

**CLOZE-TEST(Misc. All levels)**

**Solutions**

1. Ans. C.

The error lies in the third part of the sentence. "Entrepreneurs" is a noun and signifies a group of people. People can be "innovative" and not "innovation". Thus, option C is the correct answer.

2. Ans. B.

Complimentary- approving

Cursory- casual

Commissioning- authorizing

In the given question, we need to find a word which fits into all the three blanks. In the given passage, the sentence under concern is followed by one which appreciates the economy of UK. From the second sentence, it can be gathered that the situation of poverty is considered as unjust for a prosperous nation like U.K. The word in the blank must signify that the condition is considered something with reference to the British values. Certainly, poverty will be considered as blot on the legacy of the nation. Thus, "contrary", which means "in contrast to" is the best fit word for the blank. "Complying" and "complimentary" would convey a meaning opposite to what is required. The words given in the last two options will convey an appropriate sense.

"Contrary" fits in both the blanks of the given two sentences. In the first, it means that what is usually believed with reference to accidents does not actually hold true. In the second sentence, it means that opposed to the government's promises, the habitations of the villagers lacked road connectivity and other basic amenities.

3. Ans. E.

"Deep" as well as "immense" are adjectives. In the given sentence, it must be assured that these adjectives modify the correct noun. Though the term "immense despair" may sound right, the term "deep growth" is incorrect. Thus, the positions of the two adjectives must be altered to make the sentence correct. "Immense growth" and "deep despair" are correct terms. So, option E is the correct answer.

4. Ans. D.

In the given question, we must choose a word that can fill two blanks of the passages. Let's look at the context of the first sentence. Here the word should be a noun which is modified by the adjective "local" and must be a body that performs vital roles in providing a real social safety net. Certainly, only "authorities" fits here. "Local settlements" is quite inappropriate here. In the blank marked as (F), the concerned noun is trying to devise ways counteract the worst features of the Government's benefits

policy. Thus, the word "authorities" fits here also. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

5. Ans. B.

Note that we have to draw an inference from the concerned sentence, while keeping the context of the passage in mind. The sentence preceding the concerned sentence states that local authorities in England, which perform vital roles in providing a **real social safety net**, have been removed by a series of government policies. This implies that the social fabric has been adversely affected by the removal of certain local authorities. The concerned sentence further states how institutions that are necessary for the social and recreational growth of an individual, have been shut down. This implies that the course of action will adversely affect the social health of the people. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

The statement mentioned in option A carries a very narrow sense and cannot be inferred from the sentence. Statement C is out of context as the passage puts forth the problem and does not discuss how the institutions can be revived. Statement D is also not an appropriate inference as the author does not intertwine the problem with an economic crisis, but sees it as a failure of the government.

6. Ans. A.

Backdrop- the setting or background for a scene, event, or situation; lie behind or beyond; serve as a background to Precursor- a person or thing that comes before another of the same kind, predecessor Profusion- an abundance or large quantity of something

Let us look at the first sentence given above. It indicates that the hills acted as a part of the surrounding where the little log cabin was situated. So, "background" can fit here the best. "Surrounding" is quite inappropriate here. The second sentence implies that the "unmitigated gloom" acts as the pretext, in reference with which the conference begins. The similar meaning is conveyed by segment VI of the passage. It implies that though the labour and housing markets provide a background to the issue, the focus of the report is on the contribution made by social security and related policies. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

7. Ans. A.

Part VII talks about the segments of the population that live in poverty or lie below the poverty line. So, the next part, which is joined by the coordinating conjunction "and" must give statistics with reference to poverty. This eliminates options C. Option A fits well while making the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Option B is incorrect as the term “suffering poor” is incorrect. Option D is incorrect as one would not struggle to move further down (towards economic decline). E cannot fit the blank as “to be hit by unemployment” is not an appropriate term.

