

1. **Ecologists, hydrologists, economists and engineers** have _____ **detailed documentation that brings into doubt the _____ of water _____, economic growth and safety made by the project.**
- 1) delinquent, disclaim, deportation
 - 2) rigid, dissimilar, banishment
 - 3) fragile, unconventional, expulsion
 - 4) produced, claims, provisioning
 - 5) different, deny, extraction

Answer & Explanation

2. **The endless scream of alarm clocks and studying until eyes _____ in their sockets, pressure cooker competition, the _____ feeling that one's entire future _____ in balance.**
- 1) static, disjoin, denounce
 - 2) sink, desperate, hangs
 - 3) float, conjoin, acquiring
 - 4) increasing, take away, upbraid
 - 5) fluctuating, subtracts, deprecate

Answer & Explanation

3. In its attempt to _____ more _____ on net neutrality, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India may have done exactly the opposite – created more _____.

- 1) revise, intelligibility, humor
- 2) ensure, clarity, confusion
- 3) conforms, dirtiness, organization
- 4) confides, obscurity, conclusion
- 5) confident, unintelligibility, orientation

Answer & Explanation

4. At a time when the spread of internet is so small and the speed so slow, _____ time and energy on debating _____ speed is like worrying about who gets what _____ of a small and yet-to-be-fully baked cake.

- 1) wasting, omnibus , outright
- 2) devoting, differential , slice
- 3) disregarding, assemblage , utter
- 4) criticizing, obtaining , inclusive
- 5) neglecting, congregation, integral

Answer & Explanation

5. For two decades India has seen a _____ tightening of vehicular emission norms. However, the full _____ of this

trend has not been realised because all arms of government have not worked in _____.

- 1) disarranged, detest , individual
- 2) desperate, dearth , teammate
- 3) calibrated, potential, tandem
- 4) confused, impossible, amassment
- 5) deranged, lack , combination

Answer & Explanation

6. The American security establishment suffers from the _____ that it will be able to control every new military technology it develops; the reality is that other nations _____ catch up and _____ terrorists will acquire it too.

- 1) amity, doubtfully, specially
- 2) similarity, questionably, occasionally
- 3) certainty, rituality , generally
- 4) delusion, inevitably, eventually
- 5) actuality, uncertainty , perpetually

Answer & Explanation

7. Despite chest-thumping about diversity and difference, displayed in Republic Day parades and other _____ that

_____ nationalism, Indians seem to take _____ in and demand some level of homogeneity.

- 1) occasions, pride, showcase
- 2) sporadic, docility, conceal
- 3) functions, meekness, cover
- 4) events, mortification, withhold
- 5) organizations, nonresistance, secrete

Answer & Explanation

8. Any kind of ethnocentrism, _____ by pride in the self and in _____ towards others, only divides people, not unites them in their _____.

- 1) deplored, respect, similarity
- 2) fostered, prejudices, diversity
- 3) complained, fairness, identicalness
- 4) resented, justice, sameness
- 5) affronted, regard, uniformity

Answer & Explanation

9. Trump advocates banning Muslims from traveling to the United States, he's _____ to limit the free press, and _____ offensive statements toward women, immigrants, _____ of immigrants, and foreign nationals.

- 1) vulnerable, announced, provoke
- 2) invulnerable, proceed, ascent
- 3) protected, gave, predecessor
- 4) threatened, made, descendants
- 5) safe, said, ascendant

Answer & Explanation

10. The US Senate has _____ approved a move to enhance military co-operation with India for developing threat analysis, military doctrine, force planning, _____ support and intelligence _____ and analysis.

- 1) dissimilar, irrational, convocation
- 2) casualty, rational, assortment
- 3) anxiously, immoderate, acquisition
- 4) vigorous, unreasonable, caboodle
- 5) unanimously, logistical, collection

Answer & Explanation

1. Today when the stench of _____ looms large, exercising this constitutional right can get one branded as anti-national, thrown behind bars or a lynch mob waiting _____ to teach you a lesson.

- 1) intramural
- 2) fascism, outside
- 3) egalitarianism, liberal
- 4) equalitarianism, equality
- 5) ardor, impediment

Answer & Explanation

2. The _____ law was incorporated into the Indian Penal Code (IPC) in 1870 as fears of a possible uprising _____ the colonial authorities.
- 1) emancipation, inward
 - 2) suffrage, innermost
 - 3) constancy, suspension
 - 4) sedition, plagued
 - 5) adherence, entente

Answer & Explanation

3. In the last one decade, along with many other _____ laws of colonial _____, it has become extremely popular with our rulers.
- 1) disclaimer, friction
 - 2) obedience, deviation
 - 3) probity, invention
 - 4) draconian, vintage
 - 5) devotion, detention

