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Cloze Test

Directions (1-7):

The fact that India's holiest river is counted among the 10 most polluted rivers of the world and its water in some places is so contaminated that it is _____ (1) even to be used for irrigation is absolutely _____ (2). After the failure of the _____ (3) Ganga Action Plan launched by former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, the National Ganga River Basin Authority set up in 2009 too proved to be a _____ (4). Now, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise made during the election campaign to restore the glorious past of the river has raised the hopes of people. Though it is a _____ (5) challenge for Modi, he has made his intentions clear by appointing Uma Bharti as the Union minister for water resources, river development and Ganga _____ (6). She has already started the _____ (7) aimed at rescuing the river. It will be a litmus test for her too.

1

- a) Unfit
- b) Disfit
- c) Proper
- d) lacking
- e) None of the above

2.

- a) Stupefying

- b) Shocking
- c) Both a and b
- d) hobnobbing
- e) both a and d

3.

- a) Ambitious
- b) Suspicious
- c) Concoction
- d) Both 1 and 3
- e) None of the above

4.

- a) Black elephant
- b) White elephant
- c) One's eyes are bigger than stomach.
- d) Follow suit
- e) None of the above

5.

- a) frank
- b) wanton
- c) Formidable
- d) silly
- e) None of the above

6.

- a) Rejuvenation
- b) Debilitate
- c) Invalidate

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- d) enfeeble
e) None of the above

7.

- a) Spadework
b) Deception
c) Both a and b
d) appalling
e) None of the above

Directions (8-13):

Afghanistan's ambassador to Islamabad, Dr Omar Zakhilwal, was _____ (8) to learn this week that Pakistan had apparently handed over 27 suspected members of the Taliban and the Haqqani network to his country last year, The Express Tribune reported. Pakistan's Foreign Office had made the announcement only the previous day. Kabul's subsequent categorical denial that any such transfer took place has spiralled into a major embarrassment for Islamabad, which has been under pressure from the US and Afghanistan over allegedly _____ (9) when it comes to moving against terrorists operating from its soil. Pakistan claimed the _____ (10) took place in November 2017, just weeks after the _____ (11) visit of Army Chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa to Kabul. The _____ (12) was supposedly kept confidential until now. Meanwhile, a high-level Afghan delegation arrived in Islamabad on

Wednesday and is expected to hold talks with Pakistani officials today about _____ (13) between the two countries.

8.

- a) Travelled
b) prevaricated
c) Astonished
d) Deliberated
e) None of the above

9.

- a) Boding well
b) Room for something
c) Damsel in distress
d) Dragging its feet
e) None of the above

10

- a) Handover
b) Shifting
c) Immanent
d) summons
e) None of the above

11.

- a) Regularly
b) munchies
c) Maiden
d) Both b and c
e) None of the above

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12

- a) disembodied
- b) Extradition
- c) Disaster
- d) misogyny
- e) None of the above

13

- a) Stimulation
- b) attracting
- c) fighting
- d) Cooperation
- e) None of the above

Directions (14-17):

Unofficially, it's a joint venture, but it's unlikely to bring the _____(14) Thackeray cousins Raj and Uddhav together. The controversial Bal Thackeray biopic, _____(15) for a January 25 release, has been produced by Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut but directed by Maharashtra Navnirman Sena leader Abhijit Panse. Panse got the job because Raut wanted a political insider and not a Bollywood director to make the film. The Sena is already taking _____(16) of the film. Panse was kept out of the limelight at the recent _____(17) of the 'Thackeray' trailer in a theatre that Uddhav attended. But the MNS has vowed to reclaim credit for the Marathi-Hindi film when it's released on Balasaheb's 93rd anniversary. Public

screenings and Panse's felicitation will highlight that it ultimately took an MNS leader to make a film on the Sena chief.

14

- a) friendly
- b) silly
- c) Warring
- d) Cognizant
- e) None of the above

15.

- a) Slated
- b) Scheduled
- c) Both a and b
- d) Fixed
- e) None of the above.

