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English Language - Cloze test

English

Direction 1 - 5 : Read the passage given below. Each blank has four alternative words given in choices. Choose the correct combination of words/ phrases/ idioms that cannot fit in the passage.

David Spiegelhalter, president of Royal Statistical Society in the U.K., gave a most unusual presidential address in 2017. ___A___ talking about esoteric statistical techniques, he talked about declining trust in numbers in a post-truth society ___B___ by fake news and alternative facts. He ___C___ to the statistical community that the best way of inspiring trust was to be trustworthy by demonstrating competence, reliability and honesty.

India has been ___D___ in inheriting a statistical system from ___E___ like P.C. Mahalanobis and C.R. Rao that has historically demonstrated all three. However, with the growing demand for statistics and increasingly challenging data collection environment, the move by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI) towards gauging a National Policy on Official Statistics is most welcome.

Q:1 Which of the following words should not be used at (A) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

1. Instead of
2. Alternate in
3. Rather than
4. Opposite with
5. Both 2 and 4

Q:2 Which of the following words should not be used at (B) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

1. Bombarded
2. Beset
3. Fired
4. Besieged
5. Badgered

Q:3 Which of the following words should not be used at (C) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

1. Boasted
2. Recommended
3. Proposed
4. Prescribed

5. Both A and D

Q:4 Which of the following words should not be used at (D) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

1. Benevolent
2. Fortunate
3. Lucky
4. Fortuitous
5. B, C and D

Q:5 Which of the following words should not be used at (E) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

1. Stalwarts
2. Champions
3. Defenders
4. Antagonists
5. Both C and D

Read the passage given below. There are some omissions in it. Each blank needs to be filled with an appropriate word from the respective options to make the sentence coherent with the passage. If none of the options seem correct, mark the option 'None of these'.

State Bank of India expects the country's central bank to hold interest rates as inflation remains elevated, the chairman of India's largest lender Dinesh Kumar Khara said. "The (A) _____ will continue to remain accommodative but they may not be in a position to cut interest rate in immediate future," Khara told a summit (B) _____ by the Hindustan Times. Khara's comment comes only days before the (C) _____ policy committee of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the country's central bank, is due to meet between Dec. 2 and Dec. 4. India's retail (D) _____ remained above 7% in October for a second straight month, with vegetable prices (E) _____ elevated levels. At current levels, inflation is well above the RBI's medium-term target of 4%.

Q:6 Which of the following words should be filled at (A) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

1. downfall
2. normalization
3. procurement



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- 4. stance
- 5. None of these

Q:7 Which of the following words should be filled at (B) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

- 1. presented
- 2. hosted
- 3. formed
- 4. organised
- 5. None of these

Q:8 Which of the following words should be filled at (C) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

- 1. inflation
- 2. monetary
- 3. drafting
- 4. seclusive
- 5. None of these

Q:9 Which of the following words should be filled at (D) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

- 1. demand
- 2. exclusion
- 3. inflation
- 4. market
- 5. None of these

Q:10 Which of the following words should be filled at (E) as per the context of the passage from the given options?

- 1. at
- 2. on
- 3. in
- 4. for
- 5. None of these

Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

Q:1 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Both 2 and 4**

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that does not fit best in the sentence.

'Alternate in talking about...' is incorrect as it is meaningless.

'Opposite with talking about...' is also incorrect.

Both 1 and 3 fit in well and are correct.

Since we need to find the options that do not fit in, option 5 is correct.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Both B and D**.

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

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that does not fit best in the sentence.

Here, we need a word which conveys that we are today subject to a continuous flow of information. All the options except for 'fired' fits in well.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Fired**.

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

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that does not fit best in the sentence.

Here, Mr. David is giving his opinion and advice.

The only word that is odd here is 'Boasted' which means 'to talk with too much pride about something that you have or can do'.

It does not go with the tone.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Boasted**.

Q:4 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Benevolent**.

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that does not fit best in the sentence.

Here, the major point is that India has been fortunate. Fortunate is when good things happen on their own.

The word 'Benevolent' means 'kind, friendly and

helpful to others.' This is incorrect and does not match the statement.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **Benevolent**.

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Both C and D**.

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that does not fit best in the sentence.

Here, the passage is praising the **pioneers of Statistics**.

'Defenders' means 'a person or thing that protects from danger or attack' while the word 'antagonists' means 'a person who is strongly against somebody/ something' and is obviously incorrect.

Both 1 and 2 are correct while 3 and 4 are incorrect.

Thus, option 5 is correct as both 3 and 4 do not fit in the blank.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **Both C and D**.

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **stance**.

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that fits best in the sentence.

The paragraph talks about how the State Bank of India expects RBI to hold interest rates.

The best suitable option that can be filled in the blank is 'stance' meaning 'the opinions that somebody expresses publicly about something'.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **stance**.

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

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that fits best in the sentence.

The paragraph talks about how the State Bank of India expects RBI to hold interest rates.

The best suitable answer to the second blank is 'organised' because a summit or a gathering that is done by one organization/person is termed as 'organise'.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 4** i.e. **organised**.

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

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The paragraph talks about how the State Bank of India expects RBI to hold interest rates.

The option that fits best in the blank no. (C) is '**monetary**' because the monetary policy committee has been formed by the RBI.

The Monetary Policy Committee is responsible for fixing the benchmark interest rate in India. The meetings of the Monetary Policy Committee are held at least 4 times a year (specifically, at least once every quarter) and it publishes its decisions after each such meeting.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **monetary**.

Q:9 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **inflation**.

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that fits best in the sentence.

The paragraph talks about how the State Bank of India expects RBI to hold interest rates.

The word '**inflation**' suits best in the blank because it means Inflation refers '*to the rise in the prices of most goods and services of daily or common use.*'

The sentence talks about retail inflation meaning the change in the price index over a period of time.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **inflation**.

Q:10 The correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **at**.

The given question is based on the cloze test. We have to find the correct filler from the options provided that fits best in the sentence.

The paragraph talks about how the State Bank of India expects RBI to hold interest rates.

The fifth blank requires an appropriate preposition to suit the sentence context.

The best suitable preposition is '**at**' because it refers to something.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 1** i.e. **at**.