

Fill in the blanks

Directions: In each of the following questions four statements with a blank in each are given. You have to choose a word from the given option that can fill all the blanks. Mark that option as your answer.

1. i. He was met by a ___ of noisy, angry youths.
- ii. The British feel no compunction about ushering the gentry into the coach and packing the ___ off to debtor's prison.
- iii. We arrived at the grounds after following a ___ of butterflies.
- iv. Tourists ___ to the picturesque village.

(a) hearth	(b) gentry
(c) cream	(d) rabble
(e) society	

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: i- a disorderly crowd ii-ordinary people iii-a large group of butterflies iv- present in large number

2. i. You and all the others like you are ___.
- ii. Some calls were vitriolic, accusing us of publishing pornography and ___.
- iii. Stagnant pools of ___ are scattered all over this area.
- iv. The windows were thick with ___.

(a) celibacy	(b) filth
(c) fastidious	(d) cohort
(e) dirty	

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: i- corrupted ii- obscene and offensive language or printed material. iii- mire iv- dirt ingrained on the surface of something.

3. i. The building has been lovingly ___.
- ii. The effort to ___ him to office isn't working.
- iii. The government ___ confidence in the housing market.
- iv. The steering box was recently ___.

(a) cured	(b) disrupted
(c) moved	(d) restored
(e) desolate	

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: i- repair or renovate; ii return to a former condition; iii- bring back or re-establish; iv- take apart

4. i. The debate has become ___ by conflicting ideological perspectives.
- ii. None of this should ___ the skill and perseverance of the workers.
- iii. Grey clouds ___ the sun.
- iv. His origins and parentage are ___.

(a) obscured	(b) cloaked
(c) brightened	(d) lambent

(e) amplified

View Answer

Option A

Explanation: i- make unclear and difficult to understand; ii- keep from being known; iii- keep from being seen; iv- uncertain

5. i. A good ___ walk is good for health.
- ii. She adopted a ___, businesslike tone.
- iii. The sea was shimmering and heaving beneath the ___ breeze.
- iv. The archers played a ___ part in the victory.

(a) animated	(b) laggard
(c) indolent	(d) brisk
(e) lethargic	

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: i active and energetic; ii showing a wish to deal with things quickly; iii- cold but pleasantly invigorating; iv- settling an issue

6. i. Firemen were soaking everything to ___ the blaze.
- ii. Hope is ___ little by little.
- iii. A look which would have ___ any man.
- iv. Rights of common pasture were ___.

(a) kindled	(b) quench
(c) extinguished	(d) erected
(e) made	

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: I- cause to cease to burn; ii- destroy; iii- subdue or reduce (someone) to silence; iv- render (a right or obligation) void.

7. i. Her upper lip curled in ___.
- ii. He ___ his patients as an inferior rabble.
- iii. She remained standing, pointedly ___ his invitation to sit down.
- iv. I asked her to be my wife, and was ___ in no uncertain terms.

(a) scrutinize	(b) approve
(c) disdain	(d) ignore
(e) spurn	

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: contempt; ii- consider to be unworthy of one's consideration; iii refuse to do (something) from feelings of pride or superiority;

8. i. They described the outbreak of violence in the area as an ___.
- ii. Color ___ lead to misunderstanding.
- iii. The experience might have been no more than a temporary ___ of an exhausted mind.
- iv. Shelley's angry retort was an ___ from her normally quiet demeanor.

(a) delusion	(b) oddity
(c) ordinary	(d) connote

(e) aberration

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: I- anomaly ; ii- disorder; iii- vagary; iv- not typical

9. i. A proposal to __ temporarily the right to strike.
- ii. We believe the board __ its responsibilities to its shareholders.
- iii. You cannot __ anyone's right to free speech!
- iv. Our city needs to __ outdated laws.
(a) void (b) ratify
(c) abrogate (d) allow
(e) authorize

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: i- repeal or do away with ; ii- evade (a responsibility or duty) ; iii- ; iv-

10. i. His theory __ a rotatory movement for hurricanes.
- ii. The chapter was then allowed to postulate the bishop of Bath.
- iii. Perhaps the __ of Babylonian influence on Greek astronomy is incorrect.
- iv. The best economists in the world are working to __ an idea that will revive international finances.
(a) guess (b) obviate
(c) postulate (d) calculate
(e) posit

View Answer

Option C

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. It is shameful and horrifying and totally __ and completely __ that gender activists have failed to address this gaping inequality.
(a) sticky, intolerable
(b) problematic, unacceptable
(c) tight, adequate
(d) convenient, dandy
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: unacceptable = not satisfactory or allowable

2. We still hear about the "wage gap" almost daily, and even though it's a myth, we __ still marshal our resources to __ this imaginary injustice.
(a) shall, adulterate (b) can, ruin
(c) could, emend (d) should, rectify
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: rectify = put right; correct.

3. The burning of crop __, which has been identified as the villain-in-chief of the current crisis, has __ a large number of northern cities.
(a) chaff, loose (b) shuck, fixed
(c) stubble, impacted (d) debris, bumped
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option

Explanation: stubble = the cut stalks of cereal plants left sticking out of the ground after the grain is harvested; impacted = strongly affected by something.

4. Facebook has said that the initiative, which could be __ to other countries based on the response, is really aimed at protecting users by ensuring that nude photos and other __ images of them don't get posted on Facebook, Instagram and other platforms without their consent.
(a) circumscribe, foe (b) extended, intimate
(c) diminished, formal (d) abridged, extrinsic
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

5. While India has never __ that the Indian Ocean is "India's Ocean" China has __ the bulk of the South China Sea is "China's Sea" and even extended its claim to Indonesia's shores.
(a) adopted, adopted (b) affirmed, affirmed
(c) claimed, claimed (d) avowed, avowed
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

6. While China has a legitimate interest in ensuring the security of its frontiers, what has __ the entire maritime neighbourhood has been Beijing's readiness to deploy its navy coercively to enforce its __ claims across the South China Sea.
(a) fair, imperialist (b) nonchalant, bossy
(c) agitated, colonialist (d) shaken, expansionist
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: expansionist = relating to or characteristic of a policy of territorial or economic expansion.

7. Since 2013, the world has had five __ years of large production of oilseeds resulting in a __ inventory.
(a) direct, gentle (b) straight, burdensome
(c) candid, smooth (d) levelled, fluffy
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: burdensome = difficult to carry out or fulfil; taxing.

8. Unfortunately within the Indian government there is __ global commodity market commercial intelligence available so as to be able to take __ decisions on tariff changes.
(a) troubling, naïve (b) few, oblivious
(c) small, enlightened (d) little, informed
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

9. Any __ with trade policy without taking into account international sensitivities and trade relations can potentially lead to a __ and retaliatory action.
(a) fiddling, bounce (b) tinkering, backlash
(c) botching, rebuff (d) dallying, reflex

- (e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: backlash = a strong negative reaction by a large number of people, especially to a social or political development.

