

FILL IN THE BLANKS

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Q01

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

The principal aim of a socialist state is to _____ in income and status and standards of life.

A abolish, poverty

B curb, menace

C **eliminate, inequality**



D check, gulf

E minimise, standards

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (C) eliminate, inequality

WHY?

A socialist state's core objective is to remove disparities — it seeks to “eliminate inequality” in income, status and living standards.

Q02

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

To fight natural calamities, wisdom requires that we _____ crises and _____ for them.

A apprehend, tackle

B **anticipate, prepare**



C hamper, secure

D address, evolve

E sense, deviate

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (B) anticipate, prepare**

WHY?

Wise disaster-management means foreseeing danger ahead of time and readying resources — “anticipate” crises and “prepare” for them.

Q03

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

This collection of essays has _____ beyond the traditional _____ of a versatile economist.

A **ventured, domain**



B marked, line

C performed, performance

D sold, copyright

E held, charisma

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (A) ventured, domain

WHY?

The essays go past the usual field of an economist's work — “ventured” fits with “domain” (a field of expertise).

Q04

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

It is quite true that when the whole economy is in _____, raising the rate of interest has other _____.

A seize, burdens

B **shambles, dimensions**



C jeopardy, glimpse

D distress, implications

E swing, justification

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (B) shambles, dimensions

WHY?

An economy in ruin is described as being “in shambles”, and a policy move like raising interest rates then carries wider “dimensions” (consequences).

Q05

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

To _____ time, please go _____ foot and not by bus.

A spend, on

B kill, towards

C utilize, on

D **gain, on**



E None of these

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (D) gain, on

WHY?

Walking can beat a slow, crowded bus in city traffic — so going “on foot” helps you “gain” time rather than lose it.

Q06

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

There _____ to be an air of peace now _____ in our country.

A **seems, blowing**



B looks, flowing

C feels, advancing

D seem, floating

E None of these

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (A) seems, blowing

WHY?

“Seems” agrees with the singular subject “an air”, and “blowing” is the natural collocate of “air” (as in a wind or mood blowing across a place).

Q07

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Shahid reminded him _____ his promise but he was quite indifferent to _____ Shahid said.

A **of, what** ✓

B for, when

C on, while

D to, which

E None of these

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (A) of, what**

WHY?

The fixed phrases are “remind someone OF something” and “indifferent to WHAT someone said”.

Q08

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

What is sauce for the _____ is sauce for the _____.

A cock, hen

B fox, vixen

C **goose, gander**



D duck, doe

E None of these

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (C) goose, gander

WHY?

A well-known English proverb meaning what applies to one should apply equally to another: "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

Q09

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Everyone was _____ by surprise when she _____ her plan to marry that boy.

A moved, said

B **taken, announced**



C shaken, declare

D dead, asked

E None of these

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (B) taken, announced

WHY?

The idiom is “taken by surprise”, and one formally “announces” a plan or decision.

Q10

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

_____ my knowledge, Mr Gupta has a prejudice
_____ foreigners.

A In, for

B As, towards

C For, at

D **To, against**



E None of these

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (D) To, against**

WHY?

Correct fixed expressions: "To my knowledge" and "prejudice against" someone.

Q11

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

He was always _____ of the good _____ of others.

A irritable, works

B greedy, fortune

C envious, fortune



D sorry, luck

E None of these

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (C) envious, fortune**

WHY?

The standard collocation is “envious of” combined with someone's “good fortune”.

Q12

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Besides the items _____ form the almirah, documents were _____ all over the floor.

A disappearing, thrown

B **missing, strewn**



C deprived, scattered

D clear, split

E None of these

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (B) missing, strewn**

WHY?

Items “missing from” a cupboard and papers “strewn” (scattered untidily) on the floor are the natural, idiomatic pairing.

Q13

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

On account of _____ rainfall, they had to _____ cut in water supply.

A **inadequate, impose** ✓

B sufficient, enforce

C heavy, regulate

D scanty, lift

E None of these

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (A) inadequate, impose**

WHY?

“Inadequate” (insufficient) rainfall logically leads authorities to “impose” a cut in water supply.

Q14

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Even if a man is found _____ by a court, he can _____ to a higher court.

A convicted, onus

B **guilty, appeal**



C wanting, office

D derelict, attitude

E None of these

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (B) guilty, appeal**

WHY?

A person found “guilty” retains the legal right to “appeal” to a higher court.