Answer & Explanation

4. **When the legal process itself becomes the _____, the slapping of sedition charges is an attempt to browbeat the protesters into _____.**

- 1) disavowal, defiance
- 2) punishment, submission
- 3) allegiance, combat
- 4) fidelity, contention
- 5) denial, counteraction

Answer & Explanation

5. **The _____ of the Army in just about any political debate, and its projection as the ideal to which every citizen should aspire towards, is also an attempt to regiment the citizenry on the same _____ lines.**

- 1) resolution, unexpurgated
- 2) integrity, unabridged
- 3) conscientiousness, plenary
- 4) invocation, hierarchical
- 5) refusal, outright

Answer & Explanation

6. **Draconian laws such as the Section 124-A only serve to give a legal veneer to the regime's _____ of voices and movements against _____ by casting them as anti-national.**

- 1) retraction, integral
- 2) persecution, oppression
- 3) devotedness, exclusive
- 4) fealty, exhaustive
- 5) reliability, inclusive

Answer & Explanation

7. **There is, however, no broad declaration against an overpowering state's _____ to stretch out to every sphere to compel individual surrender of little _____ of liberty.**

- 1) revocation, consummate
- 2) contrariety, conclusive
accomplished, aggregate
- 3) propensity, remnants
- 4) animus, hindrance
- 5) eschewal, impediment

Answer & Explanation

8. **The government has also _____ misconstrued an earlier Supreme Court order in order to _____ telecom operators to make Aadhaar a requirement for all mobile phone users.**

- 1) disinclination,
- 2) antipathy, concentrated

- 3) deliberately, pressurise
- 4) animosity, blockage
- 5) repugnance, obstruction

Answer & Explanation

9. **A stand-alone authority, with biometric_____ and fingerprints, which could, in cases of doubt, identify with certainty any claimant of government _____ or special services.**

- 1) abhorrence, corrective
- 2) antagonism, avail
- 3) evasion, nourishment
- 4) information, subsidies
- 5) benightedness, sustenance

Answer & Explanation

10. **More and more service providers sought linkages to the data and the government_____ up the number of government and other organisations that could _____ on an Aadhaar-based identity alone as a sine qua non for dealing with the user.**

- 1) aversion, callowness
- 2) repellency, escape
- 3) ramped, insist

- 4) rancor, repulsion
- 5) bewilderment, succor

Answer & Explanation

1. **In choosing our priorities, we need to honor and _____ different views about what counts and how to count it, in what will be – and should be – messy, _____, democratic processes.**
- 1) corporeality, prevails
 - 2) reconcile, participatory
 - 3) certainty, tyrannical
 - 4) palpability, observe
 - 5) phenomenon, absolute

Answer & Explanation

2. **A regulator focused on that objective would be especially _____ in overseeing the transparent disclosure of information, and would seek to promote _____ competition among companies and also, _____ for this objective, among investors.**
- 1) substantive, reconnoiter, review
 - 2) concreteness, probe, recon
 - 3) authenticity, enervated, scrutiny
 - 4) rigorous, vigorous, crucially
 - 5) absoluteness, oppressive, surveillance

Answer & Explanation

3. As the social and political _____ of a prolonged period of no _____ or real wage growth may be very serious.

- 1) tangibility, exploration
- 2) solidity, idleness
- 3) verisimilitude, tough
- 4) withdraw, maneuvers
- 5) implications, productivity

Answer & Explanation

4. We are now trying to repurpose that suitcase, so that it can also enable the diagnosis of _____ fever and tuberculosis, further revolutionizing disease _____ in poor and rural communities.

- 1) typhoid, surveillance
- 2) detract, durable
- 3) utter, inactive
- 4) diminish, lethargic
- 5) rounded, despotic

Answer & Explanation

5. Aid donors accrue important benefits from financing scientific research in the global South, beginning with _____ of

the trust that _____ the _____ international order on which we all depend.

- 1) outright, autocratic, stated
- 2) inclusive, certain, patent
- 3) fulfilled, perspicuous, straightforward
- 4) reinforcement, underpins, fragile
- 5) communist, fascistic, monolithic

Answer & Explanation

6. More directly, supporting the development of low-cost health _____ could play a vital role in _____ the now-colossal health-care expenditure of advanced countries like the US.

- 1) innovations, reducing
- 2) consummate, undemocratic
- 3) plenary, impotent
- 4) unabridged, extinguish
- 5) exhaustive, quench

Answer & Explanation

7. In a heavily indebted country like Brazil, fiscal _____ can have an unconventional effect on the exchange rate: to the _____ that a smaller deficit assuages fears that the government will try to inflate away its debt burden, the currency _____.

