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Direction 1 - 6 : Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below.

One stop brought us into the family sitting-room, without any introductory lobby or passage: they call it here 'the house' **pre-eminently**. It includes kitchen and parlour, generally; but I believe at Wuthering Heights the kitchen is forced to retreat altogether into another quarter: at least I distinguished a chatter of tongues, and a clatter of culinary utensils, deep within; and I observed no signs of roasting, boiling, or baking, about the huge fireplace; nor any glitter of copper saucepans and tin cullenders on the walls. One end, indeed, reflected splendidly both light and heat from ranks of immense pewter dishes, interspersed with silver jugs and tankards, towering row after row, on a vast oak dresser, to the very roof. The latter had never been under-drawn: its entire anatomy lay bare to an inquiring eye, except where a frame of wood laden with oatcakes and clusters of legs of beef, mutton, and ham, concealed it. Above the chimney were sundry villainous old guns, and a couple of horse-pistols: and, by way of ornament, three gaudily-painted canisters disposed along its ledge. The floor was of smooth, white stone; the chairs, high-backed, primitive structures, painted green: one or two heavy black ones lurking in the shade. In an arch under the dresser reposed a huge, liver-coloured bitch pointer, surrounded by a swarm of _____ (A) _____ puppies; and other dogs haunted other recesses.

The apartment and furniture would have been nothing extraordinary as belonging to a homely, northern farmer, with a stubborn countenance, and stalwart limbs set out to advantage in knee-breeches and gaiters. Such an individual seated in his arm-chair, his mug of ale frothing on the round table before him, is to be seen in any circuit of five or six miles among these hills, if you go at the right time after dinner. But Mr. Heathcliff forms a singular contrast to his abode and style of living. He is a dark-skinned gipsy in aspect, in dress and manners a gentleman: that is, as much a gentleman as many a country **squire**: rather slovenly, perhaps, yet not looking amiss with his negligence, because he has an erect and handsome figure; and rather morose. Possibly, some people might suspect him of a degree of under-bred pride; I have a sympathetic chord within that tells me it is nothing of the sort: I know, by instinct, his reserve springs from an **aversion** to showy displays of feeling - to manifestations of

mutual kindliness. He'll love and hate equally under cover, and esteem it a species of impertinence to be loved or hated again. No, I'm running on too fast: I bestow my own attributes over-liberally on him. Mr. Heathcliff may have entirely dissimilar reasons for keeping his hand out of the way when he meets a would-be acquaintance, to those which actuate me. Let me hope my constitution is almost peculiar: my dear mother used to say I should never have a comfortable home; and only last summer I proved myself perfectly unworthy of one.

Q:1 Fill in the blank no. (A) with the most suitable option to make the sentence coherent.

1. Squealing
2. Soothing
3. Muffled
4. Dreamy
5. All of these

Q:2 Which of the following words can be used to replace the emboldened word 'SQUIRE' as mentioned in the passage?

1. landowner
2. Retainer
3. Owner
4. courtier
5. All of these

Q:3 Which statement is correct about Mr. Heathcliff as per the passage?

1. He is a bright-skinned person.
2. He is sullen and ill-tempered.
3. He is very careful about everything.
4. A man with low social standing
5. All of these

Q:4 Which of the following is the antonym of the word 'PRE-EMINENTLY' as mentioned in the given passage?

1. Incomparable
2. Insignificant
3. Paramount
4. Dominant
5. None of these

Q:5 Which of the following words is the most similar in meaning to the word 'manifestations' as



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given in the passage?

1. Hiding
2. Concealment
3. Disclosure
4. Obscurity
5. None of these

Q:6 Which of the following is the synonym of the word 'AVERSION' as mentioned in the given passage?

1. Odium
2. Repugnance
3. Shunning
4. Detestation
5. All of these

Direction 7 - 10 : Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

India can increase its GDP by up to 60% by 2025 by enabling more women to participate in its workforce, a 2015 study by the McKinsey Global Institute had stated. However, social and cultural **constraints** can prevent this from becoming a reality. Many women who work outside the home still have primary household and parenting responsibilities that need to be balanced with their work lives. Studies estimate that India's ambitious target of achieving 175 GW of renewable energy (RE) by 2022 could create 3,30,000 jobs in the wind and solar energy sectors alone.

The problem and the opportunity are both clear. According to the World Bank, more than 270 million Indians live in poverty. Further, studies by the International Energy Agency, an autonomous intergovernmental organisation, show that about 240 million people lack basic electricity services. The government has committed to installing 175 GW of RE by 2022. Several of these installations will be in rural areas, where a large number of the poor live. Can the new RE projects be planned in a manner that also creates good quality jobs for women in these areas? Currently, India's RE industry sector, as with other sectors, has low participation of women. India ranks a poor 120 among 131 countries on female labour force participation, according to World Bank data. A majority of women currently employed in the RE sector work at project sites, doing civil masonry work, which is temporary and labour-intensive with little potential for future growth. Moreover, the

working conditions on many sites are not always suitable for women as they are **devoid** of safety and support systems.