8. Ans. D.

The concerned sentence talks about the statistical predictions made by the Institute for Fiscal Studies. The usage of “various” indicates that there are other actors responsible for the predictions. Had option C been in the plural form, it could have fit. Soothsayers are people who foresee the future. The word cannot be used in the blank as it carries an impractical connotation with it. “Columns” also does not fit the blank as we don’t know what columns are being talked about. Resources refers to the wealth that can be drawn on by a person or organization in order to function effectively. “Resources” cannot predict, but “sources” (authorities or informants) can. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

9. Ans. B.

The sentence in segment IX is followed by one which presents statistics with reference to the poverty in Britain. IX carries the idea forward by further stating statistics. However, sentence X shows some non- statistical factors, the decline of which have adversely affected the country. So, a sentence which directs the course of the context from statistical data to non- statistical data can act as a connector. The statement mentioned in option B succeeds to do that. Thus, it is the most appropriate answer.

A is incorrect as the usage of “however” indicates that the following sentence must present a contrast to the sentence preceding it. Option C, by mentioning about “exports”, diverges from the context. D is incorrect as it indicates that the next sentence must further deal with statistical data. Option E, again disturbs the continuity of the sentence with reference to the context.

10. Ans. B.

The word “state” can mean a country as well as “condition”. Thus, “state” can fit at (1) and (3). However, the term “government of denial” is incorrect. Thus, the positions of “state” and “government” should be interchanged to make the sentence correct.

11. Ans. E.

The sentence in segment XII implies that the ministers of the government are not very interested in addressing and resolving the problem. Also, their action has not been satisfactory enough. Thus, the tweaks in the policies must have been made reluctantly or unwillingly. Thus, option E is the correct answer. Options B, C and D would

convey the opposite meaning. Option A is irrelevant here.

12. Ans. C.

The error is in the third part of the sentence. In the given sentence, ‘if’ has been used in the sentence to indicate a condition which has never existed and seemingly will never exist.

In such cases, we use the plural form of the auxiliary verb, which must also be in the past tense. Thus, “were” should replace “is”.

13. Ans. C.

Truthful is adjective. Even though "society" is a noun, 'truthful' is wrong in context. But, the word 'truthful' can be used for a person but not a democratic society. So, we need to put emphasis on how much democratic the society will be. In such cases, 'truly' must be used, where truly acts not as an adverb, but to put emphasis on something. Hence, the correct answer is C.

14. Ans. B.

The sentence talks about increased accommodation in public discourse and "more" is inappropriate here. 'Greater' is an appropriate term. Hence, the correct answer is B.

15. Ans. E.

All the words in the third sentence are grammatically and contextually correct. Hence, the correct answer is E.

16. Ans. D.

Effect is the end of a process. It happens on account of prior cause. But in the sentence says that people in power try direct the outcome. This indicates the start of a process instead of the end. In such cases, 'influence' should be more appropriate. Hence, the correct answer is D.

17. Ans. D.

The usage of 'despite' in the sentence shows that there have been differences, be it several or diverse. Thus, using 'negligible' is quite inappropriate in the sentence. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

18. Ans. B.

The blank (A) requires a verb to form a meaningful sentence. All the given words are adjectives which are used to qualify either a noun or a pronoun. Also, the given sentence implies that cloud computing is a technique to deliver IT services in which resources are fetched from the Internet through web-based tools. ‘Retrieve’ means ‘to find or extract information’, therefore, it is the correct fit for the blank (A).

19. Ans. D.

The sentence containing blank (B) suggests that despite storing files on a traditional and dedicated hard drive, cloud computing allows to store files on a remote database. ‘Proprietary’ means ‘relating to

