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## CHAPTER

## Fill in the Blanks

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-5) :** Each sentence below has a blank/s, each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the word/s that best fit/s the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

(SBI Clerk 2010)

- Many leading members of the opposition party \_\_\_\_\_ to justify the party's decision.
  - having tried
  - has tried
  - have been trying
  - tries
  - is trying
- The state-of-the-art school is \_\_\_\_\_ with a medical clinic and fitness centre.
  - establish
  - illustrative
  - having
  - equipped
  - compromising
- The Bhagavad Gita is a part of the Mahabharata, but it stands \_\_\_\_\_ and is \_\_\_\_\_ in itself.
  - dependent, incomplete
  - together, justified
  - separate, dignified
  - apart, complete
  - united, connected
- The artist's work of art is worthy \_\_\_\_\_ praise.
  - for
  - of
  - to
  - about
  - to be
- The charity \_\_\_\_\_ most of its money through private donations.
  - receives
  - borrowes
  - uses
  - proposes
  - invests

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10) :** Each sentence below has a blank, each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the word / group of words that best fit/s the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

(SBI Clerk 2011)

- When I was training for the marathon, I \_\_\_\_\_ run over 100 kilometres a week.
  - have to
  - would
  - will
  - destined
  - used to
- My colleague is one of the kindest people \_\_\_\_\_.
  - that I knows
  - I know
  - who I know
  - which I know
  - I had known

- The lawyer's \_\_\_\_\_ led to the resolution of the problem.
  - behaviour
  - fees
  - advice
  - impact
  - approval
- The government claims that \_\_\_\_\_ in the telecommunications industry will mean lower prices for customers.
  - budget
  - finance
  - installments
  - decrease
  - competition
- Sarah was walking along the street \_\_\_\_\_ she tripped over.
  - when
  - as
  - while
  - then
  - however

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-15):** In each of these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five words (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. Letter of that word is the answer

(IBPS Clerk 2011)

- He is \_\_\_\_\_ with whatever little he has.
  - They kept the \_\_\_\_\_ of the communication a secret.
  - happy
  - matter
  - gist
  - content
  - sense
- It is hard to believe the \_\_\_\_\_ of operations involved in this activity.
  - The map is drawn to a \_\_\_\_\_ of 1 inch to 50 km.
  - magnitude
  - size
  - scale
  - proportion
  - significance
- Heavy snow did \_\_\_\_\_ the rescue efforts.
  - The food was kept in a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - delay
  - bundle
  - basket
  - hamper
  - holder
- They left \_\_\_\_\_ after breakfast.
  - It is difficult to find a \_\_\_\_\_ person for this job.
  - right
  - immediately
  - suitable
  - best
  - soon
- He would always do \_\_\_\_\_ was told by his superiors.
  - He appeared on stage \_\_\_\_\_ a narrator of the drama.
  - as
  - what
  - about
  - whatever
  - always

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16–20):** In each of these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five words (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. The letter of that word is the answer.

(IBPS Clerk 2011, 2nd Shift)

16. I. The truck stopped \_\_\_\_\_.  
II. We take a \_\_\_\_\_ walk every day.  
(a) suddenly (b) long  
(c) short (d) distant  
(e) near
17. I. I got the grains \_\_\_\_\_ in the machine.  
II. I do not have any \_\_\_\_\_ for doubting him.  
(a) done (b) basis  
(c) ground (d) crushed  
(e) tune
18. I. We were asked to design a \_\_\_\_\_ of the dam.  
II. This Institute is a \_\_\_\_\_ of modern thinking.  
(a) picture (b) type  
(c) function (d) fabric  
(e) model
19. I. Keep a \_\_\_\_\_ grip on the railing.  
II. He was \_\_\_\_\_ asleep.  
(a) fast (b) firm  
(c) deep (d) strong  
(e) sure
20. I. He asked me to \_\_\_\_\_ over the fence.  
II. We should keep the valuables in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) vault (b) cross  
(c) safe (d) tie  
(e) locker

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21-25):** In each of these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five words (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. The letter of that word is the answer.

(IBPS Clerk 2011, 3rd Shift)

21. I. He has now become a \_\_\_\_\_ to reckon with.  
II. It is better not to use \_\_\_\_\_ to prove one's point.  
(a) model (b) force  
(c) coercion (d) name  
(e) influence
22. I. He tried his \_\_\_\_\_ best to score distinction in this exam.  
II. It pays to keep \_\_\_\_\_ head in an emergency.  
(a) cool (b) utmost  
(c) very (d) possible  
(e) level
23. I. The system is working with \_\_\_\_\_ to getting things done.  
II. \_\_\_\_\_ must be commanded and not demanded.  
(a) status (b) relation  
(c) attitude (d) respect  
(e) honour
24. I. There is a complaint against him that he \_\_\_\_\_ the mistakes of his juniors.  
II. A good thing about this house is that it \_\_\_\_\_ the sea.

- (a) ignores (b) promotes  
(c) examines (d) overlooks  
(e) faces
25. I. Out of the total loans \_\_\_\_\_ by the bank, the largest share was for infrastructure.  
II. The trees are \_\_\_\_\_ throughout the area.  
(a) disbursed (b) covered  
(c) distributed (d) spanned  
(e) extended

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 26-30):** In each of these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five words (a),(b),(c),(d) and (e) are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. Letter of that word is the answer.