10. Despite the fact that India is a __ economy and not an export-oriented one, farm exports are not __.
- (a) constructing, strong (b) abstaining, concrete
(c) consuming, insubstantial
(d) substantial, fanciful
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: insubstantial = lacking strength and solidity.

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. __of sorts, Lord Robert Clive would __a gun in one hand, and a sword in the other.
- (a) certainty, blaze (b) conjectural, flash
(c) empirical, spark (d) strength, flicker
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: conjectural = speculative; flash = shine in a bright but brief, sudden, or intermittent way.

2. Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay walked into India, as if __ into a__.
- (a) measuring, limber (b) regulating, ambulance
(c) pacing, palanquin (d) trotting, barrow
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: palanquin = a covered litter for one passenger,

3. I fully believe that a __ penal code is better than a severe penal code, the worst of all systems was surely that of having a __ code for the Brahmins
- (a) strong, strong (b) mild, mild
(c) moderate, moderate (d) sarcastic, sarcastic
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: mild = not severe, serious, or harsh.

4. On the US side, movement — even __— on a totalisation agreement would be a welcome __ for temporary Indian workers and Indian companies from paying an annual social security payment.
- (a) abrupt, distress (b) incremental, relief
(c) decrescent, anguish (d) acute, pang
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: incremental = relating to or denoting an increase or addition, especially one of a series on a fixed scale; relief = a feeling of reassurance and relaxation following release from anxiety or distress.

5. When PM Modi announced his __ for “Startup India” in early 2016, the buzz __ throughout Silicon Valley.

- (a) vision, dull
(c) vision, quiet
(e) None of these

- (b) vision, reverberated
(d) vision, reflected

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: reverberated =

6. A recent report predicts __ shifts in the global economic __ by 2050 — six of the seven largest economies will be emerging economies led by China and India.
- (a) exciting, ruckus (b) modest, group
(c) monotonous, organize (d) dramatic, order
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

7. In an extremely warm speech, Tillerson highlighted a number of points of __ between the two erstwhile “__ democracies”.
- (a) difference, allied (b) isolation, conciliated
(c) convergence, estranged
(d) dissent, chummy (e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: convergence = the process or state of converging.;

8. While designating India and the US as “the two __ of stability”, Tillerson was quite __ on the implications of China’s rise.
- (a) bookmarks, delusive (b) bookends, forthright
(c) bounds, insincere (d) sets, subtle
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: bookends = be positioned at the end or on either side of (something); forthright = (of a person or their manner or speech) direct and outspoken.

9. After __ Pakistan for harbouring terrorists in his August speech, Trump recently praised Pakistan for the help it provided in securing the release of an American woman and her family from the Haqqani network’s__.
- (a) excusing, acquittal (b) scolding, sovereignty
(c) castigating, captivity (d) exonerating, license
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: castigating = reprimand (someone) severely; captivity = the condition of being imprisoned or confined.

10. The __ aspect of US policy on South Asia has involved maintaining a balance between India and Pakistan and this has been so even in a period of __ bilateral progress over the last two decades.
- (a) unstated, significant (b) untold, weighty
(c) unspoken, notable (d) tacit, critical
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option A

Directions : In each of the questions given below a sentence is given with one blank. Below each sentence **FOUR** words are given out of which two can fit the sentence. Five options are given with various combinations of these words. You have to choose the combination with the correct set of words which can fit in the given sentence.

1. The theory of the objective correlative as it relates to literature was largely developed ___the writings of the poet and literary critic T.S. Eliot.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Across | B. With |
| C. Through | D. Among |
| (a) Both B and D | (b) Both D and A |
| (c) Both A and B | (d) Both A and C |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option D

2. Formalist followers ___ translated the fabula/syuzhet to the concept of story/plot.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Eventually | B. Totally |
| C. Casually | D. Finally |
| (a) Both B and A | (b) Both A and D |
| (c) Both C and B | (d) Both D and B |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option B

3. The recording machinery was kept ___ screens.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Through | B. Along |
| C. Behind | D. Beyond |
| (a) Both C and D | (b) Both C and A |
| (c) Both D and B | (d) Both A and C |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option A

4. History is not an ___ "fact," but a reflection of certain attitudes, preconceptions, and injustices.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Aaptable | B. Immutable |
| C. Entrenched | D. Flexible |
| (a) Both A and B | (b) Both B and C |
| (c) Both B and D | (d) Both D and C |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option B

5. Soon we were driving ___ a narrow road.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Along | B. Across |
| C. Since | D. Amid |
| (a) Both A and C | (b) Both B and D |
| (c) Both D and C | (d) Both A and B |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option D

6. Revolutionary and incendiary, The Second Sex is one of the earliest ___ to confront human history from a feminist perspective.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Efforts | B. Certainties |
| C. Attempts | D. Causalities |
| (a) Both A and B | (b) Both B and C |
| (c) Both A and C | (d) Both D and C |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option C

7. You look ___you're angry.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Similar to | B. As if |
| C. Likely as | D. As though |
| (a) Both A and D | (b) Both C and D |
| (c) Both B and D | (d) Both A and B |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option C

8. Plot refers to the sequence of events inside a story which ___ other events through the principle of cause and effect.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Cause | B. Affect |
| C. Isolate | D. Perturb |
| (a) Both A and B | (b) Both C and D |
| (c) Both B and D | (d) Both B and C |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option C

9. He pointed to a spot ___ the concealing trees.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Beyond | B. Beneath |
| C. Against | D. Past |
| (a) Both A and B | (b) Both B and C |
| (c) Both C and D | (d) Both A and D |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option D

10. De Beauvoir hopes to ___ the persistent myth of the "eternal feminine" by showing that it arose from male discomfort with the fact of his own birth.
- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| A. Establish | B. Conceal |
| C. Contradict | D. Debunk |
| (a) Both A and C | (b) Both C and D |
| (c) Both B and C | (d) Both C and B |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option B

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. The habit is so ___ in its working that even the government arms ___ to be aware of repetition.
- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| (a) casual, die | (b) extrinsic, rise |
| (c) ingrained, appear | (d) blithe, emerge |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option C

2. Marxist literary criticism is a ___ term ___ literary criticism based on socialist and dialectic theories.
- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) lewd, portraying | (b) loose, describing |
| (c) confined, astonishing | (d) stressed, confusing |
| (e) None of these | |

View Answer

Option B

3. The Aadhaar Card, Form AS 26 and the network of taxpayers online, the email, the ___ banking transactions, have all given the I-T department weapons they can ___ to use without resort to search and seizure.
- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) voluntary, fancy | (b) elective, designate |
| (c) dispensable, spurn | (d) obligatory, choose |

(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

4. The first task of deconstruction would be to find and ___ these oppositions inside a text or a corpus of texts; but the final objective of deconstruction is not to ___ all oppositions, because it is assumed they are structurally necessary to produce sense.

