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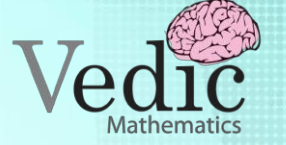
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Directions:

In each of the following sentences there are blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five set of words denoted by the numbers (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which set of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make it grammatically correct.

1) India's Railways serves the _____ function of providing travel access to millions, and, as Mahatma Gandhi wrote in his article 'Third Class in Indian Railways', have the _____ of making it equitable and comfortable. It must also be safe. The Railway Ministry is _____ a major safety initiative, the Rashtriya Rail SanrakshaKosh, with a non-lapsable corpus of Rs.1,19,183 crore.

- a) lethargic, obligatory, chasing
- b) important, liability, shunning
- c) vital, responsibility, pursuing
- d) essential, irresponsibility, following
- e) indispensable, duty, eschewing

2) Amidst the rising pile of non-performing assets in government owned banks, willful defaulters were said to be responsible for around 77,000 crore of bad debts by last July, but the Kingfisher baron has emerged as the poster boy of the problem. Therefore the flurry of action on his bad loans, however belated, could help counter perceptions of a _____ approach towards the well-heeled. Breaking the banker borrower nexus is just as critical for _____ public money as is acting against corrupt administrators, but a timely and transparent system is needed to _____ that bankers don't turn wary of extending credit at the slightest hint of risk.

- a) passive, safeguarding, ensure
- b) insurgent, armoring, enfeeble
- c) acquiescent, attacking, assure
- d) unresistant, assaulting, assure
- e) contrary, protecting, secure

3) Strong words are no substitute for action, however, and the strategic partnership that India _____ with the UAE must be based on clarity and concrete measures. This should include a crackdown on the shadowy businesses owned by Dawood Ibrahim as well as more steps to _____ terror financing of the Taliban and groups in Pakistan and Afghanistan; such money is often routed through _____ remittances from the UAE.

- a) anticipate, release, emigrant
- b) envisions, curb, expatriate
- c) ignore, constraint, repatriate
- d) envisage, latitude, deportee
- e) conceive, constraint, indigenous

4) The Constituent Assembly debates leave no manner of doubt that the said power ought not to be exercised merely to _____ a failure to muster support in the legislature. The satisfaction of the president at the time of the promulgation of an ordinance is within the _____ of judicial review. The government will have to _____ the Court about whether the satisfaction for repromulgation was based on some relevant material.

- a) dodge, cognizance, tantalize
- b) comply, misconception, quench
- c) circumvent, purview, satisfy
- d) elude, understanding, pique
- e) confront, understanding, satiate

5) While bilateral ties have been _____ for decades, the defence and security partnership is clearly the new driver for ties between the two governments; the signing of the strategic partnership agreement was the highlight of the UAE leader's visit. The _____ of this partnership are now being set: joint military exercises, joint manufacturing and purchase of equipment and spare parts from India, as well as _____ on fighting terror.

- a) strong, outline, division
- b) frail, profile, collaboration
- c) vigorous, configuration, contention
- d) sturdy, affection, synergy





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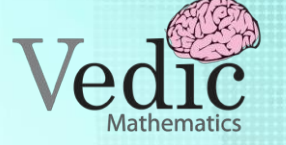
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e) robust, contours, cooperation

6) The practice becomes unacceptable when it degenerates into an "ordinance raj", where ordinances are _____ brought before the legislature but are re-issued again and again, _____ the spirit of the Constitution. The court's verdict has to be seen as placing a vital check on what has until now been a power _____ abused by the executive.

- a) infrequently, rebelling, profusely
- b) seldom, violating, rampantly
- c) often, complying, sparsely
- d) occasionally, consecrating, bridled
- e) sporadically, deferring, profusely

7) It takes singular skill and ascertain ruthlessness, however, to make capital of the smallest advantages, and Federer and Serena, and to a marginally _____ extent Nadal and Venus, did precisely that. Federer, who missed six months last year with an injury, knew he could not allow Nadal time and space. With his opponent looking in excellent physical condition, Federer could not _____ to be drawn into long, bruising rallies; he had to dictate the _____ of play.

- a) minute, reject, pace
- b) auxiliary, sustain, chance
- c) larger, manage, pace
- d) lower, refuse, cadence
- e) lesser, afford, tempo

8) The collision of the Hubli-Bengaluru City Hampi Express with a goods train that left 25 people dead, for instance, was caused by _____ of staff. The Kakodkar committee on railway safety found that out of 441 derailments it _____, only about 15% were the result of _____, while the majority were caused by factors completely under the control of the railway administration.