16.

- a) Ownership
- b) Establishment
- c) Reinforcing
- d) scathing
- e) None of the above

17

- a) Surprise
- b) dullness
- c) training
- d) launch
- e) None of the above

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Directions (18-22):

In a move likely to _____(18) the Trump administration, India's Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) is shortly to approve a government-to-government deal for _____(19) 24 MH-70R multi-role helicopters worth over \$2 billion from the US. The Indian navy is short of 61 MRH which its warships can use for surveillance missions, attack enemy warships and hunt enemy submarines. The last helicopters were acquired over 30 years ago, between 1986 and 1989. Earlier, in April, India approved the acquisition of 13-127 mm naval guns worth an estimated Rs 3,000 crore from the US through this route; an unspecified number of US-made Harpoon anti-ship missiles are also in the pipeline. Naval analysts, however, believe the smaller number of helicopters will mean complex maintenance issues. "It will enhance our _____(20) on the original equipment manufacturers for spare parts because setting up in-country facilities for smaller numbers will not be cost-effective," says Rear Admiral Sudhir, former flag officer naval aviation. The economies of scale will come with orders for the 123 Naval Multi-role Helicopters (NMRH) and 111 Naval Utility Helicopters (NUH). These helicopters, meant to replace the navy's _____(21) fleet of single-engined Chetak and twin-engined Seaking helicopters are being processed through the MOD's Strategic Partnership Model. In this

model, a foreign OEM sets up production facilities to jointly make the hardware within the country thereby boosting _____(22) defence industry. But with the SP model yet to take off and a defence budget squeeze under way, off-the-shelf purchases appear to be most attractive in the short run.

18

- a) Delight
- b) Happy
- c) Upset
- d) joyful
- e) None of the above

19

- a) Improving
- b) divulging
- c) Procuring
- d) Reversing
- e) None of the above

20.

- a) depletion
- b) Objection
- c) abundance
- d) Dependence
- e) None of the above

21

- a) incorporating
- b) Ageing

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- c) New
- d) slouching
- e) None of the above

22

- a) Indigenous
- b) Ingenious
- c) Both a and b
- d) innovation
- e) None of the above

Directions (23-28):

One India, an _____(23) by Facebook on Republic TV, is series that showcases stories how communities are empowering themselves to solve issues by _____(24) the strength of digital platforms. On the episode _____(25) on January 27, the spotlight was on SM Hoax Slayer, started by Pankaj Jain who was tired of fake articles shared by his friends and family and actively engaged in correcting them. Social media has given the common man the _____(26) and power to communicate directly with their network, and their network's network. However, even though freedom of expression is a fundamental right for a democracy, in the age of Social Media it has created a _____(27) for fake news to wreak havoc. Today, pranksters and negative social elements take advantage of this very freedom of expression to spread fake news to benefit from it

financially or otherwise, Recognizing the need to _____(28) multiple circulating fake news, Pankaj Jain, a 39-year old businessman from Mumbai, started a personal project to verify online content in 2015.

23

- a) Scholarship
- b) Channel
- c) programme
- d) Initiative
- e) None of the above

24.

- a) Advantage
- b) Leveraging
- c) Regularly
- d) Equivocating
- e) None of the above

25.

- a) Hamstrunged
- b) marinated
- c) Telecasted
- d) Telecast
- e) None of the above.

26.

- a) Sorrow
- b) sentient
- c) Platform
- d) Surface

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e) None of the above

27.

a) compelled

b) Haven

c) Miff

d) Forage

e) None of the above

28

a) rescue

b) Refuge

c) Debunk

d) bequeathed

e) None of the above

Directions (29-33):

The IAS officer and electrical engineer from Manipal University _____(29) realised how last mile connectivity issues were preventing government schemes from reaching the needy. Each tribal in the state, for instance, was eligible for government benefits under seven schemes-from free electricity to micro-finance loans. The trouble was that they were simply not _____(30) about these schemes. State departments, in turn, lacked data on their intended beneficiaries. As the project officer with the Integrated Tribal Development programme at Ghodegaon, Prasad _____(31) a private IT firm to bring internet access to a majority of the Scheduled Tribe people in the

Ambegaon and Junnartalukas. He then set up learning centres to train tribal youth to map all the beneficiaries in his talukas and upload it on MahaLabharthi, the state government's _____ service portal, which _____(32) residents about government schemes. The portal handed out a report electronically _____(33) by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to each individual, informing them of the scheme they could apply for. Prasad's pilot project has so far put 12,136 persons in touch with government schemes.