- 1) integral, internal, lucid
- 2) concentrated, inward, definite
- 3) aggregate, indoor, distinct
- 4) consolidation, extent, strengthens
- 5) obscure, absolute, accurate

Answer & Explanation

8. **This is even truer on the benefits side of the _____, where the assumptions _____ not only how to measure returns, but what counts as a return in the first place.**

- 1) equation, concern
- 2) unspecific, central
- 3) accomplished, surrounded
- 4) vague, intramural
- 5) indefinite, phlegm

Answer & Explanation

9. **All applications of CBA are controversial when economists with different _____ or _____ biases study the same topic.**

- 1) implicit, disregard
- 2) explicit, implicit
- 3) unconventional, inattention
- 4) untraditional, incuriosity
- 5) confused, precise

Answer & Explanation

10. while the general methodology has become part of _____ economics, it is mostly _____ to academic research.

- 1) heterodox, incuriousness
- 2) equivocal, lassitude
- 3) ambiguous, indifference
- 4) unorthodox, lethargy
- 5) orthodox, confined

Answer & Explanation

1. When my father was working in the Middle East, he would write letters and I started collecting the stamps," _____ Mr. Rasul who has _____ from 95 countries, many displayed on his interactive site.

- 1) abandoned, abatement
- 2) intermediate, backsliding
- 3) recalled ,stamps
- 4) straddling , comedown
- 5) middlemost, dwindling

Answer & Explanation

2. I will expect all of you to try your level best to _____ this faith and never let their belief in you to be destroyed or _____," he exhorted.

- 1) desecrated, deviate
- 2) intervening, prolong
- 3) mainstream, forgotten
- 4) benefit, benevolence
- 5) vindicate ,diminished

Answer & Explanation

3. The Parrikar government _____ decided to _____ investigations into illegal mining cases through a State police Special Investigation Team (SIT).

- 1) preventatives, expedition
- 2) recently ,expedite
- 3) assistance, attention
- 4) favor, furtherance
- 5) medial, mezzo

Answer & Explanation

4. The enforcement agencies _____ the vessel, which had 28 crew members on board, including its captain, a Greek national, Preliminary investigations _____ that it was heading to China from Israel.

- 1) confronted ,suggested
- 2) advancement, advice
- 3) compensation, cooperation

- 4) diversity, equidistant
- 5) divergence, smack

Answer & Explanation

5. **Mr. Goodwin scrunched up a piece of paper and uncomfortably_____it into his mouth and said: "It is actually a_____, there are lots of chemicals but I have got to get through the whole thing."**

- 1) alleviation, allowance
- 2) shoved ,hardback
- 3) discrepancy, bounty
- 4) disparity, endowment
- 5) reaffirmation, deliverance

Answer & Explanation

6. **The new excise policy is, of course, no surprise as the LDF election_____had made it clear that it does not favour prohibition and would rather emphasise on voluntary_____.**

- 1) confirmation, corroboration
- 2) distinction, subordination
- 3) departure, deviation
- 4) manifesto ,abstinence
- 5) digression, discongruity

Answer & Explanation

7. He will now have to ensure that the purported positive outcomes, such as revitalising the tourism sector and the hotel industry, _____ employment and ending the _____ of hooch are actualised on the ground.

- 1) contrariness, contrast
- 2) regard, respect
- 3) variability, submission
- 4) boosting, brewing
- 5) asymmetry, change

Answer & Explanation

8. This will go a long way in bringing political _____ to Nepal which, during the last quarter century has gone through a Maoist _____ and transitioned from a monarchy to a republic.

- 1) unsteadiness, facilitation
- 2) characteristic, contrariety
- 3) alteration, anomaly
- 4) antithesis, acquiescence
- 5) stability, insurgency

Answer & Explanation

9. **The Chennal Corporation often ignores complaints and the common man has learnt to live with such _____ with no time and resources at his _____ to take on the strong contractor-officials nexus.**

- 1) wavering, collaboration
- 2) instability, furtherance
- 3) indifference, disposal
- 4) aberration, reinforcement
- 5) fortune, cooperation

Answer & Explanation

10. **Scientists have found that a snake _____ can provide a safer alternative to drugs like aspirin that help _____ blood clots in heart disease patients.**

- 1) insecurity, obedience
- 2) dissemblance, compensation
- 3) heterogeneity, backing
- 4) venom, prevent
- 5) advantage, abetment

Answer & Explanation

1. **Advances in robotics, artificial intelligence, and machine learning have _____ the rate at which _____ is displacing workers.**

- 1) aggrandizement, accumulation
- 2) depletion, augmentation
- 3) access, accretion,

- 4) decrease, disgusting
- 5) accelerated, automation

Answer & Explanation

2. **Today's superstar companies owe their _____ position to digital technology's network effects, whereby a product becomes even more _____ as more people use it.**

- 1) burgeoning, elaboration
- 2) retard, escalation
- 3) disadvantageous, undesirable
- 4) privileged, desirable
- 5) underprivileged, disagreeable

Answer & Explanation

3. **once these firms are established and dominate their chosen market, the new economy allows them to _____ anti-competitive measures that prevent actual and potential _____ from challenging their position.**

- 1) pursue, rivals
- 2) underprivileged, exaggeration
- 3) stated, accrual
- 4) unequal, breakthrough
- 5) unparallel, cumulation

Answer & Explanation

4. As it stands, national competition authorities in G20 countries are inadequately _____ to regulate corporations that _____ globally.

