





The following questions have a blank, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the correct word that best fits in the context of the sentence.





The ______ 'fiscal risk' arising from the mounting public debt and deficits need to be tackled with a medium-term road map of fiscal consolidation, as instantaneous debt reduction can affect the sustainable growth recovery process.

- 1. Suspicious
- 2. Uncertain
- 3. Absurd
- 4. Plausible
- 5. Unlikely





Washington has already imposed multiple sanctions against Moscow since 2014 as punishment for Russia's ______ of Crimea and its support of armed militias in eastern Ukraine

- 1. Stratification
- 2. Precipitation
- 3. Dispossession
- 4. Annexation
- 5. Seized





The unprecedented speed with which researchers around the world developed the vaccines to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic serves as _____ evidence of how stunning advances in health science can save millions of lives

- 1. Cogent
- 2. Impotent
- 3. Mighty
- 4. Potent
- 5. Formidable





The body is temporary, but the soul is indestructible. That teaching from the Bhagavad Gita, which argues for treating death with ______ and calm instead of fear and anger, finds resonance across ancient cultures, from Egypt to China.

- 1. Solicitude
- 2. Equanimity
- 3. Apprehension
- 4. Care
- 5. Anxiety





The Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP) has now turned on Vedanta, alleging that the mining and oil giant ran a covert lobbying ______ to weaken key environmental regulations during the COVID pandemic.

- 1. Operation
- 2. Campaign
- 3. Gang
- 4. Team
- 5. Both A and B



In each of the questions given below, a statement is divided into several parts with some parts given in bold. The part(s) given in bold is/ are free from any error. In other parts there may be some grammatical errors. Identify the part(s) of the statement which are grammatically incorrect.



France's Health Minister Olivier (A)/ Veran says that "people (B)/ are not in a danger" if they have received (C)/ AstraZeneca vaccine, saying (D)/ he himself has also had the jab. (E)

- 1. Only (B) and (C)
- 2. Only (C)
- 3. Only (C) and (E)
- 4. Only (B), (C), (D)
- 5. All are correct



Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma(A)/ took a dig over the Opposition party over (B)/ criticisms relating to the power crisis in the (C)/ State and asked Congress to (D)/ consider changing its leadership "lest it doesn't (E)/ wants to go through the same mess that MeECL is going through". (F)

- 1. Both (E) and (F)
- 2. Both (B) and (C)
- 3. Only (C), (E), (F)
- 4. Both (B) and (E)
- 5. All are correct



Prospects for marijuana legalization (A)/ in the new year aren't likely to benefit Charlotte's (B)/ Web much, because the easy it (C)/ gets to buy "real" marijuana, the lesser (D)/ interested I'd expect consumers (E)/ to be in buying "marijuana-lite" products like CBD. (F)

- 1. Only (B)
- 2. Only (A) and (D)
- 3. Only (C)
- 4. Only (E) and (F)
- 5. Only (A), (C), (F)



Britain faces a reduction in the (A)/ amount of COVID-19 vaccines because there (B)/ are even less AstraZeneca shots (C)/ available than was expected, and this (D)/ supply difficulty is more significant (E)/ then earlier ones, the BBC reported on Wednesday. (F)

- 1. Only (F)
- 2. Both (C) and (D)
- 3. Both (A) and (F)
- 4. Both (C) and (F)
- 5. Both (A) and (D)



Having started his Regenerative (A)/ Agriculture journey back in 2009 (B)/ by concentrating on soil health, Tim (C)/ is now overseeing a complete system (D)/ change based on biology, which(E)/occasionally needs a helping hand. (F)

- 1. Both (E) and (F)
- 2. Both (B) and (C)
- 3. Only (C), (E), (F)
- 4. Both (B) and (E)
- 5. All are correct.





In each of the questions below three words are highlighted in bold. You are required to find out the synonyms for the highlighted words from the given options.



India, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is more likely than in the past to riposte (a) with military force to perceived (b) or real Pakistani provocations (c), the US intelligence community has told Congress in a report.

- 1. a-rebut, b- assimilated, c- exasperation
- 2. a- retort, b- apprehended, c- incitement
- 3. a-refute, b- cognized, c- aggravations
- 4. a-response, b- disregarded, c- prods
- 5. a- repartee, b- penetrated, c- instigations



The brothers toiled (a) in the shadows of the city's imposing skyscrapers (b) that migrant workers build for the affluent (c). Ferrying cement, sand, bricks and stones, they earned 450 rupees every day for eight hours of work.

- 1. a-slackened, b- manors, c- magnate
- 2. a- bummed, b- mansions, c- noble
- 3. a- loafed, b- shacks, c- aristocrats
- 4. a-endeavored, b- edifice, c- opulent
- 5. a- shirked, b- shanties, c- patrician



After miscreants (a) burnt down the library set up by a daily wage worker, Syed Issaq, in Karnataka's Mysore, a fundraiser has been started with the pretension (b) of raising money and abetting (c) him rebuild the library.

- 1. a- brute, b- objective, c- baffling
- 2. a- felon, b- purpose, c- balking
- 3. a- caitiff, b-bourn, c- aiding
- 4. a-tattered, b- aspiration, c- deterring
- 5. a- rogue, b- grail, c- impeding



The Supreme Court issued the new guidelines to tame (a) the exploding COVID cases among its staff. Last Saturday, 44 of 90 court employees tested for COVID-19 turned out positive, sparking (b) panic among some judges. The court also said that there should be no loitering (c) or crowding in its premises and elevators should be used only for going up. Only three people will be allowed at a time in an elevator.

- 1. a-bridle, b- stalling, c- scooting
- 2. a-restrain, b- jamming, c- bolting
- 3. a-curb, b- repressing, c- humping
- 4. a-contain, b- triggering, c- dawdling
- 5. a-inhibit, b- placating, c- scudding





Faded brown fields stretch outside the ramshackle (a) town. A fragmented (b) wall here, piles of concrete water pipes there. It was here, in this once fructuous (c) land, that the Tata Nano automobile factory was to be built.

- 1. a- dilapidated, b- shattered, c- fecund
- 2. a-rickety, b- smashed, c- niggardly
- 3. a-ruinous, b- broken, c- skimp
- 4. a-tattered, b- busted, c- meager
- 5. a-sheared, b- infrangible, c- productive



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