6)

27) When she couldn't win the argument she took recourse to \_\_\_\_\_ ways to present her point. (1) agitated (2) lively (3) convoluted (4) controversial (5) complex (6) concocted

- a) (2) and (4) b) (4) and (6) c) (1) and (3)  
d) (2) and (5) e) (3) and (5)

28) It is wrong to presume that the entire police force is \_\_\_\_\_. (1) captivating (2) rapacious (3) ephemeral (4) scenic (5) unequipped (6) avaricious

- a) (1) and (3) b) (4) and (6) c) (3) and (4)  
d) (2) and (6) e) (4) and (5)

29) It is difficult to define the \_\_\_\_\_ quality of excellence in institutions of higher education. (1) nebulous (2) definite (3) clear (4) vague (5) visible (6) lucid

- a) (2) and (5) b) (1) and (4) c) (3) and (6)  
d) (2) and (4) e) (3) and (5)

30) The chief guest came into the room \_\_\_\_\_ by the chairman of the company. (1) watched (2) allowed (3) followed (4) joined (5) coupled (6) preceded

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (5) c) (3) and (6)  
d) (5) and (6) e) (3) and (4)

31) The manager is to help his subordinates \_\_\_\_\_ their potential in their present as well as in their future assignment. (1) respect (2) train (3) delegate (4) judge (5) realise (6) achieve

- a) (1) and (4) b) (2) and (5) c) (3) and (6)

- d) (5) and (6) e) (4) and (5)

32) A senior citizen's son \_\_\_\_\_ threatened her every day and physically harmed her, forcing her to transfer her property to him. (1) superficially (2) mistakenly (3) allegedly (4) miserably (5) doubtfully (6) purportedly

- a) (3) and (6) b) (1) and (5) c) (3) and (5)  
d) (4) and (6) e) (1) and (4)

33) At a point of time drinking liquor was completely \_\_\_\_\_. (1) proscribed (2) condemned (3) discouraged (4) transpired (5) recuperated (6) predestined

- a) (1) and (2) b) (2) and (5) c) (3) and (6)  
d) (4) and (6) e) (2) and (4)

34) Its brand image is \_\_\_\_\_. (1) invisible (2) invincible (3) muddled (4) tipsy (5) secure (6) scarce

- a) (1) and (3) b) (2) and (5) c) (3) and (4)  
d) (5) and (6) e) (2) and (6)

35) The debate has \_\_\_\_\_ a full official enquiry into the incident. (1) instigated (2) initiated (3) admonished (4) forced (5) ventured (6) quibbled

- a) (1) and (2) b) (3) and (4) c) (3) and (6)  
d) (1) and (5) e) (4) and (6)

36) (I) The \_\_\_\_\_ modern being is a bit like Howard Roark, who in Ayn Rand's The Fountainhead sits atop a metaphorical mountain \_\_\_\_\_ to view life from a distance. (II) For the subordinates, the \_\_\_\_\_ managerial role was to create a supportive environment within which they could prosper professionally without being \_\_\_\_\_ by anyone.

- a) quintessential, condemned  
b) substandard, endorsed  
c) atrocious, eulogized  
d) ordinary, consecrated  
e) mediocre, venerated





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37) (I) After a poor display in a tour match, in which Pathan was hit for 70 runs in 12 overs and appeared \_\_\_\_\_, he was dropped from the Test team as V. R. V. Singh became the third pace bowler, \_\_\_\_\_ a news channel. (II) Most citizens of Juarez are somewhat \_\_\_\_\_ with the routinely \_\_\_\_\_ accounts of killings by rival drug lords or dueling gang members.

- a) bored, created
- b) jaded, reported
- c) energized, declared
- d) fatigued, translated
- e) excited, recorded

38) (I) The question that had \_\_\_\_\_ Pierre on the Mozhaysk hill and all that day now seemed to him quite clear and completely \_\_\_\_\_. (II) For the ancients these \_\_\_\_\_ questions were \_\_\_\_\_ by a belief in the direct participation of the Deity in human affairs.

- a) flustered, vague
- b) answered, tangled
- c) baffled, unsettled
- d) perturbed, solved
- e) procrastinated, mystery

39) (1) Confidence was increasing that men, through and effective action, could \_\_\_\_\_ their existence and even prolong their lives. (2) Others, perhaps with greater \_\_\_\_\_, wanted the struggle to continue in order to countryside. \_\_\_\_\_ the conditions of the peasants in the

- a) prodigal, fortify
- b) discrimination, vitiate
- c) improvidence, remediate
- d) foresight, ameliorate
- e) shortsightedness, blemish

40) (I) His plans, probably not very definite, were disturbed by an \_\_\_\_\_ message from the queen, ordering him not to return to England without her \_\_\_\_\_. (II) The events which were taking place in Europe made it to send home a part of the army of Africa, and Medea gave his \_\_\_\_\_ for the same.