- 1) dissimilar, enlargement
- 2) equipped, operate
- 3) stripped, detach
- 4) unfurnished, unshackle
- 5) outspoken, unbind

Answer & Explanation

5. Moreover, the G20 cannot simply trust that global competition will correct on its own the _____ toward increased market _____.

- 1) different, manumit
- 2) definitive, expansion
- 3) tendency, concentration
- 4) disinclination, disembarass
- 5) inaptitude, emancipate

Answer & Explanation

6. It is host to many of today's superstar firms, and yet US _____ regulators have not been able

to _____ those firms' market power.

- 1) skilllessness, unhook
- 2) prejudiced, rescue
- 3) underhand, redeem
- 4) antitrust, restrain
- 5) inequitable, unchain

Answer & Explanation

7. **The objective of a world competition network is to build an effective legal framework to _____ competition law against companies engaging in cross-border business practices that _____ competition.**

- 1) shabby, incorporation
- 2) biased, increment
- 3) partial, resembling
- 4) enforce, restrict
- 5) categorical, enlarge

Answer & Explanation

8. **Well-Intentioned analysts can and do _____ on what assumptions to make and often arrive at very _____ estimates.**

- 1) partisan, rigid
- 2) unmerited, expand
- 3) influenced, homogeneous

- 4) straightforward, correspondent
- 5) differ, different

Answer & Explanation

9. All applications of CBA are controversial when economists with different _____ or implicit _____ study the same topic.

- 1) accurate, anguish
- 2) explicit, biases
- 3) distinct, uncooperative
- 4) undeserved, separate
- 5) unforgivable, disunited

Answer & Explanation

10. The network may _____ investigations and enforcement decisions and develop new guidelines for how to monitor market power and _____ practices in a digital economy.

- 1) unrighteous, profound
- 2) perspicuous, diminish
- 3) lucid, disobliging
- 4) precise, disjoint
- 5) coordinate, collusive

Answer & Explanation

1. **The US president will not be able to pass any of the _____ growth policies he has _____; and any policy changes that he does make will have a limited impact.**

- 1) freedom, coincidental
- 2) unbound, inadvertent
- 3) nonessential, fortuitous
- 4) extrinsic, intrinsic
- 5) radical, proposed

Answer & Explanation

2. **The administration could still pursue protectionist measures that would precipitate a trade war, and it has already imposed migration _____ that will likely reduce growth, by _____ the labor supply.**

- 1) superficial, fluky
- 2) sloppy, adventitious
- 3) restrictions, eroding
- 4) enlargement, conceiving
- 5) expansion, causation

Answer & Explanation

3. **A related risk is that increasing rates too slowly could lead to an asset price _____ and all the dangers – frozen**

credit markets, soaring unemployment, plummeting consumption, and more – implied by its _____ deflation.

- 1) bubble, inevitable
- 2) release, contingent
- 3) bonded, incidental
- 4) slack, avoidable
- 5) compelled, inducement

Answer & Explanation

4. Indeed, the global economy could be _____ by any number of scenarios involving the US. A military confrontation between the US and North Korea now seems _____.

- 1) incumbent, random
- 2) hampered, random
- 3) fettered, fortuitous
- 4) floating, preventable
- 5) destabilized, plausible

Answer & Explanation

5. And because growth and economic stability will top the agenda at the Chinese Communist Party's National Congress later this year, discussions about how to _____ growth

and _____ structural reforms will take a back seat.

- 1) liable, unforeseen
- 2) bound, escapable
- 3) rebalance, implement
- 4) censurable, object
- 5) detached, restraint

Answer & Explanation

6. In the next year, a more _____ and persistent global recovery will depend largely on whether policymakers avoid mistakes that could _____ it.

- 1) pledged, antecedent
- 2) robust, derail
- 3) susceptible, incitement
- 4) asunder, mainspring
- 5) hanging, necessity

Answer & Explanation

Explanation: robust, derail

robust – strong and healthy; vigorous.

derail – cause (a train or tram) to leave its tracks accidentally.

7. Britons will have to hope that EU leaders are willing to show some _____: after all, the one clear message from voters was their lack of confidence in the _____ on offer.