29

a) Swiftly

b) Outskirts

c) Security

d) opportunity

e) None of the above

30.

a) Special

b) Aware

c) unaware

d) eager

e) None of the above

31

a) Roped in

b) Generated in

c) Sustained

d) Eradicated in

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e) None of the above

32.

- a) eagered
- b) interrupted
- c) Informed
- d) consumed
- e) None of the above

33

- a) Suppressed
- b) Prolonged
- c) prospered
- d) Endorsed
- e) None of the above

Directions (34-42):

Rajasthan, where the child sex ratio _____(34) from 954 in 1981 to just 888 in 2011, may be witnessing a happy _____(35), thanks to the collective efforts of the state's health authorities and police supported by the courts. The first to establish an exclusive police station to _____(36) the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique (PC-PNDT) Act in 2012, the state now has a full-fledged investigation bureau consisting of a team of police officers and prosecutors working alongside a network of volunteers and activists. The entire operation hinges on successfully motivating pregnant women to act as decoys to trap _____(37) medical practitioners suspected of being engaged in conducting

sex determination tests and female foeticide. As many as 274 people, including 70 doctors, have been arrested. Jain attributes the success of the operation to the enhanced reward of Rs 2.5 lakh announced by the Centre. The informant and the decoy get a lakh each, the assistant _____(38) the decoy Rs 50,000. The cash is _____(39) in three instalments—the first on entrapment, the second after filing of chargesheet, and the third on conviction. This has helped procure convictions in 206 instances so far. The campaign has seen the cost of ultrasound sex determination tests _____(40) from Rs 20,000 three years ago to more than Rs 1.3 lakh now. The _____(41) profits have, however, drawn many established doctors, including in government service, to the illicit racket. Raghuveer Singh, director (projects) and additional SP of the bureau, says he is “shocked at how easily doctors are prepared to _____(42) their oath”.

34

- a) soared
- b) Plunged
- c) Increased
- d) Both a and b
- e) None of the above

35

- a) roundabout
- b) collection



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- c) Turnaround
d) Both a and c
e) None of the above

36

- a) Implement
b) Predict
c) confiscate
d) Narrate
e) None of the above

37

- a) ravaged
b) Unscrupulous
c) salubrious
d) good
e) None of the above

38

- a) Escorting
b) delving
c) fetching
d) both a and b
e) None of the above

39

- a) fettered
b) Disbursed
c) Instalment
d) Both a and b

- e) None of the above

40

- a) Soar
b) Increase
c) Decrease
d) Both a and b
e) None of the above

41

- a) Insidious
b) Restrain
c) illicit
d) lucrative
e) None of the above

42

- a) Isolate
b) Violate
c) Prove
d) gory
e) None of the above

Directions (43-50):

Alawa believes the half-hearted implementation of PESA act has rendered tribal communities _____(43). He points to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan's pet programme of holding mass marriages in tribal areas as an attempt to impose brahminical norms. Alawa also accuses both the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the church of