(IBPS Clerk 2011, 4th Shift)

26. I. Boats take more time going against the \_\_\_\_\_ of the river.  
II. She keeps herself abreast of \_\_\_\_\_ events.  
(a) low (b) latest  
(c) water (d) all  
(e) current
27. I. While trying to open the door' the \_\_\_\_\_ broke.  
II. It is not difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ tricky situations  
(a) handle (b) knob  
(c) bracket (d) overcome  
(e) win
28. I. This course teaches you not to \_\_\_\_\_ temptations.  
II. We hope to increase our \_\_\_\_\_ of rice this year.  
(a) succumb (b) produce  
(c) yield (d) share  
(e) submit
29. I. When you play your radio at high \_\_\_\_\_ it disturbs other.  
II. We have just received a latest \_\_\_\_\_ of this encyclopedia.  
(a) edition (b) volume  
(c) channel (d) frequency  
(e) pitch
30. I. It helps to rinse one's mouth early morning with a \_\_\_\_\_ of salt and water.  
II. You can always refer to this reference material to find the \_\_\_\_\_ to these problems.  
(a) mixture (b) answers  
(c) liquid (d) fix  
(e) solution

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31-35) :** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five pairs of words denoted by (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks to make the sentence meaningfully complete.

(SBI PO 2011)

31. \_\_\_\_\_ of illiteracy from a nation that is set to become the most populated in the world is by no \_\_\_\_\_ easy.  
(a) Countering, task (b) Driving, measure  
(c) Curbing, way (d) Eradication, means  
(e) Removal, point

32. It is time to \_\_\_\_\_ ongoing programmes and \_\_\_\_\_ new horizons.  
 (a) value, choose (b) speculate, experiment  
 (c) reject, consider (d) scrutinise, impound  
 (e) assess, seek
33. This approach would \_\_\_\_\_ the enormous illiteracy problem to be \_\_\_\_\_ in a holistic manner.  
 (a) enable, tackled (b) focus, viewed  
 (c) envision, dealt (d) combine, judged  
 (e) review, countered
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ of criminalisation of politics needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ far more seriously.  
 (a) lacuna, dealt (b) issue, addressed  
 (c) system, broken (d) continuation, suppressed  
 (e) process, diverted
35. It would be proper for India to judge Pakistan by its \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) credentials, potentials (b) culture, politics  
 (c) actions, words (d) promises, assurances  
 (e) nature, behaviour

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 36-40) : The following questions consist of a single sentence with only one blank. You are given six words as answer choices and from the six choices, you have to pick up two correct answers, either of which will make the sentence meaningfully complete.**

(IBPS PO/MT 2011)

36. The ability of a woman to do well does not \_\_\_\_\_ on whether it is a man's world or not, because everyone has his/her own opportunities.  
 (1) trust (2) depend  
 (3) reckon (4) live  
 (5) rest (6) believe  
 (a) (4) and (5) (b) (2) and (3)  
 (c) (1) and (6) (d) (2) and (5)  
 (e) (3) and (4)
37. Drugs worth ₹ 3 lakhs were \_\_\_\_\_ from the apartment by the police.  
 (1) manufactured (2) ruptured  
 (3) seized (4) confiscated  
 (5) bought (6) compared  
 (a) (1) and (4) (b) (2) and (3)  
 (c) (3) and (5) (d) (5) and (6)  
 (e) (3) and (4)
38. An organization \_\_\_\_\_ to the mission of road safety has prepared an action plan for reducing accidents and related injuries and fatalities.  
 (1) specified (2) inaugurated  
 (3) committed (4) kicked off  
 (5) succumbed (6) dedicated  
 (a) (3) and (6) (b) (1) and (5)  
 (c) (3) and (5) (d) (4) and (6)  
 (e) (1) and (3)
39. A man reportedly \_\_\_\_\_ two passports with the same photograph, but under different names was arrested by the commissioner's Task Force.  
 (1) possessing (2) examining  
 (3) surrendering (4) mastering  
 (5) holding (6) fixating  
 (a) (2) and (3) (b) (3) and (6)  
 (c) (1) and (5) (d) (1) and (4)  
 (e) (4) and (5)

40. The Hollywood star and the Bollywood heroine are being \_\_\_\_\_ as the next big onscreen couple.  
 (1) labeled (2) explained  
 (3) worshiped (4) touted  
 (5) exclaimed (6) shouted  
 (a) (2) and (4) (b) (1) and (3)  
 (c) (2) and (6) (d) (1) and (4)  
 (e) (3) and (4)

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 41-45) : The following questions consist of a single sentence with only one blank. You are given six words denoted by A, B, C, D, E & F as answer choices and from the six choices you have to pick two correct answers, either of which will make the sentence meaningfully complete.**

(IBPS PO/MT 2012)