- owning something'**. Therefore, it is the correct fit for the blank (B).
20. Ans. A.  
An adjective which modifies the noun 'manner' is required in the blank C. The sentence implies that cloud computing has enabled users to carry their files and data to another device in a smooth and hassle-free manner. Out of the given words, '**seamless**' means '**smooth and continuous**', therefore, making option A as the correct answer.
21. Ans. D.  
The sentence containing blank (D) implies that companies were required to purchase, construct and maintain costly IT infrastructure and software tools before the cloud became a feasible option. Out of the given words, '**viable**' means '**capable of working successfully; feasible**', therefore, making option E as the correct answer.
22. Ans. D.  
The sentence containing blank (F) implies that cloud allows users to update their software quickly because the companies can provide their products through web rather than traditional methods which involve discs or flash drives. Discs or flash drives are the tools which can be touched by a user. Out of the given words, '**tangible**' means '**perceptible by touch**'. Therefore, option D is the correct answer.
23. Ans. B  
The statement talks about people, thus 'folks' and 'men' are two possible choices, but 'folks' is gender neutral and thus is more acceptable. So, option B is correct.
24. Ans. C  
The statement is about the working competencies of the professionals, thus 'areas of expertise' is more than appropriate here. So, option C is correct. Appeal means to make a serious, urgent, or heartfelt request. Aspiration means a hope or ambition of achieving something. Comfort means a state of physical ease and freedom from pain or constraint.
25. Ans. D  
The statement is questioning the competencies of the professionals according to their suitability to the business scenario. 'Requirements' and 'perspective' seem appropriate; on close analysis we see that 'requirements' is a very closely defined word and does not leave much scope for the abstract stuff; 'perspective' is better fitted. So, option D is correct.
26. Ans. E  
The word mentioned alongside the blank is appropriate. So, option E is correct.
27. Ans. A  
The statement talks about the changing scenarios in the business models and also the need for the businesses to get in sync with the contemporary requirements; 'adapt' is the perfect word for it. So, option A is correct. Adopt means choose to take up or follow (an idea, method, or course of action) Adept means very skilled or proficient at something.
28. Ans. D  
The context of the statement is to put emphasis on the value of technological training. 'Crucial' is the strongest word in the options and thus puts the best effect. So, option D is correct.
29. Ans. B  
The statement is about the hopes to be put light on the changing and improving technological scenario, 'evolving' takes in consideration both these points and thus is the most suitable option here. So, option B is correct.
30. Ans. E  
The word mentioned alongside the blank is appropriate. So, option E is correct.
31. Ans. C  
'Connect' and 'communicate' are the two options that can be used here. While 'connect' is almost fine here, it limits the capability of the internet, 'communicate' is a more open ended word and also focuses on the enhanced abilities of the internet. So, option C is correct.
32. Ans. A  
The statement talks largely about the effects of internet and technology on business with no bias towards the positive or negative; 'impact' is the most generic word in the options and it also is synonymous to 'effect'. So, option A is correct.
33. Ans. B  
The word 'foundation' which means 'establishment' fits here correctly and the preposition that should precede it is 'of'. Hence, keep option B on hold. Option A is grammatically incorrect; hence it can be eliminated. Option C makes the part sound, 'mark the 87th anniversary for the celebration' which makes no sense; hence option C can be eliminated. Options D and E are too specific and can't be judged from the given content; hence they can be eliminated as well. Hence, option B is the most suitable response.
34. Ans. A  
The statement is definitely about the economy of the country as 'oil' and 'employment' are being talked about. The word 'diversify' means 'make more varied'. The word 'begrudge' means 'envy'. Envy the economy makes no sense here, hence option B can be eliminated.

The sentence is not linked with the lifestyles or reforming them; hence option C is invalid. Just drawing the focus away from oil can't be the agenda of a reform program. Also, it makes no sense when related with the latter half of the sentence; hence option D can be eliminated. The word 'away' does not fit after option E; hence it can be eliminated.

Diversify fits into the context well.

Hence option A is the most suitable response.

35. Ans. D

The sentence clearly talks about the rigidity of the religion. 'and' in option A is not a suitable connector for the blank and the statement following it since the use of and denotes similarity in context, which is not the case here. Hence, option A can be eliminated. Option B contrasts with the intended meaning of the statement; hence it can also be eliminated. Option C doesn't convey a suitable meaning; hence it can be eliminated.

Adhere means to stick, austere means severe or strict in manner or attitude. When put into the blank option D makes perfect sense and agrees with the larger context of the sentence; hence keep it on hold.

The word 'purport' means 'to show' and fails to convey any meaning; hence it can also be eliminated.

Hence, option D is the most suitable response.

36. Ans. E

The structure of the sentence is such that the correct tense here should be present perfect. Thus options A, B, C and D are incorrect.

The word 'extenuating' means 'partially excusing or justifying', 'palinode' means 'a retraction', 'florid' means 'elaborately or excessively ornamented' and 'desecration' means the action of treating something with violent disrespect. The words don't make any sense contextually.

'Censured' which means 'criticised' conveys the correct meaning.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

37. Ans. A

A cleric is a priest or religious leader, especially a Christian or Muslim one.