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_____ (44) with tribal culture. JAYS claims that in Madhya Pradesh as in Maharashtra, the mandatory consultative process with tribal gram sabhas for land acquisition is _____ (45) by interference and fraud. In eastern Madhya Pradesh, the tribal anger is shaping up into _____ (46) militant campaigns. In Surajpur and Jashpur on the eastern flank of Chhattisgarh, the Pathalgadi 'village autonomy' movement seems to have spilled over from neighbouring Jharkhand where it has swept through the districts of Khunti, Gumla and Saraikela-Kharsawan. In Jharkhand, of course, the movement has _____ (47) into full-scale defiance of the state's jurisdiction, with stone plaques in over 100 tribal villages declaring territorial independence. Government officials are _____ (48) from these area and outsiders' warned against seeking employment or trying to set up businesses. Of late, Jharkhand, with over 26.2 per cent tribal population, has seen a growing _____ (49) for the government in large sections of the tribal population. Tribal unrest, however, has also gone beyond political forums in Jharkhand. The Raghubar Das government has made some _____ (50) attempts to engage the tribal population, with Governor Draupadi Murmu holding talks with traditional tribal chieftains in the hope of drawing them back to the mainstream, the initiative has hardly had the desired impact.

43.

- a) Vulnerable
- b) Existential
- c) Grievances
- d) Win
- e) None of the above

44.

- a) Destroyed
- b) Proactively
- c) Procrastinating
- d) Tampering
- e) none of the above

45.

- a) Declared
- b) Spearheaded
- c) Persuading
- d) Marred
- e) None of the above

46.

- a) Diadem
- b) Overtly
- c) Victory
- d) Pettifoggery
- e) None of the above

47.

- a) Snowballed

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| <p>b) honored</p> <p>c) plagued</p> <p>d) both a and c</p> <p>e) None of the above</p> <p>48.</p> <p>a) Compensated</p> <p>b) Transparent</p> <p>c) Barred</p> <p>d) Fabricated</p> <p>e) None of the above</p> <p>49.</p> | <p>a) Mistrust</p> <p>b) Distrust</p> <p>c) Both a and b</p> <p>d) Approval</p> <p>e) None of the above</p> <p>50.</p> <p>a) Approaching</p> <p>b) Ineffectual.</p> <p>c) Lackadaisical.</p> <p>d) Constable</p> <p>e) None of the above</p> |
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Cloze Test – Answer and Explanation

1. option a, the blank requires a verb, unfit is the most contextually correct word for the blank. Disfit word doesn't exist in English.
2. option c, the blank requires a verb because it is followed by adverb, Stupefy means to shock somebody. hobnobbing means friendly talk
3. Option a, the blank needs a noun, ambitious means being hopeful, concoction means mixture of various ingredients. other options are out of context.
4. Option b, White elephant is an idiom meaning something that you no longer need and that is not useful any more, although it cost a lot of money which is a perfect fit in the blank, One's eyes are bigger than stomach

- means one has consumed more food than one can chew, follow suit means imitate.
5. Option c, blank demands noun, Formidable means difficult to deal with; needing a lot of effort. wanton means undisciplined
6. Option d, blank needs noun as it is preceded by article 'the' Rejuvenation means restore to an original state. the sentence is positive, all negative options are eliminated except a, enfeeble and debilitate are synonyms meaning weaken.
7. Option a, the blank needs a noun as it is preceded by article 'the', Spadework means the hardwork that has to

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be done in order to prepare for something which fits the context perfectly.

8. Option c, the blank demands verb in third form as it is preceded by was, astonished is the correct choice according to context. prevaricate means lying or deviation from truth.

9. option d. Bode well means a signal of good future, room for something means opportunity. Damsel in distress means young girl in trouble. dragging its feet means deliberately delaying something and it is the correct usage according to context.

10. option a, the blank demands a noun as it is preceded by 'the'. other options are out of context, immanent means present everywhere. summons means asking somebody to appear before court

11. option c, the blanks needs to be filled with noun, maiden means doing something for first time, munchies means snack food which is out of context.

12. Option b , blanks needs to be filled with noun ,extradition means handing over of a person to another country which is a perfect fit. disembodied means unrelated, misogyny means who is unfair to women

13. option d , cooperation fits the blank according to the context.

14. Option c, the blank needs a noun, warring means in conflict or in war, which fits the blank according to context.

15. option c, the blank ns a verb, slated and scheduled are synonyms with each other. Slated means scheduled

16. option a , ownership means owning something, other options are out of context.