41. \_\_\_\_\_ before the clock struck 8 on Saturday night, India Gate was swamped with people wearing black tee-shirts and holding candles.  
 (A) Minutes (B) Time  
 (C) Later (D) Quickly  
 (E) Since (F) Seconds  
 (a) (B) and (E) (b) (A) and (C)  
 (c) (A) and (F) (d) (B) and (D)  
 (e) (C) and (E)
42. The States should take steps to the process of teachers' \_\_\_\_\_ appointments as the Centre has already sanctioned six lakh posts.  
 (A) fasten (B) move  
 (C) hasten (D) speed  
 (E) early (F) quicken  
 (a) (D) and (F) (b) (A) and (C)  
 (c) (C) and (F) (d) (D) and (E)  
 (e) (B) and (D)
43. A senior citizen's son \_\_\_\_\_ threatened her every day and physically harmed her, forcing her to transfer her property to him.  
 (A) superficially (B) mistakenly  
 (C) allegedly (D) miserably  
 (E) doubtfully (F) purportedly  
 (a) (C) and (F) (b) (A) and (E)  
 (c) (C) and (E) (d) (D) and (F)  
 (e) (A) and (C)
44. Medical teachers said that the management had continued to remain \_\_\_\_\_ to their cause leading to the stretching of their strike.  
 (A) unmoved (B) lethargic  
 (C) unconcerned (D) apathetic  
 (E) indifferent (F) bored  
 (a) (B) and (C) (b) (C) and (D)  
 (c) (A) and (E) (d) (A) and (D)  
 (e) (D) and (E)
45. The parents had approached the high court to \_\_\_\_\_ the government order after their children, who passed UKG, were denied admission by a school.  
 (A) void (B) quash  
 (C) annul (D) stay  
 (E) lift (F) post  
 (a) (A) and (D) (b) (B) and (C)  
 (c) (C) and (E) (d) (E) and (F)  
 (e) (C) and (D)

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46 - 50): In each of these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Five words (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) are suggested. Out of these, only one fits at both the places in the context of each sentence. Number of that word is the answer.**

(IBPS Clerk 2012)

46. I. Our office decided to organize a party for the \_\_\_\_\_ couple.  
 II. She \_\_\_\_\_ him in conversation to while away some time.  
 (a) new (b) engaged  
 (c) pledged (d) held  
 (e) encountered
47. I. It is required that you fill out these two \_\_\_\_\_ to register for the job.  
 II. This subject has many practical \_\_\_\_\_ in day to day life.  
 (a) forms (b) applications  
 (c) relevance (d) statements  
 (e) views
48. I. The next \_\_\_\_\_ of this case is after two months.  
 II. After the accident her \_\_\_\_\_ has been affected.  
 (a) dates (b) balance  
 (c) evidence (d) health  
 (e) hearing
49. I. As a last \_\_\_\_\_ we had to accept these terms and conditions.  
 II. This place has become a good tourist \_\_\_\_\_ now.  
 (a) resort (b) step  
 (c) attraction (d) spot  
 (e) means
50. I. The organization decided on an hourly minimum \_\_\_\_\_ of ₹ 35.  
 II. Will he \_\_\_\_\_ a war on these fronts to improve things?  
 (a) pay (b) declare  
 (c) pose (d) wage  
 (e) campaign

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 51-55): Pick out the most effective word/phrases from the given alternatives marked (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) given below each sentence to fill in the blank to make the sentence meaningful and grammatically correct.**

(IBPS Clerk 2012)

51. By the middle of the 19th Century, the urban population of England \_\_\_\_\_ the rural population.  
 (a) have exceed (b) exceeded  
 (c) was to exceeds (d) exceeds  
 (e) will exceed
52. The house that the actress lives in is beautiful, but the surroundings are \_\_\_\_\_ unpleasant.  
 (a) quite (b) more and more  
 (c) a little quite (d) very little  
 (e) quite few
53. My friend and I decided to watch a play, however \_\_\_\_\_ enjoyed it.  
 (a) hardly of us (b) some few of us  
 (c) we scarcely only (d) neither of us  
 (e) no one of us

54. It is difficult to speak a language fluently unless \_\_\_\_\_ regularly.  
 (a) it is in practice (b) it is by practising  
 (c) it will be practised (d) it is practised  
 (e) it had been practised.
55. By the time he was eighteen years old, Peter \_\_\_\_\_ to make a living and support his family.  
 (a) begins (b) began  
 (c) started beginning (d) would begin  
 (e) has just begun

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 56-60) : Each sentence below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank which best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

(SBI Clerk 2012)

56. The students \_\_\_\_\_ not reach on time \_\_\_\_\_ of the transport strike.  
 (a) can - as (b) could - because  
 (c) may - account (d) will - despite  
 (e) should - for
57. They were \_\_\_\_\_ to vacate that house as \_\_\_\_\_ as possible.  
 (a) asked - soon (b) ordered - easy  
 (c) shown - early (d) told - later  
 (e) found - fast
58. The teacher \_\_\_\_\_ the concept by \_\_\_\_\_ practical examples.  
 (a) showed - telling (b) gave - speaking  
 (c) liked - citing (d) found - looking  
 (e) explained - quoting
59. The manager told us \_\_\_\_\_ Ramesh was very anxious \_\_\_\_\_ the meeting.  
 (a) about - in (b) that - before  
 (c) like - during (d) the - for  
 (e) said - after
60. She did not tell \_\_\_\_\_ that she \_\_\_\_\_ attended the party.  
 (a) someone - have (b) no one - has  
 (c) him - not (d) her - can  
 (e) anyone - had

