
DIRECTIONS Q.1 to Q.21 : Each question below has one or more blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for the blanks which best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

1. India will have to live with the _____ of unemployment for many years to come because measures taken either to _____ population growth or to reorient the unorganized educational system have failed.
 - A. boon, encourage
 - B. error, bridle
 - C. problem, curb
 - D. issue, aid
 - E. blessing, promote

2. Though India does not have comprehensive laws that _____ companies polluting the environment, companies in India have become conscious of their roles and are taking necessary steps to _____ environment and minimize damages.
 - A. allow, destroy
 - B. restrain, insulate
 - C. permit, endanger
 - D. limit, emancipate
 - E. restrict, conserve

3. While downside risks to growth may have increased in the wake of global developments, they are likely to have _____ impact on India; however, it requires urgent policy actions to remove _____ to growth.
 - A. far-reaching, hurdles
 - B. limited, bottlenecks
 - C. momentous, barriers
 - D. serious, obstructions
 - E. negligible, blockades

4. Great saints believe that realisation of God will liberate man from _____ bondage and this state of release confers the privilege of serving the Lord in his _____ abode,
 - A. materialistic, permanent
 - B. earthly, transcendental
 - C. primitive, unique
 - D. early, traditional
 - E. spiritual, ethereal

5. To attain intercultural _____ a person should be sensitive to his own cultural nuances and also learn to see how similar or different they are to the cultural practices _____ among those in other cultures.
 - A. unity, supplementary
 - B. support, predominant

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- C. harmony, accepted
D. integration, prevalent
E. goodwill, principal
6. The 2008 economic _____ resulted in massive _____.
- A. slowdown, lay-downs
B. meltdown, lay-offs
C. recession, lay-overs
D. downpour, lay-ups
E. dropdown, lay-bys
7. India's _____ manpower and Finland's high-end tech _____ should be leveraged under the 'Make in India' initiative.
- A. gauche, technology
B. skilled, prowess
C. sundry, means
D. abundant, allowances
E. countless, access
8. Baldwin's brilliant 'The Fire Next Time' is both so eloquent in its passion and so searching in its _____ that it is bound to _____ any reader.
- A. bitterness, embarrass
B. romanticism, appall
C. candour, unsettle
D. indifference, disappoint
E. conception, bore
9. Because she had a reputation for _____ we were surprised and pleased when she greeted us so _____.
- A. insolence, irately
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C. graciousness, amiably
D. arrogance, disdainfully
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11. We are _____ the intellects of the past; or rather, like children we take it for granted that somebody must supply us with our supper and our _____.
- A. ungrateful to, ideas
 - B. dependent on, repose
 - C. unfaithful to, needs
 - D. fortunate in, allowance
 - E. generous to, wants
12. These issues are extremely _____ and any knee jerk reaction will ultimately result in a loss of _____ for all shareholders.
- A. unassociated, curare
 - B. ambiguous, plutocracy
 - C. nuanced, opportunity
 - D. contexed, serendipity
 - E. swiveled, stock
13. Growth under this government has been _____ high and remarkably _____ even during the worst global economic crisis.
- A. impededly, flippant
 - B. relatively, intractable
 - C. obstructedly, rigid
 - D. sustainedly, resilient
 - E. drastically, low
14. There are different and _____ versions about what happened in the city, but one thing is certain: it is a dastardly act that must be condemned _____.
- A. dissimilar, concertedly
 - B. contrary, obviously
 - C. conflicting, unequivocally
 - D. unique, without conflict
 - E. same, fastly
15. They _____ their seats away from the curved wall panels to give themselves more space as the flight attendant brought drinks from the gallery, which was _____ with family's favorite snacks and beverages.
- A. swiveled, stocked
 - B. hinged, lacquered
 - C. pended, embellished
 - D. retracted, thronged

E. set, matched

16. Cairn cannot _____ bring into picture some _____ outsider which has little experience and necessary consents to deal in the oil field.
- A. peremptorily, ascribed
 - B. complaisantly, endorsed
 - C. democratically, aberrant
 - D. arbitrarily, unrelated
 - E. none of the above
17. Despite many decades of research on the gasification of coal, the data accumulated is not directly _____ to environmental questions; thus a new programme of research which specifically deals with such questions is _____.
- A. analogous, promising
 - B. antithetical, unremarkable
 - C. applicable, warranted
 - D. pertinent, unnecessary
 - E. logical, unwarranted
18. No one is _____ about Rahul; he inspires either uncritical adulation or profound _____ in those who work for him.
- A. neutral, antipathy
 - B. infuriated, aversion
 - C. enthusiastic, veneration
 - D. apprehensive, consternation
 - E. objective, respect
19. In response to the follies of today's commercial and political worlds, the author does not _____ inflamed indignation, but rather _____ the detachment and smooth aphoristic poses of an eighteenth-century wit.
- A. display, rails at
 - B. relay, avoids
 - C. suppress, clings to
 - D. express, affects
 - E. shows, pretends
20. Upendra was so eager to _____ his preconceptions that he grasped at any fact which seemed to _____ the undeniable gaps in his report.
- A. overcome, play
 - B. convey, window
 - C. preserve, bridge

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- D. reinforce, strengthen
 - E. reinforce, undermine

21. To have a few things to desire and many things to fear is a miserable state of mind, commonly seen in the case of kings; which makes their mind _____. They have many representations of _____ and shadows, which makes their mind _____.
- A. languishing, perils, uncertain
 - B. pining, risks, unclear
 - C. puissant, hazards, pellucid
 - D. lassitude, problems, limpid
 - E. reinforced, risks, uncertain

DIRECTIONS Q.22 to Q.23 : In the question, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five options are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. Mark that option as your answer.

22. I. The defeated army returned home as a demoralised _____.
- II. As Gandhiji stepped outside he had to face a _____ of angry youth who demanded explanation for not saving Bhagat Singh.
- A. congregation
 - B. conglomeration
 - C. rabble
 - D. throng
 - E. crowd
23. I. After the priest _____ the spirit, apparently, the strange noises stopped.
- II. It will take a long time to _____ the memory of the accident.
- A. exorcise
 - B. venerate
 - C. hailed
 - D. embrace
 - E. obliterate

DIRECTIONS Q.24 to Q.25 : Pick out the most effective word from the given options to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

24. _____ the situation infuriated him, he did his best to hide his anger.
- A. Besides
 - B. Though
 - C. Because
 - D. Since
 - E. As

25. We didn't really want that particular hotel, _____ it was a case of Hobson's choice. We booked very late and there was nothing else left.
- A. but
 - B. and
 - C. because
 - D. while
 - E. as

Answer Key

1. (c)	2. (e)	3. (b)	4. (b)	5. (d)	6. (b)	7. (b)	8. (c)	9. (e)
10. (e)	11. (a)	12. (c)	13. (d)	14. (c)	15. (a)	16. (d)	17. (c)	18. (a)
19. (a)	20. (c)	21. (a)	22. (c)	23. (a)	24. (b)	25. (a)		

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