Since the word 'clerics' is used before the blank and the content in the blank needs to be related with it, only option A seems to fit.

'Undermining' means 'weakening or sabotaging'. The sentence does not talk about; hence options B and C are incorrect. 'Social progress' is a wide term and the context doesn't indicate anything towards it; hence option D can be eliminated. Option E is out of context as well. Hence, option A is the correct answer.

38. Ans. A

Segment refers to a separate part of something. Among all the things that has been made easy by technology, medical insurance is also on of it. Division refers to the action of separating something or adding partition. Organization means the way things are arranged. Section means the cut part of the solid object.

39. Ans. E

Writing manually means to write using hands. however handwritten wouldn't be the correct answer because the word "written" is already mentioned after the blank. Automatically means done using machine or device. Technically means using technology. It could be inferred from the sentence that information regarding patient is written automatically. The other situation is contrasting so manually should be used.

40. Ans. B

"Analyse" could not be used here because the sentence is in past tense. Assessed means to evaluate and judge the value or quality of something. Analysed simply means to examine. It does not include the task of judging. Processed means to move the action in forward direction. It does not mean judging the quality. So assessed is the correct option.

41. Ans. D

Estimated means to calculate the approximate number or cost roughly. Since the sentence talks about calculation of revenue "estimated" is the correct answer. Understandable is not a verb and looking at the sentence it can be inferred that the blank needs to be filled with a verb. Predicted means means to say that an action will take place on future. Stipulated means to say how a thing must be done.

42. Ans. C

In the previous sentence the words "making a difference" denotes optimism. Using the word "overcoming" in the blank, it could be inferred from the sentence that the incompatibility problems have been not just undergone, but been successfully dealt with.

43. Ans. E

Adjudicate means to judge. The sentence means there is a software meant to process and judge the insurance claims. Adjourns refers to postponing a court case. Advertise means to draw attention towards a particular product. Adjust means to make necessary changes to fit in a situation. Adapt means to undergo modification to fit in the new circumstances.

44. Ans. D

The word pace means development or movement at a certain speed. The speed is considered rapid in this sentence. The words "flow", "movement" and

"advancement" talk about moving ahead and development but do not talk about speed.

45. Ans. A

download means to copy information from a remote computer to our device. So this option is eliminated. Upload means to copy information from one device to another device (which is larger). Among the words "mentioned", "transferred", "provided" and "uploaded", only "uploaded" is a technical term.

46. Ans. C

Eligibility means to qualify for something by fulfilling certain criteria. According to the sentence, the advantage of digital insurance is that patients come to know whether they fulfill the insurance criteria beforehand. Sanctity means the state of being holy. Liability means the state of being legally responsible for something.

47. Ans. B

All the words except "required" are almost close in meaning. Required means something that is necessary. However going by the sentence "appropriate" is the correct answer because it means something that is suitable considering the situation. Here it means something that is suitable according to the eligibility criteria.

48. Ans. B

This is tricky. Multiple options may seem to fit in. However, according to the context of the statement 'alter' is the most suitable response. It means to change/ amend.

49. Ans. A

According to the context of the passage, 'sanctions' is the most suitable response. It refers to a threatend penalty for disobeying a law or rule.

50. Ans. E

The given word 'implemented' suits most appropriately. It refers to put a plan, decision, agreement into effect.

51. Ans. D

According to the context of the statement, obstacle is the most suitable response. It refers to anything that blocks one's way or hinders progress.

52. Ans. C

'Prospective' means proposed. Since in the previous statements, it has been stated 'Once the Chabahar port is developed', it means that it is still under consideration and proposals. Hence, the word 'prospective' fits in the statement suitably.

53. Ans. D

The word 'assiduous' means 'showing great care and perseverance' and does not make any sense here. The word 'multifarious' means 'many and of various types' and is incorrect here. The word 'reprieved' means 'postponed the punishment of a convicted criminal' and does not convey the correct meaning. The word 'imposed' means 'force (an

unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone' and conveys the correct meaning. The word 'injected' means 'inserted' and does not make any sense here. Thus option D is the correct answer which talks about a measure being imposed on the economy.