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 61-65): Each sentence below has a blank, each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

(SBI Clerk 2012, 2nd shift)

61. Rajeev was upset because he \_\_\_\_\_ forgotten his best friend's birthday?  
 (a) have (b) shall  
 (c) will (d) might  
 (e) had
62. Raj was \_\_\_\_\_ introvert and would prefer to sit in the library rather than go out with friends.  
 (a) the (b) a  
 (c) like (d) for  
 (e) an

63. Shanku was born \_\_\_\_\_ a silver spoon in his mouth and was very proud of his wealth.  
 (a) with (b) along  
 (c) on (d) within  
 (e) wishing
64. Laxmi lost an important file and rather than confessing her \_\_\_\_\_ she blamed Sandra for losing it.  
 (a) respect (b) image  
 (c) attitude (d) default  
 (e) mistake
65. Jacob was a rich old man who lived \_\_\_\_\_ alone in a huge house because his children did not care about him.  
 (a) only (b) all  
 (c) more (d) too  
 (e) little

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 66-70): In these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Against each 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.**

(IBPS Clerk 2013)

66. I. The report ended on a \_\_\_\_\_ note.  
 II. They must take \_\_\_\_\_ steps to deal with the problem.  
 (a) criticising (b) huge  
 (c) positive (d) fancy  
 (e) cursory
67. I. In today's world parents usually \_\_\_\_\_ that their children do not talk to them as they are more involved in electronic gadgets and social media.  
 II. He would \_\_\_\_\_ about every other child on the playground and his parents would fight with other parents so as to protect him.  
 (a) feel (b) defend  
 (c) fight (d) complain  
 (e) observe
68. I. He was good with Mathematics so he could not fathom why other people cribbed about such an \_\_\_\_\_ subject.  
 II. In a world so riddled with greed and corruption where every man seems to be out to get another, it is not very \_\_\_\_\_ to trust others.  
 (a) good (b) exciting  
 (c) wise (d) easy  
 (e) interesting
69. I. The area under our eyes is connected to our kidneys, so any \_\_\_\_\_ change in the dark circles indicates dehydration or accumulating toxins.  
 II. Many Indian adults are struggling with weight, thus indulging in weight loss programmes that require \_\_\_\_\_ changes in their current lifestyle.  
 (a) drastic (b) frequent  
 (c) ambiguous (d) severe  
 (e) aggressive

70. I. Usually fund-raising events and charity auctions raise a large amount of money as people from all sections of the society get an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ for a cause.  
 II. Today, a person needs to \_\_\_\_\_ very hard for surviving in the corporate race.  
 (a) work (b) contribute  
 (c) effort (d) donate  
 (e) dedication

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 71-75): Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

(IBPS PO/MT 2013)

71. In an effort to provide \_\_\_\_\_ for higher education to all, most of the universities have been providing education without adequate infrastructure, thus churning out \_\_\_\_\_ graduates every year.  
 (a) chances, fresh  
 (b) platform, capable  
 (c) opportunities, unemployable  
 (d) prospects, eligible  
 (e) policy, incompetent
72. The move to allow dumping of mercury \_\_\_\_\_ an outcry from residents of the area who \_\_\_\_\_ that high levels of mercury will affect their health and destroy ecologically sensitive forest area.  
 (a) resulted, insist (b) provoked, fear  
 (c) incited, determined (d) activated, accept  
 (e) angered, believe
73. Even as the \_\_\_\_\_ elsewhere in the world are struggling to come out of recession, Indian consumers are splurging on consumer goods and to \_\_\_\_\_ this growth, companies are investing heavily in various sectors.  
 (a) economies, meet  
 (b) countries, inhibit  
 (c) governments, measure  
 (d) nations, inflict  
 (e) companies, counter
74. Drawing attention to the pitfalls of \_\_\_\_\_ solely on Uranium as a fuel for nuclear reactors, Indian scientists warned that Uranium will not last for long and thus research on Thorium as its \_\_\_\_\_ must be revived.  
 (a) using, substitute  
 (b) believing, replacement  
 (c) depending, reserve  
 (d) reckoning, option  
 (e) relying, alternative
75. \_\_\_\_\_ has been taken against some wholesale drug dealers for dealing in surgical items without a valid license and maintaining a stock of \_\_\_\_\_ drugs.  
 (a) Note, overwhelming  
 (b) Step, impressive  
 (c) Execution, outdated  
 (d) Action, expired  
 (e) Lawsuit, invalid

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 76–80) :** In these questions, two sentences (I) and (II) are given. Each sentence has a blank in it. Against each 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.