- (a) permit, fail (b) invert, loose
(c) overturn, surpass (d) abide, transcend
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

5. Household investment has remained a ___, rather than private corporate investment, as is commonly__.

- (a) dilatory, desired (b) laggard, believed
(c) flirt, supposed (d) quirk, deserted
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

6. Marxism aims to ___ the concept of work through creating a classless society built on control and ___ of the means of production.

- (a) revolutionize, ownership
(b) alter, clientele
(c) metamorphose, disclaim
(d) deject, interets
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option A

7. There is no ___the fact that the present income tax law ___radical re-adaptation.

- (a) foreseen, calls (b) rejecting, requests
(c) disavowing, obviates (d) gainsaying, requires
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

8. The event ___a change in belief ___socialist ideals in government and society.

- (a) terminated, roughly (b) ended, nearby
(c) drove, gone (d) instigated, around
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

9. The thought behind Marxist Criticism is that works of literature are mere products of history that can be ___by looking at the social and material conditions in which they were__.

- (a) appraised, made (b) analyzed, constructed
(c) neglected, fabricated (d) raw, arranged
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

10. Every search of the residential and business ___of the taxpayer involves an ___of his privacy.

- (a) data, foray (b) space, inroad
(c) premises, invasion (d) argument, intrusion
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. The ___ succession from mother to son is related to the very ___ of the Congress.

- (a) inexorable, fatuity (b) certain, inanity
(c) inevitable, nature (d) fatal, exteriority
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

2. The real challenge for Mr. Gandhi is not winning the Congress leadership, but positioning himself as a ___ in the way of the Modi__.

- (a) pulp, colossus (b) squishy, artic
(c) stagger, lorry (d) rock, juggernaut
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

3. What he projected as a stand in keeping with public opinion came across as an ___act by a ___ against a Prime Minister beholden to him for staying in power.

- (a) servile, liege (b) arrogant, dynast
(c) lowly, diva (d) meekest, prince
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

4. Although Manson was ___ of first-degree murder in 1971, he escaped capital punishment after California ___ the death penalty a year later.

- (a) exonerated, correct (b) released, bearable
(c) convicted, outlawed (d) reproachable, seemly
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

5. Rather than the liberal counterculture movement of the 1960s, his ___ philosophy bears a disturbing resemblance in some respects with the far-right or alt-right brand of neo-fascism that has ___ in certain pockets of U.S. politics recently.

- (a) dogmatic, musahroomed
(b) biased, declined (c) obstinate, dwindled
(d) bigoted, mushroomed (e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

6. He too spoke of “race war” and ___ up alright materials online, indulging in the very same ___ race-ramblings that Manson did.

- (a) wrapped, trivial (b) batted, nonchalant
(c) lapped, apocalyptic (d) licked, insignificant
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

7. The legacy of Manson should serve, if anything, as a ___ reminder to liberal America that the pillars on which their ___ democracy was built must never be taken for granted.

- (a) mordant, empiricist (b) piquant, mechanist
(c) acute, mixed (d) poignant, pluralist
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

8. Our nation must confront the __ facts of its history rather than glorious versions of an __ past.
- (a) desirable, grand
 (b) beneficial, magnificent
 (c) difficult, regal
 (d) inconvenient, imperial
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

9. It's an __ and uniquely British perspective, which achieves the seemingly impossible – casting Britain's empire as a great moral achievement, and its collapse as an act of casual __, without any hint at the irreconcilability of the two.
- (a) ingenious, generosity (b) fatuous, frugality
 (c) idiotic, atrocity (d) dense, cupidity
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option A**

10. There are the centuries of statesanctioned criminal activity: the remarkable __ by supposed heroes such as Francis Drake, one of the most __ pirates in history, and Robert Clive, who pillaged Bengal to great personal gain.
- (a) despoliation, reputed (b) looting, notorious
 (c) plunder, creditable (d) rifling, famous
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. The draft Bill has __ modified the earlier Bill and suggested various measures to fortify the use of uncontaminated DNA samples for investigation __ and for identifying missing persons.
- (a) mainly, objectives (b) significantly, targets
 (c) substantially, purposes (d) abstractly, motives
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

2. The salient features of the recommendations __ the constitution of a statutory body called the DNA __ board and a DNA data bank.
- (a) include, profiling (b) bar, ignore
 (c) keep, alienate (d) debar, propel
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option A**

3. The data bank will primarily store DNA profiles received from the __ laboratories and maintain certain __ for various categories of data such as crime scene index.
- (a) exploded, records (b) counterfeit, catalogue
 (c) confidential, concord (d) accredited, indices
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

4. The DNA profiles __ be shared with and by foreign governments or government organisations or agencies only for the purposes __ in the Act.
- (a) will, general (b) shall, enumerated
 (c) will, specific (d) shall, broad
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

5. With India's economic growth __ in the last couple of years, the government has been casting about for ways to __ the economy.
- (a) resolute, arouse (b) alacrity, excite
 (c) faltering, galvanise (d) certitude, stimulate
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

6. The government seems to have realized that a simpler, more effective remedy is at hand: __ public sector banks (PSBs) and __ the flow of credit.
- (a) recapitalising, attrition
 (b) recapitalising, attenuating
 (c) recapitalising, alarming
 (d) recapitalising, enhancing
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

7. To understand the __ of bank recapitalisation, we need a little __ on bank capital.
- (a) significance, primer (b) moment, defuse
 (c) triviality, codicil (d) levity, separate
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option A**

8. Some observers __ the __ in credit growth to poor demand.
- (a) diminish, pace (b) abrogate, prompt
 (c) absolve, punctual (d) ascribe, deceleration
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

9. There have certainly been cases of __ and poor __ of credit.
- (a) delinquency, castigate
 (b) malfeasance, appraisal
 (c) misconduct, criticize
 (d) fault, babble
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

10. Following the global financial crisis of 2007, sectors to which PSBs were __ came to be __ in ways that could not have been entirely foreseen.
- (a) sheltered, clashed (b) compensated, crashed
 (c) gaurded, adverted (d) exposed, impacted
 (e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

Direction (1-10): In each of the following questions three statements with a blank in each are given. You

have to choose a word from the given option that can fill all the blanks. Mark that option as your answer.