- 1) in authority, obligation
- 2) flaccid, constraint
- 3) harshness, compulsion

- 4) compassion, alternatives
- 5) obligated, discover

Answer & Explanation

8. In principle, declining labor-force _____ should be a problem in the eurozone, too, given the _____ period of very high unemployment that many European workers have faced.

- 1) tyranny, concluded
- 2) participation, prolonged
- 3) antagonism, observe
- 4) disunion, labelled
- 5) slackened, regained

Answer & Explanation

9. The heated discussions about _____ of recent years have been _____, with both critics and official cheerleaders overestimating the amount of austerity applied.

- 1) mercilessness, gestated
- 2) meanness, ascertain
- 3) indifference, acquired
- 4) flabby, regained
- 5) austerity, misplaced

Answer & Explanation

10. **With austerity – that is, reducing the deficit, once the recession has ended recovery might take longer to become _____; but once it is, economic performance is even more stable, because the government's accounts are in a _____ position.**

- 1) rebellion, witness
- 2) separation, conceptualise
- 3) estrangement, determine
- 4) discord, detect
- 5) consolidated, sustainable

Answer & Explanation

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Answer & Explanation

1. **Imagine _____ not only for the old and infirm Ma/ Ai/ Ammi, but also for female street children who are invariably _____ upon and become lust-fodder.**

- 1) separate, peerless
- 2) disunite, renounced
- 3) shelters, foraged
- 4) break off, curbing
- 5) hireling, nimble

Answer & Explanation

2. An unprecedented decision by a seven judge Supreme Court bench to _____ a sitting judge of Calcutta high court, CS Karnan, and sentence him to six months _____ foregrounds worrisome systemic issues.

- 1) convict, imprisonment
- 2) disaffect, flowing
- 3) estrange, controlling
- 4) scapegoat, evading
- 5) immolation, preventing

Answer & Explanation

3. This experience _____ exposed a shortcoming in the current framework to discipline a judge, for incidents that may not require a _____ impeachment procedure.

- 1) divide, mainline
- 2) starkly, cumbersome
- 3) affections of, homelike
- 4) gudgeon, homey
- 5) curvaceous, soothing

Answer & Explanation

4. It is _____ that an effective system for appointing judges would have permitted him entry, leading to the current _____ situation the judiciary finds itself in.

- 1) harmonious, homely
- 2) conceivable, snug
- 3) gopher, constrains
- 4) inconceivable, embarrassing
- 5) martyr, controlled

Answer & Explanation

5. In the case of thermal power, the costs of pollution and greenhouse effects besides the cost of _____ gaps in the grid to transfer thermal power to remote areas need to be _____ in.

- 1) patsy, exquisite
- 2) bridging, factored
- 3) pushover, adroit
- 4) fathomable, decorative
- 5) balletic, incomparable

Answer & Explanation

6. They all have the ability to control smart _____ and tell users about the traffic _____ and the news.

- 1) sacrifice, refrain
- 2) gambit, limber
- 3) wretch, forbear

- 4) appliances, conditions
- 5) elastic, aesthetic

Answer & Explanation

7. The Karnan episode also shows up the _____ of filters in the _____ system which enabled his appointment as a judge despite his evident incapacity to hold the post.

- 1) sufferer, crowning
- 2) casualty, unparalleled
- 3) inadequacy, unrivaled
- 4) imaginable, sovereign
- 5) outstanding, decline

Answer & Explanation

8. He frequently levelled _____ charges against other judges who were his _____.

- 1) predominant, dainty
- 2) sucker, eschew
- 3) capricious, colleagues
- 4) stooge, foremost
- 5) collegium, paramount

Answer & Explanation

9. There are questions about the efficacy of the current collegium system of _____ judges and the _____ down of gag orders by the judiciary.

- 1) cardinal, champion
- 2) unapproachable, unequalled
- 3) prominent, evaded
- 4) appointing, handing
- 5) dominant, essential

Answer & Explanation

10. The apex court's verdict and events which _____ it indicate that there are gaps in the judiciary's _____ which need to be addressed.

- 1) preeminent, premier
- 2) stellar, strongest
- 3) prevailing, primary
- 4) preceded, functioning
- 5) abjure, abnegate

Answer & Explanation

Read the following questions and each question has two blanks. Choose the set of appropriate words for each blank to form a meaningful sentence.

