

Fill in the blanks

Sentence Completion Questions are designed to test not only the reading skills of the student but comprehension abilities, vocabulary and logical reasoning. Such questions consist of one, two or more blanks to be filled in by words or phrases which are the best choice among those given. Sentence completion questions should be approached in a systematic manner to get the right answer.

Test of reading skills : First read the question from beginning to the end. Try to understand the tone of the sentence, whether positive or negative, descriptive, active or passive. Test of comprehension abilities : Once you have read the sentence you can comprehend the meaning and thus guess at the missing word's. Here again special effort has to be taken to ensure that the tense is taken into account. The Degree (positive, comparative & superlative) has to be correct. The gender has to be right too!! Test of vocabulary : once you get the hint of the word's which could fit in, you can begin to read the choices. Here the most important thing is the tone of the sentence .

Ex:

1. shedelicately
2. Heloudly in amusement.

laughed / Guffamed

Here the obviously the word laughed will fit in the first sentence while guffamed is the better choice for the second sentence.

Let us look at another example....

Mr. John, a biologist, spent three seasons in the Antarctic and returned with clear perceptions of that and uninhabitable place.

- 1) arid 2) deserted 3) rere 4) nomadic

you are looking at a word which goes well with uninhabitable though deserted fits, but it means left alone. Arid means dry, nomadic cannot fit. Thus the best choice would be rere, even if you do not know the meaning of the word.

Test of Logical reasoning- as you go through the choices you can guess in on word which fits best logically. Here, all the above skills are tested and only one word will fit all parameters.

Ex:

The atmosphere was shattered when news of the grandparents illness reached them.

- 1) desperate 2) innocent 3) convivial 4) diligent

you can see here that the atmosphere has to be happy, full of celebration, the convivial fits best here

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Directions—(Q. 1–5) In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each five pairs of words have been denoted by letters (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1. A committee has been.....to.....the transformation of the city into an International finance centre.

- (A) constituted, convert
- (B) appointed, oversee
- (C) converged, evaluate
- (D) inducted, change
- (E) inaugurated, determine

2. Keeping in mind the.....to develop the sector the government has.....solicited foreign investment.

- (A) importance, never
- (B) proposal, forcibly
- (C) objective, wanted
- (D) view, discretely
- (E) need, actively

3. In his speech he vowed to.....the four billion unbanked individuals across the world into the.....of financial inclusion.

- (A) represent, sphere
- (B) target, area
- (C) bring, realm
- (D) engage, achievement
- (E) convince, era

4. Although he puts in.....of overtime and takes few holidays, he..... cannot support his family.

- (A) sufficient, however
- (B) lot, besides
- (C) much, thus
- (D) plenty, still
- (E) frequency, yet

5. They have been.....on incentives to.....these practices are implemented nat grass root level.

- (A) relying, ensure
- (B) improving, secure
- (C) advocating, confirm
- (D) debating, necessitate
- (E) focusing, display

Directions—(Q. 6–15) In 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.

He was a charismatic leader, an entrepreneur and a highly effective manager all rolled into one. As a leader, he ...(6)... the company's growth plan in a dedicated manner and he never ...(7)... focus. The cement industry in those days was doing badly. ...(8)... to everyone's expectations he sanctioned an additional plant in ...(9)... time. He was ...(10)... that since the cement industry was cyclic in nature, by the time the plant was ...(11)... the market would have improved. It did happen and the decision brought rich ...(12)... when the plant was commissioned. Not only was he a great entrepreneur but he also ...(13)... all his senior people to be 'practicing entrepreneurs'. I have seen a similar example at the Asian Institute of Management, which allows its professors to ...(14)... their own business. This made their lectures more practical and less theoretical. It is the ...(15)... of the Institute's success.

6. (A) achieved
(B) implemented
(C) visualised
(D) persevered
(E) aimed

7. (A) moved
(B) shifts
(C) missed
(D) changes
(E) lost

8. (A) Contrary
(B) Opposite
(C) Yet
(D) Obedient
(E) Different

9. (A) any
(B) mean
(C) short
(D) no
(E) less

10. (A) known
(B) calculating
(C) certain
(D) dreamt
(E) surely

11. (A) operational
(B) install
(C) use
(D) produced
(E) new

12. (A) supply
(B) diversity
(C) rewards
(D) pay
(E) knowledge
13. (A) thought
(B) tried
(C) wished
(D) encourage
(E) wanted
14. (A) expand
(B) function
(C) chose
(D) run
(E) risk
15. (A) responsibility
(B) secret
(C) guarantee
(D) prize
(E) value

Answers

1. (B)
2. (E)
3. (B)
4. (D)
5. (A)
6. (B)
7. (C)
8. (A)
9. (D)
10. (B)
11. (A)
12. (C)
13. (E)
14. (D)
15. (B)