Q15

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

I have just the memory of my father to _____ now, but my faith in him has never been _____.

A recall, missing

B store, forgotten

C **love, shaken**



D worship, mistaken

E worship, missing

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (C) love, shaken

WHY?

“Faith... shaken” is the standard collocation, matched here with “love” for the memory that remains cherished.

Q16

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

It is _____ superstition to suppose that knowledge can be _____ only by going to schools and colleges.

A huge, accomplished

B hollow, garnered

C **gross, obtained**



D great, achieved

E trivial, achieved

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (C) gross, obtained**

WHY?

“Gross superstition” (a strong, common collocation for a blatant misconception) pairs with knowledge being “obtained” through schooling.

Q17

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Workers in earlier days were _____ because of which the industries _____ a lot.

- A honest, lost
- B rich, flourished
- C autocrats, developed

D inefficient, suffered



✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (D) inefficient, suffered

WHY?

Cause and effect: inefficient workers directly caused the industries to suffer heavy losses.

Q18

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

The speaker's _____ over his subject was seen through his _____ discourse.

A **mastery, fluent** ✓

B efficiency, thorough

C lethargy, dull

D grip, boring

E skill, pleasant

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (A) mastery, fluent

WHY?

“Mastery over a subject” is a fixed phrase, naturally reflected in “fluent” (smooth, articulate) speech.

Q19

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

The judge _____ him, found _____ on the basis of the evidence.

A acquitted, criminal

B praised, guilty

C **sentenced, guilty**



D pardoned, innocent

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (C) sentenced, guilty

WHY?

Logical sequence: the judge “sentenced” him because the evidence had found him “guilty”.

Q20

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

The other servants had to _____ since Ramu alone _____ all the food.

A leave, prepared

B eat, cooked

C wait, spoiled

D **starve, consumed**



✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (D) starve, consumed

WHY?

If Ramu alone “consumed” (ate up) all the food, the rest were naturally left to “starve”.

Q21

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

If you do not _____ all your monthly expenses would _____ your income.

A spend, gain

B save, outwit

C **economise, exceed**



D think, swallow

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (C) economise, exceed

WHY?

Failing to “economise” (budget carefully) means expenses will “exceed” income.

Q22

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

A nation that loses the _____ of honesty loses its _____.

- A power, will
- B appeal, charisma
- C dictum, ground
- D stamina, courage

E **virtue, soul**



✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (E) virtue, soul

WHY?

Honesty is itself a “virtue”; losing it means the nation loses its very “soul” — its moral core.

Q23

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

If one gets rid of the government officials and politicians from the _____ of economic activities, corruption will be _____.

- A hub, balanced
- B nexus, reprimanded
- C gear, eliminated
- D genre, alleviated

E **sphere, reduced**



✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (E) sphere, reduced

WHY?

Removing officials from the “sphere” (arena) of economic activity would see corruption “reduced”.

Q24

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

In a democracy, it is essential that _____ voices on one extreme or the other should exist as part of the system of checks and _____.

A concerned, pressure

B **dissenting, balances**



C confronting, pranks

D opposition, whims

E eager, fancies

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (B) dissenting, balances

WHY?

“Dissenting voices” (opposing opinions) are part of the classic constitutional phrase “checks and balances.”

Q25

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

We are neither _____ nor _____ in our stand on Kashmir.

A consistent, pragmatic



B harsh, firm

C dissident, dissociate

D even, odd

E harmonious, dogmatic

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (A) consistent, pragmatic

WHY?

The sentence criticises the policy as lacking direction — neither “consistent” (steady) nor “pragmatic” (practical).

Q26

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Pakistan's decision not to play the Sahara Cup against India was a move in the right _____ and the _____ of our anguish and anger.

A manner, behaviour

B **directions, manifestation**



C way, temperament

D path, symbolism

E track, token

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (B) directions, manifestation**

WHY?

“A move in the right direction” is a set phrase, and the decision is called a “manifestation” (visible expression) of anger.

Q27

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Order can be _____ only when law becomes _____.

- A supposed, coercive
- B preserved, compulsory
- C **maintained, enforceable** ✓
- D obeyed, irresistible
- E ruled, stringent

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (C) maintained, enforceable

WHY?

Public order is “maintained” only when the law is actually “enforceable” (capable of being carried out).

Q28

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Rain brought _____ to the city but power supply continued to play _____.