54. Ans. A

The sentence makes it clear that the blank must convey a positive meaning as it should convey what has been failed to achieve thus the word 'tangible' which means 'substantial' fits here. The word 'gains' too helps to choose the correct answer. The word 'quandary' means 'a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation' and makes no sense here. The word 'prurient' means 'characterized by lust' and is irrelevant here. The word 'puerile' means 'childishly silly and immature' and is incorrect here. The word 'static' means 'remaining the same' and is not apt here. Thus option A is the correct answer.

55. Ans. C

The purpose of the step to remove all negative activities and 'terror funding' is one of them. Thus 'root out' which means 'to eradicate' fits here correctly. Options D and E do not convey any meaning. The word 'bolster' means 'support' and it is not the correct option. The word 'mobilize' means 'make (something) movable or capable of movement' and does not convey the correct meaning. Thus C is the correct answer.

56. Ans. B

The word 'pallid' means 'pale' and makes no sense here. The sentence talks about the huge loss that had been inflicted on the economy thus the word 'severe' which means 'acute or grave' fits here correctly. The word 'insurgent' means 'against the government' and does not make sense here. The word 'obfuscate' means 'make obscure or unclear' and does not fit here. Thus option B makes sense here. 'Severe hit' means 'a tremendous loss for the informal economy.'

57. Ans. C

The word in the blank must go with the preposition 'on' thus the word 'inflicted' which means 'cause (something unpleasant or painful) to be suffered by someone or something' fits here correctly. Option D and E do not fit here grammatically. The word 'accrued' means 'resulted from something' and does not make any sense here. The word 'inured' means 'cause to accept or become hardened to' and does not convey any meaning here.

58. Ans. D

The word 'tried' does not make any sense here. The word 'deluged' means 'flooded' and is meaningless here. The word 'consigned' means 'deliver (something) to a person's keeping' and does not convey any meaning here. The word 'alleged' means 'said, without proof, to have taken place or

to have a specified illegal or undesirable quality' and conveys the correct meaning here. The sentence is about the sufferings of common man thus option D fits here correctly. The word 'shocked' means 'made someone upset' and does not fit here.

59. Ans. C

The sentence clearly mentions the ill impact of the action thus the adjective here must convey the suitable meaning. The word 'illustrative' is incorrect here as it means 'demonstrative.' The word 'brazen' means 'bold' and does not convey the correct meaning. The word 'destructive' means 'that which causes destruction' and fits here correctly. The word 'epistolary' means 'relating to the writing of letters' and is irrelevant here. The word 'empirical' means 'derived from experiment and observation rather than a theory' and is incorrect here. Thus option C is the correct answer.

60. Ans. A

The word 'embedded' means 'placed firmly' and conveys the correct meaning. The inequalities were present in their lives. The word 'influx' means 'inflow' and is not correct here. The sentence needs a verb here. The word 'emulating' is irrelevant here as it means 'strive to equal or match, especially by imitating'. It has nothing to do with thoughts. Thus option A is the correct answer.

61. Ans. E

Option D makes no sense here and C is incorrect as it has the incorrect tense. The sentence mentions that the poor took it as a personal battle which means they supported the order. Thus E is the correct answer. Option B is incorrect. Option A does not convey any meaning and does not fit grammatically. Thus E is the correct answer.

62. Ans. C

The sentence mentions that the poor had taken something as a personal battle thus the best way to fill the blank is to mention against whom. Thus option C is the correct answer. The other options are not apt. Option E is not complete. Option D is incorrect as it is a fight against criminals not in favour of them.

63. Ans. A

From the sentence it is evident that there is a relation between 'concept' and 'sustainable development'. Thus, the correct preposition to use here is 'of' as it indicates relationships between other words, such as belonging, things made of other things, things that contain other things, or a point of reckoning. 'On' is a preposition to indicate touching and being supported by the top surface of (something), or moving to a position that is supported by something. 'Off' is used to indicate separation or disconnection. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

64. Ans. C.

The sentence with the blank indicates that the limitations that we observe is in the present tense. Thus 'face' is the correct word for the blank making option C the correct answer.

65. Ans. B.

The comparison is between two concepts – the environment and the impact on environment. Thus, the comparative degree of adjective should be used making option B the correct answer.

