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**Direction (1 - 5):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

UNICEF states that "breastfeeding is \_\_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the most effective ways to \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ maternal and child health and promote healthy growth and optimal development in \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_ childhood." Infants should be breastfed \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_ one hour of birth, breastfed exclusively for the first six months of their lives, and be breastfed after six months in \_\_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_\_ with solid, semisolid and soft food they are about two years old.

**Q:1 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 1**

1. besides
2. within
3. among
4. between

**Q:2 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 2**

1. protect
2. save
3. reserve
4. alter

**Q:3 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 3**

1. between
2. early
3. later
4. primary

**Q:4 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 4**

1. along
2. within
3. besides
4. through

**Q:5 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No. 5**

1. fusion
2. coalition
3. concoction
4. combination

**Directions (6 - 10):** In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each blank.

It was when she started reading books as a child that Dervla Murphy, Ireland's foremost travel-writer, first developed (1) \_\_\_\_\_ interest in and love for travel. Her father was the county librarian in Waterford, and Dervla had (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to a wide variety of books which (3) \_\_\_\_\_ her imagination for distant lands and her determination (4) \_\_\_\_\_ see them for herself. Even as a child she would cycle widely in her native Waterford, and as a young adult she (5) \_\_\_\_\_ cycling trips to Europe whenever possible.

**Q:6 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.1.**

1. a
2. one
3. the
4. an

**Q:7 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.2**

1. ascent
2. access
3. assess
4. assent

**Q:8 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.3.**

1. fired
2. blew
3. grew
4. raised

**Q:9 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.4.**

1. at
2. for
3. to
4. of

**Q:10 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank No.5.**

1. has made
2. is making



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3. makes

4. made



## Answer Key

1. (3)	2. (1)	3. (2)	4. (2)	5. (4)
6. (4)	7. (2)	8. (1)	9. (3)	10. (4)

## Answers and Solutions

**Q:1** The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **among**.

**Between** is typically used when referring to two things, like 'between a rock and a hard place,' while **among** is used for a greater number.

The statement talks about 'Ways' that shows a greater number.

**Q:2** The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **protect**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

**protect**- to keep somebody/something safe from danger.

**save**- keep safe or rescue (someone or something) from harm or danger.

**reserve**- to keep something for a special reason or to use at a later time.

**alter**- to make something different in some way, but without changing it completely; to become different.

'Protect' which means 'to keep somebody/something safe from danger' fits the context appropriately.

The paragraph is talking about the safety and protection of children hence, 'Protect' will be the correct choice here.

**Q:3** The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **early**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

**early**- before the usual or expected time.

**between**- in the space in the middle of two things, people, places, etc.

**later**- at a time in the future.

**primary**- earliest in time or order; connected with the education of children between about 5 and 11 years old.

'Early' which means 'before the usual or expected time' fits the context appropriately.

'Early childhood' makes a meaningful pair here.

**Q:4** The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **within**.

**Within** (a preposition) expresses that something will occur inside a particular period of time. Within is used to express that some stated time or less will pass before something happens.

The given statement expresses a duration for the action to take place hence, 'Within' will be the correct choice.

**Q:5** The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **combination**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

**combination**- things mixed or joined together; a mixture.

**fusion**- the process or the result of joining different things together to form one.

**coalition**- a government formed by two or more political parties working together.

**concoction**- something put together from several different things.

'Combination' which means 'things mixed or joined together; a mixture' fits the context appropriately.

**Q:6** The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **an**.

The noun used after the blank space starts with a vowel sound hence, we need to use 'An' before it.

Use "a" before words that start with a consonant sound and "an" before words that start with a vowel sound. Just remember it is the sound that governs whether you use "a" or "an," not the actual first letter of the word.

One complication is when words are pronounced differently in British English and American English.

**Q:7** The correct answer is **option 2** i.e. **access**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

**access**- the chance or right to use or have something.

**ascent**- the act of climbing or going up.

**assess**- to judge or form an opinion about something.

**assent**- official agreement to something.

'Access' which means 'the chance or right to use or have something' fits the context appropriately.



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Q:8 The correct answer is **option 1** i.e. **fired**.

Let's have a look at the meaning of the given options:-

**fired**- to produce a strong feeling in somebody.

**blew**- (used about wind, air, etc.) to be moving or to cause something to move.

**grew**- to increase in size or number; to develop into an adult form.

**raised**- to lift something up.

'Fired' which means 'to produce a strong feeling in somebody' fits the context appropriately.

Q:9 The correct answer is **option 3** i.e. **to**.

'To + v1' is the correct use of the infinitive here.

Q:10 The correct answer is **option 4** i.e. **made**.

The first part of the statement is in the past tense hence we need to keep the second part of the statement in the past tense as well.

'Made' is the past form of the verb hence, it will suit the blank.