(IBPS Clerk 2014)

76. I. The deputy manager \_\_\_\_\_ to resign because all his proposals were turned down by his superiors.  
II. The clouds \_\_\_\_\_ rain.  
(a) gave (b) began  
(c) threatened (d) Planned  
(e) None of these
77. I. The construction of the hall has been \_\_\_\_\_ because of the supply of cement in the market.  
II. He is \_\_\_\_\_ by law from holding a licence.  
(a) hampered (b) denied  
(c) completed (d) prevented  
(e) held
78. I. Such stalling tactics are \_\_\_\_\_ to all fans and cannot be condoned.  
II. The idea of eating meat was \_\_\_\_\_ to her.  
(a) injurious (b) unfair  
(c) understandable (d) anathema  
(e) repugnant
79. I. He had managed to \_\_\_\_\_ several times, but was finally arrested by the police.  
II. There was no hope of \_\_\_\_\_ from her disastrous marriage.  
(a) deceive (b) defend  
(c) cheat (d) escape  
(e) abscond.
80. I. It is a well - known \_\_\_\_\_ that the lover of the sea raves for dry land, the age - old yearning to be where we are not.  
II. It is a curious \_\_\_\_\_ that professional comedians often have unhappy personal lives.  
(a) belief (b) paradox  
(c) anomaly (d) credo  
(e) contention

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 81-85) :** In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with an appropriate word. Choose the best alternative among them.

(SBI Clerk 2014)

81. Mr. Murugan has been in this college \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.  
(a) for (b) since  
(c) after (d) before  
(e) None of these
82. We attended a \_\_\_\_\_ discourse.  
(a) spiritual (b) spirituous  
(c) spirituality (d) spiritually  
(e) None of these
83. The valley is known for its \_\_\_\_\_ growth of vegetation.  
(a) luxurious (b) luxury  
(c) luxuriant (d) luxuriously  
(e) None of these
84. Satyajitray's films \_\_\_\_\_ all barriers of caste, creed and religion. They are universal.

- (a) transcend (b) transcends  
(c) trancend (d) transend  
(e) None of these

85. I could hardly recognize him \_\_\_\_\_ I saw him.  
(a) after (b) but  
(c) and (d) when  
(e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 86-90) :** Pick out the most effective pair of words from the given pair of words to make the sentences meaningfully complete.

(SBI PO 2014)

86. Weather officials have \_\_\_\_\_ below-normal rains this year. If the predictions come true, farm output could \_\_\_\_\_ as most of India's farmlands depend on rainwater for irrigation.  
(a) forecasted-shrank (b) forecast-shrank  
(c) forecast-shrink (d) predicted-expand  
(e) predictions-wan
87. It is the role of the state to \_\_\_\_\_ crime and protect people and property. If the state is unable to prevent a crime it falls upon the state to \_\_\_\_\_ the victim.  
(a) prevent-support (b) preventing-encourage  
(c) prevent-supporting (d) forbid-discourage  
(e) forbid-discouraging
88. A person who is clean and tidy in how he dresses up commands better \_\_\_\_\_ from those around him than those "who have a \_\_\_\_\_ and unkempt appearance.  
(a) respectful - slovenly (b) respect - slovenly  
(c) respected - untidy (d) respect - tidy  
(e) respect - careful
89. Today, we have achieved a milestone by completing 60 years of independence. It's now the time for everyone or every Indian to undergo \_\_\_\_\_ of the achievements we already made and also those that are to be still \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) self-introspection-achiver  
(b) self-examination-achieve  
(c) introspection-achieved  
(d) search-found  
(e) cross-inspection - made
90. Education is an essential means of \_\_\_\_\_ women with the knowledge, skills and self-confidence necessary to fully \_\_\_\_\_ in the development process.  
(a) empower-include  
(b) empowering - participate  
(c) empowered - participating  
(d) empowerment - participate  
(e) strengthening - participate

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 91-95):** In each of the following sentences there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence, there are five pairs of words denoted by numbers (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningful.

(IBPS Clerk 2015)

91. It is a well-known \_\_\_\_\_ that the lover of the sea craves for dry land, the age-old \_\_\_\_\_ to be where we are not.  
(a) belief, antipathy (b) anomaly, demiurge  
(c) credo, inspiration (d) contention, duplicity  
(e) paradox, yearning

92. The practice of painting slogans on rock faces, once a thriving industry in Britain, has fallen into \_\_\_\_\_ but there has recently been a/an \_\_\_\_\_ in County Antrim.  
 (a) oblivion, demand (b) misuse, artisan  
 (c) disfavour, upheaval (d) mediocrity, surfeit  
 (e) disuse, recrudescence
93. Curiously enough, the very passages, which set out to clarify only \_\_\_\_\_; the details are served up in \_\_\_\_\_ three-page paragraphs which stupefy the reader.  
 (a) adumbrate, excessive (b) obscure, succinct  
 (c) mystify, stimulating (d) disturb, compact  
 (e) obfuscate, monolithic
94. Only when \_\_\_\_\_ failed, the police resorted to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) efforts, power (b) arrests, imprisonment  
 (c) persuasions, force (d) power, punishment  
 (e) manipulations, arrests
95. He had managed to \_\_\_\_\_ several times, but was finally \_\_\_\_\_ by the police.  
 (a) deceive, cheated (b) defend, acquitted  
 (c) escape, arrested (d) cheat robbed  
 (e) abscond, kidnapped

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 96-100): In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled with appropriate words. Choose the best alternative among the given options.**

(SBI Clerk 2015)