- 1.(a) I stopped and listened, ___ing my ears for any sound.
 (b) ___ the custard into a bowl.
 (c) The usual type of chair puts an enormous ___ on the spine.
 (a) breed (b) pressure
 (c) stress (d) strain
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

- 2.(a) It is hard for logic to ___ over emotion.
 (b) She was ___-ed upon to give an account of her work.
 (c) Evil cannot ___; we must defeat it.
 (a) endure (b) over-power
 (c) prevail (d) forfeit
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

- 3.(a) She ___-ed her hand as if she'd been burnt.
 (b) The sea otter can ___ the claws on its front feet.
 (c) He ___-ed his allegations.
 (a) provide (b) emphasize
 (c) repudiate (d) retract
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

- 4.(a) Success will become ever more ___.
 (b) The ___ thought he had had moments before.
 (c) The truth can be ___, even feared.
 (a) subtle (b) elusive
 (c) obscure (d) entice
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

- 5.(a) The doctor recorded her blood pressure on a ___.
 (b) Cook ___-ed the coasts and waters of New Zealand.
 (c) The record will probably ___ at about No. 74.
 (a) chart (b) paper
 (c) list (d) map
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option A

- 6.(a) The plaster started to ___.
 (b) The easiest way to ___ blue cheese.
 (c) Sprinkle the ___ over the rhubarb.
 (a) rot (b) erupt
 (c) break (d) crumble
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

- 7.(a) The ___-ing of antibodies to cell surfaces.
 (b) Business agreements are intended to be legally ___-ing.
 (c) Mix the flour with the coconut and enough egg white to ___ them.
 (a) mature (b) solidify
 (c) mix (d) bind

- (e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

- 8.(a) She ___-ed scorn on her return to the theatre.
 (b) They failed to ___ a full-scale invasion.
 (c) Stephen was eagerly ___-ing the break from the routine of business.
 (a) assume (b) await
 (c) anticipate (d) abrupt
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

- 9.(a) A ___ attempt to defuse the situation.
 (b) Don't be too ___ in criticizing a colleague.
 (c) The patient man shows much good sense, but the ___man displays folly at its height.
 (a) blatant (b) tricky
 (c) quick (d) hasty
 (e) None of these

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Option D

10. (a) The countryside was ___-ed in snow.
 (b) A ___ ban on tobacco advertising.
 (c) I slept on the ground covered by my ___.
 (a) sweep (b) shadow
 (c) blanket (d) quilt
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. There is no denying that there is a great deal of ___ attached to speaking ___ sexual assault.
 (a) honour, about (b) brand, over
 (c) stigma, about (d) bathe, about
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: stigma = a mark of disgrace associated with a particular circumstance, quality, or person.

2. The risk of patients who need medical attention, such as those with dengue haemorrhagic fever, ___ for this drug instead of rushing to a hospital should not be___.
 (a) favouring, overlook
 (b) opting, underestimated
 (c) assigning, misjudged
 (d) authorizing, overdated
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

3. At a time when modern medicine is advancing towards greater transparency and ___in clinical evidence, the government's claims on nilavembu aren't ___ anyone in the scientific community.
 (a) authority, duping (b) rigidity, tricking
 (c) productiveness, frauding
 (d) replicability, fooling
 (e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: replicability = Property of an activity, process, or test result that allows it to be duplicated at another location or time.

4. A ___ of the country is ___ annoyed with the actions of the government.
- (a) ghetto, extremely (b) region, deeply
(c) place, adjacently (d) line, severely
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

5. If the government wishes to keep law and order, then it must find other, less ___ ways of doing so, such as increasing security, perhaps a curfew, or even winning the trust of the people and addressing their ___.
- (a) frivolous, injuries (b) drastic, grievances
(c) genial, beeves (d) indulgent, insults
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

Explanation: drastic = likely to have a strong or far-reaching effect; radical and extreme. grievances = a real or imagined cause for complaint, especially unfair treatment.

6. The sheer ___ of Internet shutdowns makes it clear that it is being used as a routine card in the ever-expanding "law and order" ___ of the state.
- (a) localized, toolkit (b) presence, toolkit
(c) abyss, toolkit (d) ubiquity, toolkit
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

Explanation: ubiquity = the fact of appearing everywhere or of being very common.

7. A key flaw in the Gujarat High Court's decision, however, was its failure to understand that the ___ of the CrPC cannot directly be ___ into the online world.
- (a) scarcities, inverted (b) abyss, transformed
(c) provisions, transposed (d) victuals, forwarded
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

Explanation: provisions = the action of providing or supplying something for use; transposed = cause (two or more things) to exchange places.

8. There was no ___ or democratic debate when the rules were ___.
- (a) ubiquity, framed (b) explicitness, framed
(c) transparency, framed (e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

9. The ___ that the government must have the ability to control the Internet in order to preserve law and order is an ___ attractive one.
- (a) truth, automatically (b) baloney, evenly
(c) estimation, analytically (d) notion, intuitively
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

Explanation: notion = a conception of or belief about something; intuitively = without conscious reasoning; instinctively.

10. There may very well be improvements when it comes to the first benefit. But it is unlikely that ___ payments will not be ___.
- (a) disciplinary, clarity (b) reparatory, beauty
(c) compensatory, distortionary
(d) correctional, compensatory
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

Explanation: compensatory = (of a payment) intended to recompense someone who has experienced loss, suffering, or injury; distortionary = any departure from the ideal of perfect competition that therefore interferes with economic agents maximizing social welfare when they maximize their own

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. A specialist psychiatrist could diagnose the condition early and educate the family on what to ___.
- Medications that slow down the speed of dementia ___ be tried.
- (a) require, can (b) expect, could
(c) envisage, may (d) think, might
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

Explanation: could – unfulfilled desire

2. The speech area in the brain weakens and reduces the patient's ability to understand words and respond. ___ communication problems could ___ in his screaming or aggressive body language.
- (a) reasonable, solution (b) attendant, arise
(c) Consequent, result (d) crazy, outgrowth
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

3. Uncle Vivek suffers from Alzheimer's disease, the most common type of dementia ___ the elderly. The population of those aged 60 and above in India has ___ from 5.6% in 1961 to 8.6% in 2011
- (a) thrilling, rose (b) exciting, ascended
(c) defending, uplifted (d) affecting, risen
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

4. It's a terrifying disease and its ___ can be bewildering for family members. But the signs are ___.
- (a) offensiveness, cognizable
(b) attack, placable (c) demise, detactable
(d) onset, recognizable (e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

5. An announcement by the government that the India-Afghanistan-Iran trilateral arrangement to ___ the obstacles is on ___ was well-timed.
- (a) thwart, exceed (b) circumvent, track

- (c) endure, surpass (d) beat, trail
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation:

6. The commitment that the Chabahar port development project will be completed next year should __business on both sides about a __trade route from South Asia to Central Asia.

