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English Language - Cloze Test

English

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.

Mirabai Chanu ended India's 21-year _____ (1) _____ for a weightlifting medal at the Olympics by _____ (2) _____ a silver medal in the 49kg _____ (3) _____ to open the country's account on Saturday. The 26-year-old _____ (4) _____ a total of 202kg (87kg+115kg) to better Karnam Malleswari's bronze in the 2000 Sydney Olympics. With this, she exorcised the ghosts of the 2016 Games where she _____ (5) _____ failed to log a single legitimate lift.

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

1. pause
2. delay
3. wait
4. break

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

1. clinches
2. clinched
3. clinch
4. clinching

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

1. herd
2. category
3. section
4. genre

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

1. boosted
2. lifted
3. carried
4. thrusted

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

1. was
2. had
3. has
4. will

Direction 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.

Kali Tiger Reserve is a _____ (1) _____ area and tiger reserve. It is _____ (2) _____ in Uttara Kannada district, in Karnataka, India. The park is a _____ (3) _____ of Bengal tigers, black panthers and Indian elephants, amongst other distinctive fauna. The Kali River flows _____ (4) _____ the tiger reserve and is the lifeline of the ecosystem and hence the name. The tiger reserve is spread over _____ (5) _____ area of 1300 square kilometres.

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

1. decorated
2. protected
3. declined
4. abandoned

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

1. placed
2. built
3. managed
4. located

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

1. range
2. habitat
3. domain
4. abode

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

1. across
2. through
3. along
4. with

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

1. a
2. an
3. the
4. No article needed

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Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

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

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

- **wait**- a period of time when you wait.
- **delay**- to make somebody/something slow or late.
- **pause**- a short period of time during which somebody stops talking or stops what he/she is doing.
- **break**- to separate, or make something separate, into two or more pieces.

'Wait' which means 'a period of time when you wait' fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

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

A preposition is always followed by the 'Present Participle' form of the verb.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

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

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

- **category**- a class or division of people or things regarded as having particular shared characteristics.
- **herd**- a large number of animals that live and feed together.
- **section**- one of the parts into which something is divided.
- **genre**- a particular type or style of literature, art, film or music that you can recognize because of its special characteristics.

'Category' which means 'a class or division of people or things regarded as having particular shared characteristics' fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

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

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

- **lifted**- raise to a higher position or level.
- **boosted**- to increase something in number, value or strength.
- **carried**- to hold somebody/something in your hand, arms or on your back while you are moving from one place to another.
- **thrust**- to push or drive with force.

'Lifted' which means 'raise to a higher position or level' fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 2 i.e. had.**

We can use the past perfect tense to show the order of two past events. The past perfect tense **shows the earlier action** and the past simple tense shows the later action.

The given statement shows the sequence of two actions hence, the first action needs to be kept in the past perfect tense.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 2 i.e. protected.**

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

- **protected**- to keep somebody/something safe.
- **decorated**- to add something in order to make a thing more attractive to look at.
- **declined**- diminish in strength or quality; deteriorate.
- **abandoned**- left completely and no longer used or wanted.

'Protected' which means 'to keep somebody/something safe' fits the context appropriately.

The statement is talking about the 'reserve' hence, 'Protected' will suit the given blank.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Q:7 The correct answer is **Option 4 i.e. located.**

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

- **located**- to be in a particular place.
- **placed**- to put something carefully or deliberately in a particular position.



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- **built**- construct (something) by putting parts or material together.
- **managed**- be in charge of (a business, organization, or undertaking); run.

'Located' which means 'to be in a particular place' fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Q:8 The correct answer is Option 2 i.e. habitat.

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

- **habitat**- the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism.
- **range**- the level to which something is limited, or the area within which something operates.
- **domain**- an area of knowledge or activity.
- **abode**- the place where you live.

'Habitat' which means 'the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism' fits the context appropriately.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Q:9 The correct answer is Option 2 i.e. through.

Through can be used in the following ways: **as a preposition** (followed by a noun): They were riding through a forest. **as an adverb** (without a following noun): There's a hole in the roof where the rain comes through.

Whenever something goes inside of another something we use the preposition 'Through'.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.

Q:10 The correct answer is Option 2 i.e. an.

'A' is used before words that start with consonant sounds ("a sample" or "a model"), even if the consonant sound is made by a vowel ("a unit"). Conversely, 'an' is used before words that start with vowel sounds ("an equation" or "an element"), even if the word starts with a silent consonant ("an hour").

The noun 'area' starts with the vowel sound hence, 'An' will be the correct article here.

Hence, the chosen option will be correct.