1. The party had to off not just the ruling Shiromani Akali Dal-Bharatiya Janata Party alliance but also the challenge

posed by the Aam Aadmi Party

- 1.defend, shown
- 2.battle, incurred
- 3.fend, posed
- 4.forestall, created
- 5.thwart, developed

Answer & Explanation

2. **The drug problem continues to rural Punjab, devastating families and a trafficking nexus.**

- 1.ruin, imploring
- 2.desolate, hoarding
- 3.ravage, nurturing
- 4.destroy, preparing
- 5.desert, fostering

Answer & Explanation

3. **They raised a of issues including draught and rural distress even though the focal point was the ban on Jallikattu, a sport with peasant communities in the state.**

- 1.bundle, analyzed
- 2.abundance, enjoyed
- 3.plenty, recognized
- 4.number, conducted
- 5.slew, identified

Answer & Explanation

4. **These failures have now come back to the state government as protestors, surprised by the sudden turnaround in the government's approach to them, havoc on Chennai streets.**

1. stun, forced
2. push, unleashed
3. haunt, wreaked
4. annoy, inflict
5. torment, execute

Answer & Explanation

5. **These issues concerning Kashmir are extremely and any knee jerk reaction will ultimately result in a loss offor all the citizens involved, especially the young ones.**

1. unassociated, survival
2. ambiguous, plutocracy
3. complicated, opportunity
4. superfluous, serendipity
5. regressive, prospects

Answer & Explanation

6. **Central bank has intimated that it will be closely the new dispensation's broad budget plans and remains ready to change policy tack if it were toany risks to its price stability goals**

- 1.incorporating, find
- 2.assessing, assume
- 3.enticing, reprieve
- 4.monitoring, perceive
- 5.proposing, discover

Answer & Explanation

7. **..... a few exceptions, most opinion polls have got their numbers wrong, the victory of BJP was not captured by any poll.**

- 1.Leaving, astounding
- 2.Discerning, astonishing
- 3.Propagating, breathtaking
- 4.Decrying, startling
- 5.Barring, bewildering

Answer & Explanation

8. **What's incomprehensible regarding Detroit killing is that there are different andversions about what happened during the encounter, but one thing is definitely clear, that such an act must be condemned**

- 1.dissimilar, concertedly
- 2.contrary, obviously
- 3.conflicting, unequivocally
- 4.unique, without conflict
- 5.various, vociferously

Answer & Explanation

9. **Attack on Nigerian students in Greater Noida points to a/an racism that must be acknowledged and**

- 1.abhorrent, removed
- 2.inhabited, tackled
- 3.entrenched, addressed
- 4.rapturous, solved
- 5.fortified, vanished

Answer & Explanation

10. **The liquor trade exists solely at the of policymakers without any concomitant fundamental right that other businesses**

- 1.opinion, exercise

- 2.will, retain
- 3.jurisdiction, nullify
- 4.foresight, propagate
- 5.discretion, enjoy

Answer & Explanation

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1. **The government led by Pushpa Kamal Dahal, came to power in 2016 on theof accommodating these demands to the extent possible and a reasonable consensus across the political spectrum.**

- 1.commitment, recommending
- 2.obligation, drawing
- 3.promise, forging
- 4.plight, building
- 5.swearing, manufacturing

Answer & Explanation

2. **The Tamil Nadu government has itself to blame for the violence..... by pro-Jallikattu..... in Chennai on Monday.**

- 1.propagated, people
- 2.unleashed, protestors
- 3.kindled, forum

- 4. overthrown, administration
- 5. wreaked, sympathisers

Answer & Explanation

3. **This by South Korea's highest court, upholding Parliament's vote to impeach Park Geun-hye, could well a new era in a land where it has for long been unthinkable to get the powerful to face justice even for serious crimes.**

- 1. verdict, herald
- 2. indecision, compromise
- 3. indictment, deliver
- 4. opinion, indicate
- 5. conviction, promise

Answer

4. **.....of presidential immunity, Ms. Park could now face criminal proceedings on allegations that she was in nefarious activities involving her close confidante.**

- 1. Reserved, engaged
- 2. Deprived, redundant
- 3. Stripped, complicit
- 4. In spite, involved
- 5. Availability, accomplice

Answer & Explanation

5. **The most provocative foreign policy move was the US'sof the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence, an American missile defence system, in South China sea whichregional tensions between the US and China.**

- 1.bringing, accelerated
- 2.deployment, escalated
- 3.engagement, unified
- 4.submission, subdued
- 5.stationing, hampered

Answer & Explanation

6. **While acknowledging that it is still too early toexactly how the Trump administration's fiscal policies may unfold, the central bank is intimating that it will be closely the new dispensation's broad budget plans.**

- 1.visualize, offending
- 2.prohibit, vying
- 3.anticipate, monitoring
- 4.regard, celebrating
- 5.predict, preparing

Answer & Explanation

7. **Given that the central bank's holdings of Treasury bonds reached record levels in the of the 2008 financial crisis, any plan to begin unwinding these holdings will need to be very carefully**

- 1.purview, constructed
- 2.succession, updated
- 3.consequence, conveyed
- 4.aftermath, calibrated
- 5.tenure, formulated

Answer & Explanation

8. **Congress will have to build a opposition to the BJP, little by little, State by State, instead of trying to pit Mr. Gandhi against the vastly more experienced Mr. Modi in what is clearly an unequal**