- a) compliance, examined, vandalism
- b) failure, analysed, sabotage
- c) fault, agglomerated, disruption
- d) carelessness, inspected, loyalty

e) achievement, evaluated, destruction

9) The temptation to use the power vested in the President and the Governors under Articles 123 and 213 of the Constitution is generally a result of one of the following three reasons: _____ to face the legislature on particular issues, fear of _____ in the Upper House where the government may lack the required numbers, and the need to overcome an impasse in the legislature caused by repeated and willful _____ by a vociferous section of the Opposition.

- a) reticence, winning, dislocation
- b) willingness, losing, disturbance
- c) unwillingness, trouncing, calmness
- d) eagerness, overthrown, disturbance
- e) reluctance, defeat, disruption

10) The Supreme Court's seven-judge constitution bench gave the _____ in this case while _____ the validity of the Bihar ordinance which was re-promulgated seven times since 1989 by the state government to _____ certain benefits on Sanskrit teachers.

- a) award, inspecting, withdraw
- b) charge, observing, annul
- c) take, overlooking, abrogate
- d) verdict, examining, confer
- e) call, interrogating, rescind

11) It has often chosen to play _____ moral guardian rather than _____ films by content and letting audiences make _____ decisions.

- a) smile, tangling, authentic
- b) staring, distorting, genuine
- c) glowering, labeling, informed
- d) pleasing, confusing, enlightened
- e) orthodox, producing, sophisticated

12) At home, while security forces deserve _____ for limiting the Pathankot air base attack, many





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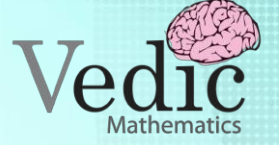
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questions need to be _____ about the state of _____ along the Punjab-Pakistan border.

- a) condemnation, replied, peril
- b) praise, acknowledged, security
- c) blame, replied, danger
- d) censure, answered, insecurity
- e) credit, rebutted, chaos

13) Despite _____ interest in the putative benefits of free trade and globalization in the West amid a _____ in economic nationalist leaders, demand for trade liberalization persists in the Asia-Pacific. Though there are no other multilateral arrangements _____ to the complexity of nontariff provisions included in the TPP, two arrangements are notable for at least including a comparably large collection of economies.

- a) declining, disappear, ambitious
- b) fading, rise, apathetic
- c) burgeoning, deteriorate, yearning
- d) waning, surge, aspiring
- e) flourishing, rush, desiring

14) It is said in the budget that _____ changes would be made in the law to bring down prices of essential drugs and health equipments. Production of generic drugs would be _____. Budget talks about opening new AIIMS also. However, these provisions are not sufficient. People lose their savings and whatever _____ they have for treatment of their near and dear ones.

- a) Dispensable, stimulated, money
- b) Imperative, dissuaded, possessions
- c) Requisite, encouraged, assets
- d) Superfluous, incited, capital
- e) Essential, deterred, property

15) Consider innovations like the India Stack which _____ Aadhaar authentication, e-KYC, esign, Digital Locker and UPI _____ mobile payments to _____ cashless, paperless and presence-less transactions.

- a) part, improbable, impart
- b) dissolve, impractical, pledge
- c) detach, disconnect, yield
- d) combines, interoperable, provide
- e) consists, easy, issue

16) Higher oil price-led inflation will bring back into focus the high excise duties on petroleum products that have _____ the Centre's tax kitty over the past couple of years. Those duties were raised when prices were low to _____ consumers from an upward price shock, the government had argued. Cutting those duties will upset _____ calculations, but leaving them untouched will impose its own costs.

- a) Raised, assault, profit
- b) Aided, defend, expense
- c) Advanced, annihilate, outlay
- d) Hindered, guard, return
- e) Boosted, protect, revenue

17) Its surprise result in Bihar where it _____ itself to regional players and _____ a windfall holds out a _____.

- a) begrimed, doubted, stencil
- b) dirty, be surprised, stencil
- c) sublimated, gained, template
- d) polluted, be amazed, prototype
- e) rewired, produced, cynosure

18) In India, we have been in the process of encouraging FDI not only in the development sectors, but in retail segment as well in order to _____ foreign funds with incidental advantages of technology transfer, job opportunities and _____ to domestic firms and consumers. But since education is not a tradable commodity, the _____ of FDI in the higher educational sector call for reflection.