A cheer, void

B **comfort, hooky**



C freshness, nowhere

D motto, reconciling

E symbol, unifying

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (B) comfort, hooky**

WHY?

The idiom “play hooky” means to be erratically absent — fittingly describing an unreliable power supply, paired with the “comfort” the rain brought.

Q29

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Today the city _____ free housing and hospitals and clean streets has become the _____ of the entire country.

A offers, example

B **known, pride**



C with, envy

D providing, challenge

E supplies, dream

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (B) known, pride**

WHY?

“Known for” modifies “the city” correctly, and such a city naturally becomes the “pride” of the country.

Q30

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

The party has itself to _____ for failing in its basic task of addressing people's _____.

A punish, concerns

B penalise, woes

C bear, anxieties

D **blame, problems**



E introspect, duties

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (D) blame, problems**

WHY?

The idiom “has itself to blame” is used for self-inflicted failure — here, in addressing people's “problems.”

Q31

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

The serial has been _____ aspirants from _____ the society.

A tantalising, over

B **attracting, across**



C haunting, amidst

D eulogising, among

E gathering, above

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (B) attracting, across

WHY?

A popular serial “attracts” viewers/aspirants from “across” (all sections of) society.

Q32

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Despite illiteracy, the _____ of Indian voters have already demonstrated their political _____.

A mood, hobnob

B bulk, collousness

C **multitude, maturity**



D reflection, taste

E mass, differences

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (C) multitude, maturity

WHY?

“The multitude of voters” (the great many) have shown political “maturity” despite low literacy.

Q33

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

A committee has been _____ to _____ the transformation of the city into an international finance centre.

A constituted, convert

B **appointed, oversee**



C converged, evaluate

D inducted, change

E inaugurated, determine

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (B) appointed, oversee**

WHY?

A committee is “appointed” and its role is to “oversee” (supervise) a process such as urban transformation.

Q34

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Keeping in mind the _____ to develop the sector the government has _____ solicited foreign investment.

- A importance, never
- B proposal, forcibly
- C objective, wanted
- D view, discretely

E **need, actively**



✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (E) need, actively

WHY?

Recognising the “need” to develop the sector, the government has “actively” (energetically) sought foreign investment.

Q35

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

In his speech he vowed to _____ the four billion unbanked individuals across the world into the _____ of financial inclusion.

A represent, sphere

B target, area

C **bring, realm**



D engage, achievement

E convince, era

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (C) bring, realm

WHY?

One “brings” people “into the realm” (domain) of something — here, financial inclusion.

Q36

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Although he puts in _____ overtime and takes few holidays, he _____ cannot support his family.

A sufficient, however

B lot, besides

C much, thus

D **plenty, still**



E frequency, yet

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (D) plenty, still

WHY?

“Plenty of overtime” is the natural quantity phrase, and “still” correctly signals the contrast — despite the effort, he still cannot cope.

Q37

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

They have been _____ on incentives _____ these practices are implemented at grass root level.

A **relying, ensure**



B improving, secure

C advocating, confirm

D debating, necessitate

E focusing, display

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (A) relying, ensure

WHY?

“Relying on” incentives to “ensure” implementation at the grass-root level is the coherent pairing.

Q38

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

With the merger, the newly formed company has come to _____ the country's _____ into a modern economy.

A lead, acceptance

B **exemplify, transformation**



C promote, development

D reflect, transfer

E stall, exchange

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (B) exemplify, transformation**

WHY?

The company “exemplifies” (embodies) the country's “transformation” into a modern economy.

Q39

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

_____ governance does not encourage respect for authority and _____ the condition of the exploited.

A Frail, enhance

B Lack, recognizes

C Inadequate, heeds

D **Weak, accentuates**



E Effectual, alleviate

✓ CORRECT ANSWER: (D) Weak, accentuates

WHY?

“Weak governance” fails to command respect and “accentuates” (worsens/highlights) the plight of the exploited.

Q40

FILL IN THE BLANK — ENGLISH

Although businesses are less _____ than they were before liberalization, some parts of the economy remain _____ to restrictions.

A **fettered, subject**



B shunned, accessible

C ignored, vulnerable

D restrict, expose

E defunct, resistant

✓ **CORRECT ANSWER: (A) fettered, subject**

WHY?

Businesses are less “fettered” (restricted/chained) than before, though some sectors remain “subject to” restrictions.