66. Ans. D.

The sentence talks about the negative impacts that we are observing due to unrestrained development. Thus, the options A, B and C cannot fit the blank as they all refer to some sort of positive achievements. Hence option D is the correct answer.

67. Ans. E.

The given blank needs a word that would indicate the type of development that is harmful. Thus options A, B and C which are all synonymous and mean 'not able to be supported in the future' all fit the given blank. This makes option E the correct answer.

68. Ans. E.

It is clear from the sentence that the point mentioned is the most important principal of sustainable development. Thus, options A, B and C all fit the given blank as they refer to 'principal'.

69. Ans. B.

Options A and C are synonymous and mean to let (someone) have or do something. Option B means make certain that (something) will occur or be the case. From the given sentence, option B is the best fit word for the given blank as sustainable development is being utilized to achieve the goals mentioned in the sentence with the blank. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

70. Ans. A.

'Tarnish' is to lose or cause to lose lustre. It is contextually unrelated to the blank, hence can be eliminated. The sentence obviously means that the total energy of a system is constant, if we consider all the energy transformations. (Otherwise, there is no logic in it being a constant). Hence 'open system' can be eliminated. 'Barren' is mostly used in context of land. Further, 'isothermic' is a very specific type of system, and the passage does not mention it anywhere. 'Isolated' system is a system which does not exchange mass or energy with its surroundings. Using 'concealed' would imply a similar meaning. As these two come nearest to what the passage hints at, therefore, option A is the required answer.

71. Ans. D.

The passage talks about what was conventionally thought of the law of conservation of energy and

the law of conservation of mass. The passage later uses the connector 'however' and mentions that now the two are seen to be connected. This implies that the statement where the blank is present, mentions them to be thought of independent from each other. Hence, options containing 'akin', 'kindred' and 'analogous' can be eliminated. Amongst the two remaining options, 'dissimilar' and 'distinct' imply the intended meaning. 'Assorted' is when things of various sorts are put together, while 'Disparate' is used to imply that the things being talked about are essentially different in kind. As 'assorted' is contextually wrong, option D is the required answer.

72. Ans. A.

Agenda means a list of items to be discussed at a formal meeting and as the context here is of a formal meeting of world leaders, thus option A is the most appropriate response.

73. Ans. B.

Trivial means of little value or importance. Crucial means decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something. Acute means (of an unpleasant or unwelcome situation or phenomenon) present or experienced to a severe or intense degree. Exiguous means very small in size or amount. The context here is of a meeting between international leaders and hence it is most likely to make some big decisions. Out of the available options, only 'crucial' serves the context.

74. Ans. E.

'Compute' and 'sight' are irrelevant in accordance with the context of the passage. The conference being of international importance, it is highly unlikely that a minister will showcase Indian 'objective' or 'goal' as it would be highly narrow approach and would bring diplomatic pressure. 'Vision' is the only option that suits the context.

75. Ans. D.

Anchor means a person or thing which provides stability or confidence in an otherwise uncertain situation.

Harmony means the state of being in agreement or concord.

Posterity means the descendants of a person. The context here is of showing the importance of domain name system in the technical activities and not show it being the stabilising feature, so 'backbone' will take precedence over 'anchor'.

76. Ans. A.

This question needs a bit of technical knowhow to be answered. The thing is that India has been known to have internet being directly or indirectly governed by the government and there have been steps to stop or atleast begin to lessen this regulation. The context of the blank is similar. The

minister in question is talking about reducing the governance of government over the internet.

77. Ans. B.

Omit means leave out or exclude (someone or something), either intentionally or forgetfully. Embrace means accept (a belief, theory, or change) willingly and enthusiastically.

Snub means rebuff, ignore, or spurn disdainfully. Abhor means regard with disgust and hatred. The context here is of acceptance and thus 'embrace' is the most suitable choice.

78. Ans. C.

The context here is of putting capital into the system and thus 'invested' is the only suitable choice.

79. Ans. D.

Intensely means with extreme force or strength. Extremely means to a very great degree; very. Partially means only in part; to a limited extent. Merely means just; only.

Regally means in a royal manner.

The context here is that the Indian point of view was not stated in the proper amount and thus 'merely' is the correct response.

80. Ans. E.

Consequent means following as a result or effect. This is the concluding part of the passage and thus should offer the similar tone. Indian strategy is being scrutinized for the way it would work out in the future. So, 'consequent' is the most appropriate response.