96. Though one eye is kept firmly on the \_\_\_\_\_. The company now also promotes \_\_\_\_\_ contemporary art  
 (a) present, experimental (b) future, popular  
 (c) present, popular (d) market, popular  
 (e) None of these
97. The manners and \_\_\_\_\_ of the nouveau riche is a recurrent \_\_\_\_\_ in the literature  
 (a) style, motif (b) morals, story  
 (c) wealth, theme (d) morals, theme  
 (e) None of these
98. It \_\_\_\_\_ not look like a great deal today, but back then it was a coup: no man before \_\_\_\_\_ to import tea directly into Ireland.  
 (a) may, has dared (b) may, had dared  
 (c) might, have dared (d) might, have ever dared  
 (e) None of these
99. The head \_\_\_\_\_ was annoyed to see a \_\_\_\_\_ in the soup.  
 (a) chief, house fly (b) chef, housefly  
 (c) chief, house-fly (d) chef, monster  
 (e) None of these
100. When you want to digitalise a city \_\_\_\_\_ with millions, you don't bet \_\_\_\_\_ the odds.  
 (a) proceeding, into (b) teeming, against  
 (c) undergoing, adhere (d) dangling, for  
 (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 101-105) : In each question below, two sentences or parts of sentences are given with two blank spaces (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) between them. From among the three parts / sentences denoted by (A), (B) and (C) given below each, find out which two can fill up the blanks in proper sequence (i.e. the order in which these are given in the answer options) to make the sentence/ group of sentences meaningfully complete.**

(IBPS PO/ MT Main 2015)

101. Four years ago, I had a major surgery. (\_\_\_\_\_) . (\_\_\_\_\_) . I was too ill.  
 (A) It left me disabled.  
 (B) My attempts to go back to work could not succeed.  
 (C) I had fully recovered except for some minor weakness.  
 (a) (B) and (A) only (b) (C) and (A) only  
 (c) (B) and (C) only (d) (A) and (B) only  
 (e) (A) and (C) only
102. Based on scientific research, scientists conclude that (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_), they will live even more than a hundred years.  
 (A) keep themselves active all through  
 (B) exercise more, ensure proper vitamin intake,  
 (C) human species, if regulate their diet,  
 (a) Only (A) and (B) (b) Only (A) and (C)  
 (c) Only (C) and (A) (d) Only (C) and (B)  
 (e) Either (C) and (A) or (C) and (B)
103. The Central Government's plans to (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) despite the fact that the opposition parties' united front had mobilized support of general public at the outskirts of Mumbai.  
 (A) defy the curfew imposed to prevent the proposed rally from protesting against the hike in petrol prices  
 (B) curb the rally called for by the opposition succeeded due to ruling party's announcement to  
 (C) cancel all the trains entering Mumbai,  
 (a) (A) and (B) only (b) (B) and (A) only  
 (c) (B) and (C) only (d) (A) and (C) only  
 (e) Either (B) and (C) or (A) and (C)
104. The economic gloom was exacerbated yesterday by Greek Prime Minister's surprise announcement (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_), and vote might put the torturously conceived package in jeopardy.  
 (A) that was struck last week  
 (B) that he would recommend the Parliament to strike down the obnoxious deal  
 (C) that his country would hold a referendum on the European debt deal  
 (a) (C) and (A) only  
 (b) (B) and (A) only  
 (c) (A) and (C) only  
 (d) Either (C) and (A) or (B) and (A)  
 (e) None of these

105. The world's most powerful nations were warned (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) and trigger mass social unrest.  
 (A) that could cost millions of jobs around the globe  
 (B) that international economy was on the brink of a deep new economic crisis  
 (C) that the only solution was pumping a huge amount of money in the economy  
 (a) (C) and (A) only (b) (B) and (A) only  
 (c) (B) and (C) only (d) (C) and (B) only  
 (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 106-110): Five alternative a, b, c, d and e are given under each sentence, you are required to select the most suitable alternative to fill in the blank/blanks in the sentence to make it meaningful.**

(SBI PO Prelim 2015)

106. Intelligence is an \_\_\_\_\_ part of one's success.  
 (a) inseparable (b) inimitable  
 (c) indivisible (d) indispensable  
 (e) None of these
107. Anjana impressed the interviewer with her concise, \_\_\_\_\_ answers.  
 (a) allusive (b) revealing  
 (c) pertinent (d) referential  
 (e) None of these
108. The coach asked the players to \_\_\_\_\_ with his ideology or leave the team.  
 (a) counter (b) align  
 (c) favour (d) separate  
 (e) None of these
109. The seminar helped \_\_\_\_\_ the students on the harmful effects of smoking and alcohol.  
 (a) educate (b) learn  
 (c) teach (d) insist  
 (e) None of these
110. Rajeev was \_\_\_\_\_ legal aid to fight his extradition.  
 (a) offered (b) granted  
 (c) allowed (d) awarded  
 (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 111-115): Each question given below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

(SBI Clerk Mains 2016)

111. After having been friends for more than a decade, they had a \_\_\_\_\_ last year and have not \_\_\_\_\_ each other ever since.  
 (a) fight, talked (b) argument, met  
 (c) dispute, seen (d) quarrel, admired  
 (e) difference, introduced
112. The workers, several of \_\_\_\_\_ had complained about their low wages earlier have now \_\_\_\_\_ to move to the court for the labour rights.  
 (a) who, indicated (b) whom, decided  
 (c) which, threatened (d) them, resolved  
 (e) number, warned