Where there is a need for more skilled or semi-skilled labour, fewer women can respond due to existing **barriers** to formal education and training. Technical training institutes do not admit applicants who have not graduated Class 12. And even where they meet the prerequisite for admission into training institutes, the institutes tend to be located in towns and cities, making it difficult for rural women to effectively participate, especially when they are also expected to carry out other household responsibilities.

Q:7 Which of the following is the meaning of the term "Barriers" as given in the passage?

1. Deficient or inadequate.
2. A fence or other obstacle that prevents movement or access.
3. Not existing or not real or present.
4. Not real or true; imaginary or fabricated.
5. Create or design (something that has not existed before); be the originator of.

Q:8 Which of the following is the synonym of the word "Devoid"?

1. Sequel
2. Issue
3. Continuation
4. Lacking
5. Damage

Q:9 How many people lack basic electricity services as mentioned in the passage?

1. 40 million
2. 240 million
3. 120 million
4. 175 million
5. 20 million

Q:10 India can increase its GDP by up to 60% by which one of the following years?

1. 2021
2. 2034
3. 2020
4. 2025
5. 2022

Answer Key

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

Answers and Solutions

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

The query suggests finding an appropriate filler for the blank that suits the sentence grammatically as well as contextually and matches the tone of the sentence.

The given passage talks about an unreliable narrator who tries to make sense of his surroundings and his landlord.

Out of the given options, the one that suits this tone is the word '**Squealing**' which means '**to make a loud high noise because of pain, fear or enjoyment**'

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

Q:2 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **All of these**.

The given question asks to find an appropriate word that could replace the emboldened word and make the sentence contextually coherent.

The meaning of the word '**squire**' is '**a man of high social standing who owns and lives on an estate in a rural area, especially the chief landowner in such an area.**'

This word has no contextual reference with the given passage and all the words given in option fits best.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **All of these**.

Q:3 The correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **He is sullen and ill-tempered**.

The given question is based on direct observation from the passage i.e. reading the passage carefully and assess the correct answer from the passage itself.

The statement that seems to be correct as per the passage is '**He is sullen and ill-tempered.**'

The correct statement in the passage is as follows: '**He is rather morose**' means **ill tempered.**'

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 2** i.e. **He is sullen and ill-tempered**.

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

The query is to find the **antonym** of the given word. The given passage talks about an unreliable narrator who tries to make sense of his surroundings and his landlord.

Meaning of the word '**pre-eminent**' is '**more important or better than others**'.

The word that seems to be its antonym is '**Insignificant**' which means '**of little value or importance**'.

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

Q:5 The correct answer is **Option 3** i.e. **Disclosure**.

The given question suggests finding the correct synonym (a word with a similar meaning) of the given word.

The word '**manifestations**' means '**the action or fact of showing something.**'

The only word that seems to be its synonym is '**disclosure**' as it means 'making something known; the facts that are made known'.

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

Q:6 The correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **All of these**.

The query is to find the **synonym** of the given word. The given passage talks about an unreliable narrator who tries to make sense of his surroundings and his landlord.

Meaning of the word '**aversion**' is '**a strong feeling of not liking somebody/something**'.

Let's see the meaning of the given words:

- **Odium**: general or widespread hatred or disgust incurred by someone as a result of their actions.
- **Repugnance**: a feeling of disgust caused by behaviour or beliefs, etc. which are very unpleasant.
- **Shunning**: to avoid somebody/something; to keep away from somebody/something.
- **Detestation**: extreme hatred or dislike.

The option that seems to be its synonym is '**All of these**' as the meaning of all the words refers the same.

Hence, the correct answer is **Option 5** i.e. **All of these**.



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Q:7 The correct answer is Option 2 i.e. A fence or other obstacle that prevents movement or access.

The question is to find out the meaning of the given term.

The term 'Barriers' means 'a fence or other obstacle that prevents movement or access.'

Hence, the correct answer lies in Option 2.

Q:8 The correct answer is Option 4 i.e. Lacking.

The question is to find out the synonym of the given word.

The word 'Devoid' means 'entirely lacking or free from.'

The word 'Lacking' seems to be its synonym here as it means 'not available or in short supply or absent.'

Hence, Option 4 is the correct answer.

Q:9 The correct answer is Option 2 i.e. 240 million.

The question is based on direct observation from the passage.

According to the passage, 240 million people lack basic electricity services.

Hence, the correct answer is Option 2.

Q:10 The correct answer is Option 4 i.e. 2025.

The question is based on direct observation from the passage.

According to the passage, India can increase its GDP by up to 60% by 2025.

Hence, the correct answer is Option 4.