- (a) reassure, sustainable (c) soothe, tenable
(b) inspirit, sufferable (e) None of these
(d) brace, sturdy

View Answer

Option A

7. The healthy opposition should __within the country and should not __weapons against the government.

- (a) delay, operate (b) support, flourish
(c) dwell, control (d) stay, wield
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option D

8. When a person decides to buy a flat, it __his or her __about the future.

- (a) apes, cynicism (b) conjectures, gloom
(c) reflects, optimism (d) emulates, idealism
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

9. Not to overstate this, but there is an __of psychology that keeps the economy__.

- (a) substance, noising (b) element, chugging
(c) item, pingping (d) component, inflating
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

10. Despite many attempts at discrediting the __of Keynesian remedies, to this day policy-makers continue to repose __in them.

- (a) competence, trust (b) efficacy, faith
(c) usefulness, fidelity (d) capacity, loyalty
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. We need to apply the __of social business to solve __of inequality and unemployment.

- (a) factual, problems (b) strength, problems
(c) potential, problems (d) existent, problems
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: potential = having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future;

2. As he travelled across the world, Yunus found that low-income people in the world's richest nations were __from the same problems the poor __in poorer nations.

- (a) woe, eluded (b) suffering, faced
(c) torture, mugged (d) refusing, visaged

- (e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: suffering = the state of undergoing pain, distress, or hardship; faced= confront and deal with or accept.

3. For too long, we've __the __of poverty, unemployment, and environmental destruction, as if these are natural calamities

- (a) tolerated, persistence (b) verboten, cessation
(c) vetoed, apathy
(d) prohibited, termination
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option A

Explanation: tolerated= allow the existence, occurrence, or practice of (something that one dislikes or disagrees with) without interference; persistence=the fact of continuing in an opinion or course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition.

4. Social business offers __that are available neither to profit-maximising companies nor to traditional__.

- (a) advantages, avarice (b) advantages, malices
(c) advantages, charities
(d) advantages, animosities
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: advantage = a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favourable or superior position.

5. A social business owner who __a product or service that helps the poor or benefits society in some other way may be able to attract a __market by using social networking and other online tools to spread the word.

- (a) plans, narrow (b) devises, wide
(c) fabricates, bare (d) concocts, slight
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: devises= plan or invent (a complex procedure, system, or mechanism) by careful thought;

6. Humankind as a whole is living in a time of __prosperity, __in part by revolutions in knowledge.

- (a) thin, consolidated (b) unparalleled, fuelled
(c) inferior, forwarded
(d) ordinary, corroborated
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: unparalleled= exceptional; fuelled= sustain or inflame (an intense feeling).

7. Since the June 2008 __in global food prices, prices have continued to__, reaching another record high in 2011.

- (a) peak, fluctuate (b) nadir, flutter
(c) tumble, vibrate (d) plunge, undulate
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option A**

Explanation: peak = reach a highest point, either of a specified value or at a specified time; fluctuate = rise and fall irregularly in number or amount.

8. We need to consider how the __of the world economy and, in particular, of the system whereby food is produced and distributed has led us to today's__.
- (a) collapse, dilemma (b) abbreviation, dilemma
(c) advance, dilemma (d) evolution, dilemma
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

Explanation: evolution = the gradual development of something.; dilemma = a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially ones that are equally undesirable.

9. India's decision to expand security __to Kabul has a nuanced geopolitical__.
- (a) constipation, rumour (b) inhibition, agonized
(c) assistance, message (d) liability, flout
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

10. The decision to enhance security training comes coupled with an India-Afghanistan trade fair __by USAID, that will __ Afghanistan's Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah and other ministers to Delhi this week.
- (a) mentored, obnoxious (b) opposed, dismal
(c) opposed, desirable (d) sponsored, welcome
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. The GST was India's second __with destiny and introduced with the great hope that it would help India achieve economic__.
- (a) date, boldness (b) division, commonness
(c) tryst, greatness (d) interview, consciousness
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

2. The existing electronic system is __inadequate and in case of an issue with the system it will be disastrous if every movement of goods requires __to a portal for generation of an e-way bill.
- (a) blithely, egress (b) woefully, access
(c) genially, exclusion (d) gladly, ejection
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

3. One cannot wish away the large unorganised sector and it is not practical to __them into becoming __taxcompliant by digitisation.
- (a) truncheon, instantly (b) bludgeon, instantly
(c) coerce, instantly (d) weapon, instantly
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

4. It is better that the states are given __jurisdiction to deal with assessee upto a turnover of Rs 10 crore or even Rs 25 crore so that the Centre can only deal with __with higher revenue.
- (a) pooled, judges (b) partial, estimates
(c) communal, values (d) exclusive, assessee
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

5. It is dangerous to __with the hope that things will __settle down.
- (a) proceed, eventually (b) pause, currently
(c) ache, immediately (d) abjure, instantly
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option A**

6. A __to hold referendums, from Kurdistan to Catalonia, highlights the importance for __in such votes
- (a) crawl, accord (b) dawdle, coarseness
(c) rush, nuance (d) loiter, blatancy
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option C**

7. A referendum is, no doubt, a powerful tool to __participation and __public opinion in a democracy.
- (a) enhance, elapse (b) alleviate, estimate
(c) diminish, divulge (d) deepen, reflect
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

8. The question of legitimacy of referendums is important and it is __provided if the Centre __this mechanism on such issues.
- (a) necessarily, refutes
(b) automatically, concedes
(c) mechanically, bickers
(d) purposely, avows
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option B**

9. While the recognition of "nationalities" such as the Catalanian one in Spain has __moved the country away from the centralised and unitary nation-state under Franco, there have been demands for a truer federalisation and greater devolution of power, especially in Catalonia__.
- (a) lastly, initially
(b) consciously, archaically
(c) erratically, broadly
(d) decisively, lately
(e) None of these

View Answer**Option D**

10. In sum, the issues at __in Iraqi Kurdistan and Catalonia in Spain are __different.
- (a) stake, vastly (b) post, extremely
(c) design, insignificantly (d) guard, compactly

(e) None of these

View Answer

Option A

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

- The Supreme Court ___ a very good judgment by the Delhi High Court, which had ___ down Section 377.
 - upended, put
 - overturned, struck
 - capsized, threw
 - canceled, slowed
 - None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: overturned= tip (something) over so that it is on its side or upside down.; struck= To cause to fall by a blow.

- In view of the ___ privacy judgment of the court, it is clear that what you drink and eat and whom you ___ with cannot be the concern of the state.
 - concurrent, divide
 - dissonant, foe
 - jarring, avoid
 - unanimous, consort
 - None of these

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: unanimous= (of two or more people) fully in agreement.; consort= habitually associate with (someone), typically with the disapproval of others.