- 1.dramatic, contest
- 2.robust, debate
- 3.fragmented, encounter
- 4.formidable, pitch
- 5.credible, battle

Answer & Explanation

9. **His confidence that the 2019 general elections will see him as an even stronger supreme leader is predicated on the in the ranks of his political opponents.**

1. emerge, disarray
2. define, abetment
3. outgrow, obtrusion
4. nourish, progress
5. prosper, harmony

Answer & Explanation

10. **Former UP Chief Minister Akhilesh Yadav too will take a long time to the ground that slipped from under his feet so easily and the damage that the internecine family feud did to the SP.**

1. regain, stop
2. assess, repair
3. enjoin, correct
4. recover, contain
5. alight, impair

Answer & Explanation

1. **Global business leaders and investors are largely by two kinds of risk: macroeconomic and geopolitical.**

- 1) cleared
- 2) disenchanted
- 3) repulsed
- 4) transfixed
- 5) bored

Answer & Explanation

2. **The message for them should be clear: Building a more inclusive economy requires_____.**

- 1) redistribution
- 2) gathering
- 3) provoking
- 4) preceding
- 5) hoarding

Answer & Explanation

3. **If we continue on our current path, we could undermine the work that we have already done to_____poverty.**

- 1) create
- 2) eradicate
- 3) assist
- 4) establish
- 5) institute

Answer & Explanation

4. **More than half of the world's billionaires either inherited their wealth, or_____It in industries prone to corruption and cronyism.**

- 1) peculiar
- 2) painstaking

- 3) accumulated
- 4) appropriated
- 5) meticulous

Answer & Explanation

5. **The effects of this gap between the _____ few and the rest of us are felt everywhere, but they fall hardest on the forgotten poor; women constitute a disproportionate share.**

- 1) scrupulous
- 2) intrinsic
- 3) itemized
- 4) fortunate
- 5) particularized

Answer & Explanation

6. **All revolutions carry unintended costs, and are _____ to diversion, if not outright corruption.**

- 1) resistant
- 2) accurate
- 3) susceptible
- 4) especial
- 5) resisting

Answer & Explanation

7. **Digital finance has turned out to be an unexpected _____, simply by enabling low-cost financial inclusion.**

- 1) precise
- 2) revolutionary
- 3) distinct
- 4) circumstantial
- 5) detailed

Answer & Explanation

8. **With government budgets already overstretched, coping with the intensifying health burden from AMR will be difficult, to say the least, Yet governments are unlikely to move fast to _____ this risk.**

- 1) mitigate
- 2) special
- 3) irritate
- 4) aggravate
- 5) incite

Answer & Explanation

9. **The Review on AMR estimates that, at that point, some ten million lives could be lost each year, at a _____ cost to global economic output of \$100 trillion.**

- 1) topical
- 2) worsen
- 3) subtracting

- 4) intensify
- 5) cumulative

Answer & Explanation

10. **Over the longer term, it means awareness of structural risks like high sovereign debt, demographic shifts, and natural-resource_____.**
- 1) scarcity
 - 2) unsusceptible
 - 3) abundance
 - 4) excess
 - 5) decreasing

Answer & Explanation

1. **Article 371A of the Constitution secures a special status for Nagaland. But as the civil society groups_____ for reservation have_____, urban local bodies are not part of traditional Naga society, and ULBs are constitutional bodies to which customary Naga laws cannot be_____. The conduct of the long-delayed elections was achieved after a protracted legal struggle led by women's groups. Arguments against women's reservation_____Naga customs have been consistently_____by the courts, ultimately paving the way for elections to be announced for February 1.**
- 1) satisfied, abnegate, prevented, deprecating, pressed
 - 2) striving, argued, applied, invoking, quashed
 - 3) unassuming, gainsay, rescinded, castigating, pulped
 - 4) fulfilled, convicted, disallowed, pronouncing, smashed
 - 5) content, debated, disclaimed, censuring, squashed

Answer & Explanation

2. The prospect of "shifts in the direction of _____ and nativism" could threaten the global market for goods, services and labour. The Survey conservatively projects growth for the coming fiscal at 6.75%-7.5%, with a caveat that _____ effects from demonetisation, oil prices and the possible rise of trade protectionism could _____ the forecast.