113. The hutment dwellers were jubilant when the government \_\_\_\_\_ an apartment to each of them at \_\_\_\_\_ rates.  
 (a) demolished, fast (b) announced, less  
 (c) provided, high (d) acquired, low  
 (e) promised, subsidised
114. The organization was deeply \_\_\_\_\_ by difficulties a decade ago, but the new CEO brought many \_\_\_\_\_ changes in it and took it to a new high.  
 (a) indebted, necessary (b) plagued, vital  
 (c) coping, more (d) hurt, critical  
 (e) shaken, inevitable
115. The Prime Minister who is \_\_\_\_\_ in his holiday home at the moment said that he was very \_\_\_\_\_ by the news of India winning the World Cup.  
 (a) visiting, happy (b) residing, obliged  
 (c) intruding, dejected (d) staying, pleased  
 (e) resting, cheerful

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 116-120): Select the correct alternatives to fill the blanks given in the questions.**

(SBI PO Main 2015)

116. The \_\_\_\_\_ you work, the \_\_\_\_\_ for your prosperity.  
 (a) more, best (b) least, best  
 (c) harder, better (d) decent, brightest  
 (e) better, brighter
117. \_\_\_\_\_ you need a duplicate ration card, you must submit the \_\_\_\_\_ of your residence.  
 (a) Should, proof (b) If, numbers  
 (c) Had guarantee (d) Do, number  
 (e) Would, document
118. It was my \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ to the serious problem.  
 (a) desire, brought (b) negligence, led  
 (c) fault, lauded (d) mistake, subjected  
 (e) decision, put
119. Because he was \_\_\_\_\_ he left the party earlier and \_\_\_\_\_ home.  
 (a) tired, brought (b) precarious, approached  
 (c) preoccupied, sent (d) ill, contacted  
 (e) unwell, returned
120. An impartial person \_\_\_\_\_ others without any \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) likes, reservation (b) judges, bias  
 (c) blames, prudence (d) praises, point  
 (e) wishes, malice

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 121-125): In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence, there are five pair of words denoted by letters a, b, c, d, and e. Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make the sentence meaningfully complete.**

(SBI PO Preliminary 2016)

121. He objected to the proposal because it was founded on a \_\_\_\_\_ principle and also was \_\_\_\_\_ at time.



- (a) faulty, desirable  
 (b) imperative, reasonable  
 (c) wrong, inconvenient  
 (d) sound, acceptable  
 (e) unconforming, deplorable
122. The criterion for \_\_\_\_\_ a player should be his recent performance, but unfortunately, the journalists are \_\_\_\_\_ to be carried away by earlier successes.  
 (a) condemning, satisfying  
 (b) judging, prone  
 (c) revealing, reluctant  
 (d) eager, acclaiming  
 (e) criticising, clean
123. Although the last half century, he \_\_\_\_\_ himself to public affairs \_\_\_\_\_ taking a holiday.  
 (a) by, committed (b) after, offered  
 (c) devoted, without (d) sacrificed, after  
 (e) prepared, before
124. You will see signs of \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere, which speak well for the \_\_\_\_\_ of these people.  
 (a) decoration, senses (b) clear, debris  
 (c) beauty, careful (d) industry, prosperity  
 (e) repairs, extravaganza
125. The police arrested Ramesh on a \_\_\_\_\_ of theft but for lack of evidence \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
 (a) crime, imprisoned  
 (b) punished, complaint  
 (c) left, condition  
 (d) tip, absconding  
 (e) charge, released

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 126-130): Choose the correct alternatives to fill the blanks given in the questions.**

(IBPS S/O (I.T.) 2015)

126. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Minister's statement cannot be verified by people who have no access to official records.  
 (a) veracity (b) verbosity  
 (c) ambiguity (d) validity  
 (e) None of these
127. The more your action and thought are allied and \_\_\_\_\_ the happier you grow.  
 (a) diverget (b) unravelled  
 (c) integrated (d) invincible  
 (e) None of these
128. The Hubble Space Telescope will search for planets around the stars, a key to the \_\_\_\_\_ of extraterrestrial life, and examine interstellar dust and gases out of which stars are born.  
 (a) perception (b) discovery  
 (c) enquiry (d) quest  
 (e) None of these
129. He knew everything better than anybody else, and it was an affront to his \_\_\_\_\_ vanity that you should disagree with him.  
 (a) overstrung (b) overweening  
 (c) overwhelming (d) overwrought  
 (e) None of these

130. If a peace treaty does not end the \_\_\_\_\_, there is a possibility of an international war.  
 (a) irritant (b) conflict  
 (c) pain (d) culprit  
 (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 131-135): The following sentences have two blanks, each blank indicates that something has been omitted. Choose the words that best fit the meaning of a sentence as a whole.**

(IBPS S/O (I.T.) 2016)