- a) dispensable, revocation

- b) unimportant, injunction
- c) imperative, consent
- d) discretionary, deterrence
- e) inconsequential, embargo

41) (1) A shopkeeper with red pimples on his cheeks near the nose, and a calm, \_\_\_\_\_, calculating expression on his plump face, hurriedly and approached the officer, swinging his arms. (2) The party has been \_\_\_\_\_ with its representatives and today some of them have become \_\_\_\_\_ rich and some even preach a gospel of wealth.

- a) relentless, modestly
- b) persistent, ostentatiously
- c) faltering, calmly
- d) vacillating, plainly
- e) hesitant, moderately

42) (I) The legal system currently punishes the most \_\_\_\_\_ forms of child abuse and neglect, but such crimes are \_\_\_\_\_ to prove. (II) Demonetization was the most step taken by Modi government and it made the life of common people \_\_\_\_\_ for next few months.

- a) modest, brutal
- b) concealed, facile
- c) unobtrusive, comfortable
- d) inconspicuous, superficial
- e) egregious, arduous

43) (I) Mr. Bonar Law was whole-heartedly in favour of the \_\_\_\_\_, and frequently \_\_\_\_\_ friends to remain true to it his Conservative (II) As a single person, I find it very difficult to fight the \_\_\_\_\_ of my neighbors who are against the installation of a neighborhood charter, so I solemnly \_\_\_\_\_ the higher authorities to stand in my support.

- a) alliance, impoverished
- b) union, trespassed
- c) combination, appealed
- d) affiliation, declined
- e) coalition, adjured





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44) (I) Land left \_\_\_\_\_ was occupied by colonial farmers, and over 2000 German \_\_\_\_\_ were introduced by Sir George and settled along the frontier (1858-1859). (II) The building was \_\_\_\_\_ for decades after that, \_\_\_\_\_ who didn't pass the required intelligence tests were moved to these rooms until their eventual deportations.

- a) engaged, refugees
- b) populated, fighters
- c) reliable, revolutionaries
- d) occupied, soldiers
- e) derelict, immigrants

45) (I) Some of the employees, in their \_\_\_\_\_ to win the business of wealthy Americans with a \_\_\_\_\_ for fibbing to the taxman, seem to have confused discretion with spy craft. (II) There will always be some employees with the \_\_\_\_\_ to pursue profits with minimal regard for larger social consequences; however, this \_\_\_\_\_ need not be fashionable.

- a) zeal, predilection
- b) enthusiasm, animosity
- c) competition, antipathy
- d) sloth, propensity
- e) lethargy, druthers

46) (1) One can understand the banks' \_\_\_\_\_ to switch to the lower MCLR-based rates, given the multiple pressures they face, including record levels of NPAs, and treasury losses. (2) But as time progressed, his obvious \_\_\_\_\_ to arranged marriage presented a problem in front of his parents.

- a) willingness, astonishing
- b) assurance, ordinary
- c) certainty, prosaic
- d) suspicion, forgettable
- e) reluctance, noteworthy

47) (1) Traditionally, the services of outside experts were \_\_\_\_\_ through consultative processes, a practice quite with the erstwhile Planning Commission

and to some extent with its new avatar, the NITI Aayog (2) Alexander \_\_\_\_\_ himself of the defeat of the French to break the power of the Orsini, following the general tendency of all the princes of the day to crush the feudatories and establish a centralized despotism.

- a) satisfied, restricted
- b) availed, widespread
- c) missed, compelled
- d) hindered, restrained
- e) bestowed, circumscribed

48) (1) Democrats and Republicans alike have expressed deep concern about the ethics of using children, \_\_\_\_\_ facing from separation from their parents, to \_\_\_\_\_ further undocumented border crossings. (2) Not every employee is prepared for such \_\_\_\_\_, even though studies show that low price stocks \_\_\_\_\_ investments, in the long run.

- a) equanimity, animate
- b) complacency, distress
- c) contentment, galvanize
- d) trauma, dissuade
- e) alleviation, invigorate

49) (1) Farmer's collectives such as Farmer Producer Organizations need to be \_\_\_\_\_ and these would be critical to \_\_\_\_\_ the ZBNF (Zero Budget Natural Farming) programme. (2) Only a well \_\_\_\_\_ military dictatorship would be capable of \_\_\_\_\_ an ordered society in the aftermath of a severe conflict.

- a) confuted, bypassing
- b) embedded, nurturing
- c) established, sustaining
- d) furnished, repudiating
- e) authenticated, resisting

50) (1) The alliance between the PDP and the BJP in Jammu and Kashmir began as an act of necessity, persisted due to sunk-costs and political \_\_\_\_\_



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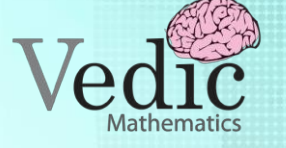
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\_\_\_\_\_, and has finally ended as a result of political \_\_\_\_\_. (2) Burke carried into the world of theory those politics of \_\_\_\_\_ as well as originator. \_\_\_\_\_ of which Walpole had been the practical

- a) infeasibility, disadvantage
- b) impracticality, appropriateness
- c) expediency, opportunism
- d) un wisdom, timelessness
- e) dilemma, losses

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