- a) Abate, favors, connotations
- b) Enhance, benefits, implications
- c) Increase, supports, exclude
- d) Dwindle, avails, indications





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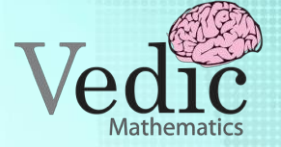
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e) Improve, detriments, significance

19) Many of the renowned off-shore universities are willing to invest in campuses abroad, and, in practice, it is hard to _____ the standards of the home country in some other country. Other related problems are: returns from the investment made in _____ and running of campuses, non-repatriation of profits as mentioned, the regulatory mechanism of the host country in regard to the fee-structure, faculty salaries, curriculum to be offered, and issues _____ to research and intellectual property rights etc.

- a) Replicate, establishing, pertaining
- b) Copy, nullify, applying
- c) Concurring, determining, existing
- d) Duplicate, annihilate, concerning
- e) Avowal, setting up, associating

20) Mr. Trump could either fight back or make peace. Two days after Mr. Flynn's resignation, he has signaled both. He attacked the intelligence agencies on Twitter on Wednesday, while the White House _____ that the promised détente with Russia was over. But Mr. Flynn has set in motion a process that is unlikely to be controlled by a seemingly _____ administration like Mr. Trump's. With chaos engulfing his government, Mr. Trump will be forced to _____.

- a) Imply, efficient, submit
- b) Denoted, ability, acquiesces
- c) Abrogated, ineptitude, comply
- d) Indicated, incompetent, conform
- e) Refute, Inadequacy, agree

Directions:

In the following question, there are three statements with a missing word in each case. There are four words given below each question which can be used to fill up the blanks with the same word in each sentence to make it meaningful. Choose the correct alternative among the five options given below each question which satisfies the meaning of the sentences with the proper usage of word(s) in each case. If all four words

are feasible, choose option (e) i.e., "All (I), (II), (III) and (IV)" as your answer.

21) (1) The Museum of Geographical Heritage is among recent initiatives that promise to expand the scope of the museum beyond a _____. (2) As may be imagined he was a _____ of much valuable and varied information. (3) Brush with Fame is a chance for readers of The Canton _____ to share photos of their chance encounters with celebrities and the famous folks who walk among us. (I) shade (II) repository (III) wealth (IV) dungeon
a) Only (II) b) Both (I) and (III)
c) Both (II) and (III) d) Both (I) and (IV)
e) All (I), (II), (III) and (IV)

22) (1) Mathletics is described as an engaging, supportive online learning resource _____ at primary school level maths curriculum, allowing children to play live mental arithmetic games against other children from all over the world. (2) Military force would be applied in a purer form and _____ primarily against the military capabilities of an opponent. (3) These definitions were specifically _____ at Indigenous Australians, and were prevalent on the majority of the word's entries up until recently. (I) targeted (II) aimed (III) directed (IV) intended
a) Only (I) b) Only (II)
c) Both (III) and (IV) d) Only (I), (III) and (IV)
e) All (I), (II), (III) and (IV)

23) (1) Never mind that the Turkish supremo did his best to _____ the Kurdish-led defence of Kobani against an is assault. (2) To do what the superior power requires of him, he must _____ his inclinations. (3) Turkish security forces have been involved in a long running campaign to _____ Daesh attacks. (I) impede (II) thwart (III) inhibit (IV) facilitate
a) Only (I)
b) Both (I) and (II)
c) Both (II) and (IV)





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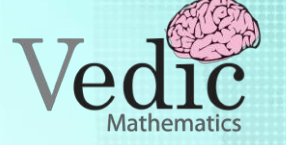
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- d) Only (I), (II) and (III)
e) All (I), (II), (III) and (IV)

24) (1) It has been a victory for democracy in Hong Kong, and the signal emitted by the island nation's highest court must be particularly _____ for China. (2) At that instant a dull but roof overhead. _____ thump was heard on the (3) Asserting that the inaugural edition of the Khelo India School Games has been a _____ success, Sports minister Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore hoped on Tuesday that it will help to improve India's performance in the international arena. (I) emphatic (II) phenomenal (III) resounding (IV) massive

- a) Only (IV)
b) Both (II) and (III)
c) Only (I), (II) and (III)
d) Only (II), (III) and (IV)
e) All (I), (II), (III) and (IV)

25) (1) Contrary to the popular belief that people tend to be more satisfied with an increase in their wage, a new study suggests that it may be temporary and not have a _____ effect on job satisfaction. (2) Hermione knew something of the Neapolitan men. _____ infidelities of (3) Inside the house she heard the hammering. _____, energetic sound of (I) persistent (II) lingering (III) intermittent (IV) yielding

- a) Only (I) b) Both (I) and (II)
c) Only (I), (II) and (IV) d) Only (II), (III) and (IV)
e) All (I), (II), (III) and (IV)