- 1) djudge, doughy, proscribe
- 2) reprobate, brewed, , decry
- 3) isolationism, lingering, jeopardise
- 4) pulverized, masticated, contravene
- 5) macerated, reprehend, pasty

Answer & Explanation

3. These objectives are important. India imported Rs. 2.1 lakh crore worth of gold in the financial year 2014-15, not counting jewellery. So far, Rs 1.12 lakh crore worth of gold has been imported between April and September 2015. The idea is that by reducing these _____ quantities of imports, the government can try to _____ India's current account deficit and trade deficit (the margin by which India's imports exceed its exports).
- 1) denunciate, liberal
 - 2) steeped, disparage
 - 3) whopping ,narrow

- 4) hashed, infused
- 5) chewed, reproach

Answer & Explanation

4. **The panel, in its 140-page report, _____ in detail the _____ of the parties and rightly concluded that India, by imposing a mandatory domestic _____ requirement, had violated its national treatment obligation.**

- 1) inspected, contention, wanting
- 2) examined, submission, content
- 3) grazed, detention, depressed
- 4) nibbled, demolish, upset
- 5) perused, spongy, pounded

Answer & Explanation

5. **If the objective is to produce more clean energy, then solar power producers should be free to choose energy-generation equipment on the basis of price and quality, _____ of whether they are manufactured locally or not.**

- 1) discontent
- 2) striking
- 3) safeguard
- 4) irrespective
- 5) warding off

Answer & Explanation

6. **The price of gold internationally is linked to the dollar. The new gold bonds, if made attractive enough, could become a _____ to rupee bonds. Basically, Indians will start _____ their money into a type of dollar bond rather than rupee bonds. This might exert an _____ pressure on interest rates.**
- 1) unconfined, unrestricted, reprove
 - 2) substitute, putting ,upward
 - 3) contend, screen, shield
 - 4) contradict, combat, counteraction
 - 5) retardation, glance at, intransigence

Answer & Explanation

7. **India therefore did not itself believe that the local _____ requirement under the programme was imposed for the 'conservation' of 'clean air'.**
- 1) decocted
 - 2) content
 - 3) denounce
 - 4) belittle
 - 5) depreciate

Answer & Explanation

8. **India also argued that the measure was _____ under the general exceptions since it was necessary to secure _____ with its domestic and international law obligations relating to ecologically sustainable development and climate change.**

- 1) justified ,compliance
- 2) withstanding , doom
- 3) obstruction, parrying
- 4) defiance, counter
- 5) struggle, chide

Answer & Explanation

9. **Domestic content measures, despite their immediate political gains, have a _____ to skew competition.**

- 1) penchant
- 2) dissatisfied
- 3) impediment
- 4) tendency
- 5) friction

Answer & Explanation

10. **Devoting a whole chapter to demonetisation, the Survey _____ fast, demand-driven remonetisation, further tax reforms, including _____ land and real estate under the _____ of the Goods and Services Tax, and reducing tax rates and stamp duties. It cautions against tax**

authorities turning_____. It flags the risks that Brexit and the U.S. election result_____to the world economic order, and to India's economy.

- 1) rebuff, sphere, partiality, predisposition, slant
- 2) halting, hindrance, holding, impedance, compass
- 3) cursorily, dispute, evert, pulpy, enthusiastic,
- 4) upbraid, explode, extension, demonstrative, knock
- 5) recommends, bringing, ambit ,overzealous,pose

Answer & Explanation

1. **When it became clear that Mr. Palaniswami would carry the confidence vote, DMK members_____to violence to stall the proceedings citing one excuse or another.**

- 1) recalled
- 2) revoke
- 3) renounce
- 4) resorted
- 5) disclaim

Answer & Explanation

2. **a pre-trial warrant sought by the_____was rejected, as the court saw little ground for his detention in the absence of sufficient evidence to substantiate the bribery charge.**

- 1) pardon
- 2) prosecution
- 3) exoneration
- 4) exculpation
- 5) acquittal

Answer & Explanation

3. **The impact of the current development would also be of some concern given the global climate of uncertainty from_____.**

- 1) deliverance
- 2) amnesty
- 3) reprieve
- 4) acquitting
- 5) protectionism

Answer & Explanation

4. **Citizens of one of Asia's largest economies deserve a better deal, as they themselves made clear through recent rounds of protest, It is time for some serious_____in Seoul.**

- 1) vindication
- 2) introspection
- 3) bewilderment
- 4) callowness
- 5) illiteracy

Answer & Explanation

5. **The judgment is a telling commentary on India's faulty counter-terror_____, one that demands a holistic overhaul.**

- 1) posture
- 2) blindness
- 3) scrupulous
- 4) straight
- 5) inscience

Answer & Explanation

6. **It is worth _____ that there are over 60 million diagnosed diabetics in the country, and the average age at which the first heart attack strikes Indians is 50, a decade earlier than people in developed nations.**

- 1) righteous
- 2) recalling
- 3) disregard
- 4) denseness
- 5) trustworthy

Answer & Explanation

7. **The latest measure provides an opportunity to expand the availability of stents, and by angioplasty _____ procedures, in the public health system.**

- 1) veracious
- 2) veritable
- 3) extension