81. Ans. B.

Pursue means follow or chase (someone or something). Abjure means solemnly renounce (a belief, cause, or claim).

Violate means break or fail to comply with (a rule or formal agreement).

82. Ans. B.

The passage is about a hill which cannot be placed anywhere since it is a very large object so eliminate option A. It can neither be built so option B can be left out as well. It's a physical mass not a thought which can be expressed. We can leave out option D as well. Option E can be eliminated as well since a hill is not something which can be conveyed. It is situated in the town of Foster hence option B is correct.

83. Ans. B.

Highpointing is a sport of ascending to the point with highest elevation and highpointers are the people taking part in it, it's not a place so 'famous at' can be left out. The blank as 'a' in front of it which doesn't go with 'very greatly known by'. It must be eliminated as well. Since the option D starts with a vowel sound there must be an 'an' in front of which, but there isn't so option D must be eliminated as well. Again, option E has 'through'

and it doesn't fit well with 'highpointers' as those are human beings, so it can be eliminated as well. 'Popular destination for highpointers' seems grammatically correct as well as it makes sense. Hence the correct answer is option B.

84. Ans. A.

Since there is 'to' in the beginning of the sentence, it suggests that there must be some work done. All the options apart from ascending the summit can be left out as they don't make sense in the scenario. The correct answer is option A.

85. Ans. B.

"He grew the house" doesn't make sense so option A can be eliminated. Choosing option C would repeat the word 'house' twice which doesn't make any sense. Since the context is about a house all the other options except B can be left out as they don't make sense when used in the sentence. Option B is the most appropriate so the correct answer is option B.

86. Ans. E.

Eventually is used to refer to something that happened at the end of after a long period of time. The two options that make sense in the scenario are option A and E, rest all must be eliminated. There isn't any mention of a river in the passage so option A doesn't seem that appropriate as well. Only option that goes well with the theme of the passage is the last one. Hence the correct answer is option E.

87. Ans. D.

The word preserve is most appropriate in the given context because the world's freshwater resources need to be preserved, The word safeguards which means sheltered or shielded is not appropriate in the given context.

88. Ans. B.

The word 'concomitant' which means naturally accompanying or associated is the most appropriate for the given blank. The sentence says consumption is concomitant with the growth in income and population. The remaining options are inappropriate in comparison.

89. Ans. E.

Water cannot be referred to as a device, mechanism, aid or tool for food production, it can be best described as an input (what is put or taken in by a system or process).

90. Ans. A.

The world's water resources are under 'strain' (a severe demand on strength or resources) due to increased consumption. Hence choice 1 aptly suits the given context.

91. Ans. C.

The monsoon patterns are best described as 'unpredictable' because the change in climate

results in "unpredictable monsoon patterns. Hence choice 3 is most appropriate.

92. Ans. B.

Depletion of water resources is a cause of distress. The words malaise, tribulation, adversity and grief are too strong words in the context. Further the word grief indicates the mourning of something more personal.

93. Ans. D.

Acute shortage of water results in escalating (increasing) conflicts. Hence choice 4 is apt. The remaining options do not collocate with the word conflicts.

94. Ans. D.

The attempt to save water, albeit small, should be 'significant' to deliver more water for the people.

95. Ans. C.

improved farming techniques which include methods which can save water are required to overcome the shortage of water which many regions of the world are now experiencing. Therefore the word 'improved' is most appropriate in the context.

96. Ans. E.

The word 'volume' is most appropriate here since we are talking about the water lost due to evaporation. The remaining options are inappropriate in comparison.

97. Ans. B.

In B replace 'touch' with 'touched', because the high level of exports was observed last year, thus 'touched' should be used.

98. Ans. E.

All the words in the second sentence are grammatically and contextually correct.

99. Ans. B.

In B replace 'had' with 'were', because the 'teas' plural noun should be followed with a plural verb 'were'. Whereas we use had + past participle to show that one event happened before another event in time.

100. Ans. A.

'While' as a connection means at the time that something else is happening, and as there is no contrast but a similar information has been given out in both the clauses, about rising exports thus a contrasting conjunction 'although' should not be used as it means in spite of something.