- But it is also a fact that all ___ are not put behind bars. You see people ___ Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister's Office, the government.
 - dissenters, criticizing
 - fenders, nipping
 - heretics, essaying
 - humans, knocking
 - None of these

View Answer

Option A

Explanation: dissent= the holding or expression of opinions at variance with those commonly or officially held.; criticizing= indicate the faults of (someone or something) in a disapproving way.

- There is ___ that if they dare say anything against the government or against the established order, they may be ___ or put behind bars.
 - discharge, degage
 - serenity, complimentary
 - apprehension, incarcerated
 - assurance, broad
 - None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: apprehension= anxiety or fear that something bad or unpleasant will happen.; incarcerated= imprison or confine.

- We have ___ criticism of the government in ___, virulent terms.
 - denied, frivolous
 - participated, amorphous
 - witnessed, trenchant
 - rebelled, cute
 - None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: witnessed= see (an event, typically a crime or accident) happen.; trenchant= vigorous or incisive in expression or style.

- ___ are there in the abuse of law by law ___, and very often, this section (sedition) is put to action because of over cautiousness or out of ignorance.
 - perils, enforcers
 - disasters, stimulators
 - disagreements, stimulants
 - risks, charmers
 - None of these

View Answer

Option A

Explanation: perils= serious and immediate danger.; enforcers= (in sport) a strong, aggressive, or intimidating player whose role is to protect teammates or dominate an area of the field of play.

- It is possible that Aadhaar can be misused, but the possibility of ___ cannot be the ___ for arguing that the law is not required.
 - cherish, ground
 - employ, ground
 - misuse, ground
 - protect, ground
 - None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: misuse= use (something) in the wrong way or for the wrong purpose.

- Much will be written about the ___ as far as jobs, wages and national sovereignty that the current American ___ on trade deals brings to the fore.
 - civility, enlist
 - carnage, onslaught
 - courtesy, decease
 - clemency, dribble
 - None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: carnage = the killing of a large number of people.; onslaught= a fierce or destructive attack.

- For years now, while patent protection is getting stronger in all sectors in a large number of countries, the conditions for its ___ are becoming greatly ___.
 - grant, relaxed
 - disavow, relaxed
 - demand, relaxed
 - avarice, relaxed
 - None of these

View Answer

Option A

Explanation: grant= agree to give or allow (something request(d) to); relaxed= free from tension and anxiety.

- A superstar firm today is not necessarily one with the greatest technological ___ or the largest research and development labs, but surely is one that has a large IP portfolio, engages in extensive litigation on ___ issues, and thrives on licensing revenues.
 - collapse, cloudy
 - glitch, subtle
 - breakthroughs, patent
 - failing, vague
 - None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: breakthrough= make or force a way through (a barrier); patent = patent is an exclusive right granted for an invention

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. The grand __of modern Indian history has come to be __by the triumvirate of Gandhi, Nehru and Ambedkar.
(a) description, reigned (b) saga, directed
(c) narrative, dominated (d) record, managed
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: narrative = a spoken or written account of connected events; dominated = have power and influence over.

2. Fortunately, the constant __of history is taking place, not at the __of some government agency but by common people.
(a) inspection, regulation (b) appraisal, caveat
(c) reappraisal, behest (d) recap, act
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: reappraisal= an assessment of something or someone again or in a different way., behest= a person's orders or command.

3. Generations that lived under British rule had had a more __and sympathetic view of the times though people __for its end.
(a) poised, struggled (b) equanimous, fought
(c) placid, campaigned (d) serene, conflicted
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: equanimous= calm and composed.

4. Anchored in constitutional scholarship, history and international law, the celebrated privacy judgment attests to the __of our __ liberalism.
(a) give, dignitarian (b) fortitude, dignitarian
(c) resilience, dignitarian (d) bounce, dignitarian
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: resilience= the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; dignitaries= a person considered to be important because of high rank or office.

5. A less noticed but __feature of the privacy ruling is a disclaimer of judicial power to introduce new constitutional rights in the exercise of the court's judicial __jurisdiction.
(a) great, review (b) significant, review
(c) material, review (d) crucial, review
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: significant= sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; review= a

formal assessment of something with the intention of instituting change if necessary.

6. The historic verdict which affirms that the idea of human dignity includes the right to be let alone, the equality of human beings and the freedom to will is a __oration on human dignity and a __of the nation's liberal conscience.
(a) gorgeous, amnesty (b) high, excuse
(c) sublime, vindication (d) great, defense
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: sublime= of very great excellence or beauty.; vindication= the action of clearing someone of blame or suspicion.

7. In India, however, the current trends would indicate that state seems to take an increasingly __stand on fundamental rights issues in legal __.
(a) stoic, evaluation (b) listless, ruling
(c) apathetic, adjudication
(d) phlegmatic, settlement
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: adjudication= a formal judgement on a disputed matter;

8. It is quite __that adults are able to think freely and the state is __to protect and preserve their capacity to do so.
(a) crucial, bound (b) major, vault
(c) basic, skip (d) grave, jump
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option A

Explanation: crucial= decisive or critical, especially in the success or failure of something;

9. Referring to Doklam and the BRI, columnist Samir Saran has pointed out that "These events make it clear that we must __the romantic notion that ideological __is possible within BRICS.
(a) drop, junction (b) fall, flux
(c) shed, convergence (d) cote, conflux
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: shed= a simple roofed structure used for garden storage, to shelter animals, or as a workshop; converge= the process or state of converging.

10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi __to a more compassionate policy on Kashmir when he said that the war __separatism would be won "neither by abuse nor bullets but by embracing all Kashmiris"
(a) indicated, from (b) gestured, against
(c) flagged, despite (d) dismissed, toward
(e) None of these

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: gestured= direct (someone) somewhere by means of a gesture; against= in opposition to

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. With heavy rains causing __ in Chennai, HDFC has decided to __ off any penalty on its home loan customers impacted by the rains for any delay in EMI payments for last month.
 (a) catastrophe, see (b) calamity, lay
 (c) flood, put (d) havoc, waive
 (e) disorder, take

View Answer
Option D

2. The Himachal Pradesh High Court has dismissed a __ of petitions filed against setting up of mobile towers on health grounds saying there is no __ to suggest that emissions from mobile towers constitute.
 (a) group, significance (b) clutch, evidence
 (c) set, witness (d) bunch, contradiction
 (e) number, mark

View Answer
Option B

3. California was one of the first states to __ such a system in the 1980s after the first alarms were __ about deteriorating air quality in Los Angeles.
 (a) implement, raised (b) apply, rang
 (c) launch, constructed (d) start, sounded
 (e) begin, tuned