17. Option d, launch is the correct choice which fits perfectly.

18. option a, The blank demands verb(to+v1), delight is verb means joy, happy is noun so it is eliminated, other options are grammatically incorrect.

19. option c, the blank demands a verb in ing form, procuring is the correct usage which means obtaining.

20. option d, the blank needs a noun, dependence is the correct usage in the blank according to context.

21. option b, the statement talks about replacing the old ships with new ones, so ageing is the correct choice for the blank, other options are contextually incorrect.

22. option a , the blank needs a adjective, indigenous means local , ingenious means clever. other options are contextually incorrect.

23. Option d, the blank demands a noun having a sound of vowel because of presence of an before the blank. so all the options are eliminated except initiative.

24. Option b, the blank requires a verb in ing form, leveraging means taking advantage of something. equivocating means not clear.

25. Option d, the blank requires a verb in past tense, all the three forms of verb for telecast is telecast itself. Telecast

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is the correct usage, hamstrung means obstruct which is a wrong usage here. marinated means to soak something in order to absorb the flavour.

26. Option c, the blank requires a noun because of article the. platform means medium to do something. sentient means sensation

27. Option b, the blank requires a noun because of article 'a' before the blank. haven means place of safety. all other options are contextually incorrect. foraging means searching, miff means irritate.

28. option c, debunk means expose the falsehood of something, other options are contextually incorrect

29. option a, The blank demands an adverb because it is followed by a verb, swiftly means fastly, other options are grammatically incorrect because they are not adverb.

30. option b, aware is the correct usage in the blank according to context. other options are incorrect according to context.

31. Option a, roped in means to cause to become involved in something, other options are contextually incorrect.

32. Option c, the blank demands a verb, informed is the correct usage according to the context.

33. option d, the blank needs a verb endorsed means to promote, suppressed means to reduce something

34. Option b, the blank demands a verb, plunged means reducing, soared means increase, so it doesn't fit contextually

35. option c, turnaround meaning reversal of circumstances, other options are contextually incorrect.

36. option a, to+v1 is correct usage so implement fits the blank perfectly.

37. option b, unscrupulous means immoral which fits the blank contextually, ravaged means destroy. salubrious means healthy.

38. option a, escorting means to assist someone in the process, delve means to search for something.

39. option b, the blank needs a verb, disbursed means to distribute which fits in the blank perfectly. fettered means to control, other options are out of context.

40. option d, soar and increase are synonyms with each other. other options are contextually incorrect.

41. option d, the blank demands adjective because it is preceded by article 'the' and followed by noun. Lucrative means producing a surplus profit. insidious means hidden and having a negative impact.

42.. option b, to+v1 is correct usage so violate is the perfect fit, gory means bloodshed, other options are incorrect

43. Option a, the blank needs adjective, according to contextual meaning, vulnerable is perfect fit. vulnerable(adj) means easily exposed to being harm

44. Option d, blank demands present continuous verb, so tampering will be the correct usage meaning the one who

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makes deliberate damages. Proactively means active, procrastinating means to delay taking actions.

45. Option d, blank needs verb in past tense, Marred means increase the intensity of trouble. Other options are out of context, spearheaded means leading something.

46. Option b, the blank needs adverb before noun, overtly (adv) means openly in public which fits the blank perfectly. Diadem (noun) means special privilege. Pettifoggery means trivial quarrel.

47. Option a, the blank needs verb in third form as it is preceded by has, (has+v3) Snowballed means increasing

the intensity of something. plagued is out of context means a piece of flat material with some writing on it.

48. Option c, the blank needs verb in past tense. barred means prevent someone by conditions. other options are out of context.

49. Option c, blank needs noun, Both mistrust and distrust are noun and can be used interchangeably. Approval is out of context.

50. Option b, the blank needs adjective, ineffectual means not having the ability to achieve much. lackadaisical means showing no interest. Other options are out of context.

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