View Answer
Option A

4. The debate on whether India should __ bilateral cricket ties with Pakistan has gathered __ again.
 (a) continue, discussion (b) abrogate, significance
 (c) resume, steam (d) vitiate, energy
 (e) schedule, potency

View Answer
Option C

5. Technological developments are taking place in two opposite directions: the user end is becoming increasingly simpler , __ the skills and equipment making that __ are becoming complex.
 (a) while, possible (b) albeit, hypothetical
 (c) when, available (d) as, unlikely
 (e) despite, advisable

View Answer
Option A

6. Whether it is urban transport, where __ time information and control are critical to success or high-speed train systems, where sensitive control and equipment __ is a fundamental need.
 (a) in, counseling (b) certain, scanning
 (c) actual, negligence (d) no, ignorance
 (e) real, monitoring

View Answer
Option E

7. The mineral-rich economy has done __ well over the past few decades in __ coal and mineral ores to China and India.
 (a) immensely, selling (b) truly, giving
 (c) extremely, exporting (d) actually, demanding
 (e) drastically, taking

View Answer
Option C

8. __ modernisation means access to new ideas and influences as well as social and economic __.
 (a) Cascading, freedom (b) Immense, freedom
 (c) Enduring, freedom (d) Persisted, freedom
 (e) continued, freedom

View Answer
Option E

9. The city govt. Was of the view that some schools were __ and that closing these would save money, which could be __.
 (a) small, reinstate (b) besieged, restore
 (c) undersized , reinvested
 (d) enclosed, revamp
 (e) None of these

View Answer
Option C

10. Although people usually come with a clear idea __the basic features in a car within a __their decision prior to purchase.
 (a) about, stipulated (b) on, stipulated
 (c) over, stipulated (d) for, stipulated
 (e) of, stipulated

View Answer
Option A

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. To shore up a bad argument, it is always a good idea to threaten __but __consequences for traditional institutions.
 (a) nebulous, nasty
 (b) indeterminate, terrible
 (c) dim, severe
 (d) vague, dire
 (e) faint, awful

View Answer
Option D

2. From the time of John Stuart Mill, Western democracies have __with the question of women's sexual__, without which equality is an empty shell.
 (a) embraced, sovereignty
 (b) grappled, autonomy
 (c) completed, autocracy
 (d) grabbed, democracy
 (e) wrestled, liberty

View Answer
Option B

3. The J.S. Verma committee had recommended the __registration of all marriages before a magistrate, irrespective of the personal laws under which they were__.
 (a) essential, fulfilled (b) inevitable, completed
 (c) mandatory ,solemnized (d) needed, dearth
 (e) involuntary, swayed

View Answer
Option C

4. But where the Government is going __slow is in recapitalising public sector banks whose net worth is severely__.

- (a) obviously, lowered (b) conspicuously, eroded
 (c) clearly, shrunk (d) distinctly, curtailed
 (e) markedly, dropped

View Answer

Option B

5. Mergers are being ___ as the way to have only big strong banks which will then have enough depth in their balance sheets to take care of future provisioning needs and also keep lending ___ to achieve rapid economic growth.
 (a) allured, huge (b) puffed, massive
 (c) blustered, large (d) touted, big
 (e) amplified, great

View Answer

Option D

6. Once the top managers chosen by the Banks Board Bureau settle down and start ___ the managerial culture, professionalism can emerge in an ___ of improved governance.
 (a) developing, medium (b) modifying, status
 (c) adhering, condition (d) emasculating, setting
 (e) changing, ambience

View Answer

Option E

7. ___ the Nepal connection by completing its projects there and ___ carefully on the Madhesi issue
 (a) strenthening, lumbering
 (b) Cement, treading
 (c) fasten, hiking (d) jain, ambling
 (e) stick, marching

View Answer

Option B

8. With China ___ around in its backyard, India ___ out the red carpet for Nepalese prime minister Sher Bahadur Deuba during his recent five-day state visit to the country.
 (a) marauding, rolled (b) prowling, rolled
 (c) creeping, rolled (d) roaming, rolled
 (e) loitering, rolled

View Answer

Option B

9. As New Delhi tries to gently '___' Kathmandu into accommodating the aspirations of the Madhesis, who ___ onethird of Nepal's population.
 (a) thrust, consist (b) punch, comprise
 (c) nudge, comprise (d) goad, consist
 (e) nag, comprise

View Answer

Option C

10. Seeking to have greater economic integration with Nepal, India will also need to deliver on its ___ of ___ completion of two on-going cross-border rail connectivity projects.
 (a) reliance, prompt (b) trust, expeditious
 (c) security, fast (d) pledge, nimble
 (e) assurance, swift

View Answer

Option E

Directions(1-5): Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. Life had come to a standstill in the Ganga-Brahmaputra floodplains where large ___ of land were ___ under floods.
 (a) domains, staggering (b) districts, lurching
 (c) tracts, reeling (d) lots, rolling
 (e) fields, swaying

View Answer

Option C

2. Many have ___ that we should return to a ___ way of living and consume less electricity.
 (a) ciphered, canning (b) assumed, tight
 (c) approximated, abstemious
 (d) thought, spare
 (e) opined, frugal

View Answer

Option E

3. Aspirational India has a desire to work and live in air-conditioned spaces, reduce the ___ of home work by using electrical appliances, entertain itself by ___ the best theatre system, commute in comfort in non-polluting transport and so on.
 (a) adjust, developing (b) drudgery, deploying
 (c) cruelty, mastering (d) burly, overcoming
 (e) complicated, employing

View Answer

Option B

4. The share of electricity generated by nuclear power must be ___ up as soon as possible and large investments must be made in research and development in electricity storage technologies to ___ full benefit from VRE sources.
 (a) clambered, gain (b) bearded, extract
 (c) crawled, procure (d) ramped, derive
 (e) graded, glean

View Answer

Option D

5. To put Koushal in the same frame as this decision is to acknowledge the ___ of what it meant to ___ the criminalisation of millions of LGBT persons in India.
 (a) frivolity, uphold (b) strength, uphold
 (c) gravity, uphold (d) gaiety, uphold
 (e) levity, uphold

View Answer

Option C

Directions (6-10): Which of the phrases A, B, C, and D given below each statement should replace the phrase printed in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as it is given, mark E as the answer

6. Justice Chandrachud then takes on one of the more casually dismissive statements **made for** Koushal, where Justice G.S. Singhvi referred to the "socalled rights" of LGBT persons.
 (a) made about (b) made to
 (c) made in (d) made over
 (e) No Correction required

View Answer

Option C

7. **Even as** the court does not make a holding on the constitutional validity of the section, it does find that

sexual orientation is an essential attribute of privacy.

- (a) Even if
- (b) Even
- (c) Despite
- (d) However
- (e) No Correction Required

View Answer

Option E

8. Finally, a recognition that privacy is **linked with** autonomy and the navigation of space should allow us to think about the ways in which public spaces can be made safer for people who bear physical markers of gender nonconformity

- (a) linking with
- (b) linked for
- (c) linking to
- (d) linked to
- (e) No Correction required

View Answer

Option D

9. The missile coupled with the worrying shift in missile testing patterns under Kim Jong-un — launches **which are** conducted all over the country and not just at the conventional test site in Wonsan — indicates that North Korea is possibly preparing all its missile units for nuclear war.

- (a) that were
- (b) that are
- (c) are being
- (d) are now being
- (e) No Correction required

View Answer

Option D

10. The maiden run of the Lucknow Metro has been **flagged-off** by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh and U.P. CM Yogi Adityanath on September 5.

- (a) set off
- (b) inaugurated
- (c) flagged up
- (d) flagged
- (e) No Correction required

View Answer

Option E

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. We're late. The film ___ have already started by the time we ___ the cinema hall.

- (a) shall, arrive
- (b) would, reach
- (c) will, get to
- (d) should, approach
- (e) may, go

View Answer

Option B

2. The fire spread through the building ___ but everybody was ___ escape.

- (a) fast, enable to
- (b) instant, managed to
- (c) quick, able
- (d) immediately, safe
- (e) quickly, able to

View Answer

Option E

3. I am thinking ___ a house; ___ you think that's a good idea?

- (a) buying , what
- (b) of buying, do
- (c) taking, what
- (d) for, will
- (e) of, do

View Answer

Option B

4. I am tired. I'd rather ___ out this evening , if you don't ___.

- (a) go, feel
- (b) not, accompany
- (c) not be, worry
- (d) never go, annoy
- (e) not go, mind

View Answer

Option E

5. I must ___ now. I promised not ___ late.

- (a) leave, being
- (b) reach, of being
- (c) go, to be
- (d) do it, for being
- (e) get in, of been

View Answer

Option C

6. Cellular phone service has ___ in a new ___ of communication.

- (a) resulted, area
- (b) ushered, phase
- (c) grown, field
- (d) developed, type
- (e) started, sector

View Answer

Option B

7. The recent naxal attacks could not ___ the Railway Minister ___ announcing new superfast trains.

- (a) prevent, from
- (b) keep, away
- (c) stop, by
- (d) restrict, to
- (e) discourage, for

View Answer

Option A

8. Retirement can either be a ___ to age or an ___ for an adventure.

- (a) defeat, alternative
- (b) surrender, opportunity
- (c) setback, option
- (d) agreement, start
- (e) loss, beginning

View Answer

Option B

9. I am sorry that I have been ___ to find a suitable ___ for you.

- (a) able, job
- (b) fail, work
- (c) unable, vacancy
- (d) successful, place
- (e) not able, employment

View Answer

Option C

10. ___ my knowledge Mr Awas has a prejudice ___ foreigners.

- (a) in, for
- (b) as to, words
- (c) for, at
- (d) within, against
- (e) with, against

View Answer

Option A

Directions: Pick out the most appropriate pair of words to complete the given sentences.

1. Noteworthy is the ___ in the demand for industrial robots, at an annual rate of 9% since 2011, making the upgradation of human skills ___ upon corporations and governments alike.

- (a) dispatch, beseeching
- (b) expedition, beg
- (c) acceleration, imperative
- (d) deferral, conjure
- (e) Hinderance, mendicant

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: acceleration = increase in speed/rate; imperative = of vital importance Expedition = promptness; dispatch = deal quickly

2. The growth in international migration by as much as 50% since 1990 and the rise of xenophobia in many parts of the world ___ the dangers from the lopsided ___ of the current phase of globalisation.
- (a) cloud, lam (b) obscure, orbited
(c) dupe, voyage (d) illustrate, trajectory
(e) rebut, trach

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: illustrate = explains with example; trajectory = path followed by an object 3. On Tuesday, the constitutional vision, under siege for much of India's journey as a democratic republic, came within a ___ of ___ at the hands of the Supreme Court.

- (a) barber, destruction (b) whisker, destruction
(c) editor, destruction (d) floffer, destruction
(e) fisker, destruction

View Answer

Option B

Explanation: whisker = very small amount; destruction = breaking up

4. Had the Chief Justice managed to ___ one other judge to sign on to his judgment, we would have found ourselves living under a Constitution that sanctions the complete ___ of the individual to the claims of her religious community.
- (a) arouse, plunge (b) manage, inundation
(c) prohibit, dive (d) stifle, settling
(e) persuade, submergence

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: persuade = induce to do something through reasoning or argument; submergence = to sink or plunge under water or beneath the surface of any enveloping medium.

5. By holding that the 1937 Act ___ all Muslim personal law, Justice Nariman ___ the need for reconsidering this longstanding position, even as he doubted its correctness in a brief, illuminating paragraph.
- (a) enciphered, precluded (b) redacted, demanded
(c) codified, obviated (d) systemized, asked
(e) scripted, involved

View Answer

Option C

Explanation: codified = arrange into a systematic order; obviate = remove a need or difficulty

6. Not only did the ___ opinion privilege community claims over individual constitutional rights, it also ___ the freedom of religion with personal law, thereby advancing a position where religion could become the arbiter of individuals' civil status and civil rights.
- (a) protesting, related (b) according, unionized
(c) acceding, combined
(d) accommodative, fluxed (e) dissenting, conflated

View Answer

Option E

Explanation: dissenting = hold or express opinions that are at variance with those commonly held; conflated = combine into one

7. I believe it is important to try to ___ the logic of the minute from other perspectives as well, without thereby excusing its ___ power claims and the cunning of British imperial politics.
- (a) fasten, egregious (b) contract, egregious
(c) snarl, egregious (d) unravel, egregious
(e) puzzle, egregious

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: unravel = investigate and explain; egregious = outstandingly bad

8. Nepal-India relations have been ___ for decades, but the two Modi visits did not help ___ them.
- (a) glassy, fix (b) propionate, correct
(c) justified, mend (d) adhered, restore
(e) uneven, repair

View Answer

Option E

9. The government must cease to be a ___ litigant, and ___ power should be made use to reduce the grievance of the future litigant.

- (a) necessary, immense (b) compulsive, executive
(c) important, terrific (d) logical, terrible
(e) ideal, amazing

View Answer

Option B

10. NLP had a lot of laudable ___ and there was nothing to disagree ___.

- (a) commitments, to (b) comments, for
(c) assertions, off (d) statements, with
(e) declarations, of

View Answer

Option D

Explanation: statements = clear expression of sth;