131. After a \_\_\_\_\_ review, it was found that many financial institutions don't have proper \_\_\_\_\_ in place and could unwillingly be financing illegal activities.  
 (a) routine; checks (b) periodic; space  
 (c) schedule; standard (d) custom; timing  
 (e) suddenly; system
132. The main reason youth unemployment has \_\_\_\_\_ in this region is the depth of the recession in these countries and the chances of improvement are \_\_\_\_\_ unless governments kick-start their economies.  
 (a) fallen; negligible (b) risen; visible  
 (c) grown; create (d) soared; remote  
 (e) collapsed; much
133. If the airlines fail to inform their passengers of the \_\_\_\_\_, then such passengers will be entitled for a \_\_\_\_\_ in addition to the ticket refund.  
 (a) rejection, consumption  
 (b) cancellation, compensation  
 (c) cancel, sum  
 (d) ticket, feedback  
 (e) outbreak, refund
134. It is \_\_\_\_\_ that 400 Indian passengers will want to fly in or out of the country by the 2050 and unless the airport facility is improved it will be \_\_\_\_\_ to handle this traffic.  
 (a) though; easier (b) assume; worrisome  
 (c) estimated; difficult (d) typical; perfect  
 (e) expected; able
135. Reform is set to gain \_\_\_\_\_ as much of the spadework for a vibrant economy such as \_\_\_\_\_ laws on taxes and banking are underway.  
 (a) steam; specialising (b) advantage; fix  
 (c) pace; amending (d) tame; modify  
 (e) weight; compensating

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 136 - 140): Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank that best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

(SBI PO 2010)

136. Drawing attention to the pitfalls of \_\_\_\_\_ solely on Uranium as a fuel for nuclear reactors, Indian scientists warned that Uranium will not last for long and thus research on Thorium as its \_\_\_\_\_ must be revived.  
 (a) using, substitute (b) believing, replacement  
 (c) depending, reserve (d) reckoning, option  
 (e) relying, alternative

137. In an effort to provide \_\_\_\_\_ for higher education to all, most of the universities have been providing education without adequate infrastructure, thus churning out \_\_\_\_\_ graduates every year.  
 (a) chances, fresh  
 (b) platform, capable  
 (c) opportunities, unemployable  
 (d) prospects, eligible  
 (e) policy, incompetent
138. The move to allow dumping of mercury \_\_\_\_\_ an outcry from residents to the area who \_\_\_\_\_ that high levels of mercury will affect their health and destroy ecologically sensitive forest area  
 (a) resulted, insist (b) provoked, fear  
 (c) incited, determined (d) activated, accept  
 (e) angered believe
139. \_\_\_\_\_ has been taken against some wholesale drug dealers for dealing in surgical items without a valid license and maintaining a stock of \_\_\_\_\_ drugs.  
 (a) Note, overwhelming (b) Step, impressive  
 (c) Execution, outdated (d) Action, expired  
 (e) Lawsuit, invalid
140. Even as the \_\_\_\_\_ elsewhere in the world are struggling to come out of recession, Indian consumers are splurging on consumer goods and to \_\_\_\_\_ this growth, companies are investing heavily in various sectors.  
 (a) economies, meet  
 (b) countries, inhibit  
 (c) governments, measure  
 (d) nations, inflict  
 (e) companies, counter
143. The line seems to be direct \_\_\_\_\_ to the establishment of a caliphate. But those who know the context of Faiz the poet, the man and his work correctly interpret it as a communist vision of life, with the \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ prevailing.  
 (a) Commendation, democracy, precariat  
 (b) Invocation, dictatorship, proletariat  
 (c) Intercession, autonomy, rabble  
 (d) Citation, anarchism, bourgeoisie  
 (e) Intervention, despot, common people
144. News and social media companies have a moral \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure that they do not, directly or otherwise, deliberately \_\_\_\_\_ the facts to their audiences and pass them off for news. If it is a post-truth world we \_\_\_\_\_, this becomes especially important.  
 (a) obligation, distort, desire  
 (b) commitment, tarnish, denounce  
 (c) responsibility, misrepresent, inhabit  
 (d) purport, besmirch, stigmatize  
 (e) implication, enhance, reside
145. Activists in the country have long protested its \_\_\_\_\_ society that essentially \_\_\_\_\_ women from travelling, marrying or attending college without permission from a male relative, who is called their \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) benevolent, forbid, steward  
 (b) Pre-Adamite, prevent, custodian  
 (c) pre-eminent, restrict, protector  
 (d) venerable, condemns, manacle.  
 (e) patriarchal, prohibits, guardian.

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 141-145) :** In each of the following sentence there are three blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five options and each option consists of three words which can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence to make the sentence grammatically correct.

(IBPS Clerk Main 2016)

141. Indian Cricket has seen many \_\_\_\_\_ captains. But Dhoni was certainly a/an \_\_\_\_\_ one in many ways. As skipper, he mainly focused on cultivating team spirit and creating \_\_\_\_\_ for young players.  
 (a) exceptional, diminutive, chances.  
 (b) sturdy, serendipitous, chances  
 (c) stout, robust, opportunity  
 (d) Stalwart, extraordinary, opportunities.  
 (e) common, exceptional, prospects.
142. Pakistani's Defense Minister Khwaja Muhammad Asif, for all practical purposes, recently \_\_\_\_\_ Israel with a \_\_\_\_\_ nuclear attack, in response to a fake news report that the Israelis had said they would use nuclear \_\_\_\_\_ against Pakistan if it sent ground troops to Syria.  
 (a) threatened, retaliatory, weapons  
 (b) Jeopardized, reciprocating, armor  
 (c) admonished, riposte, weapon  
 (d) rebuked, counter, armament  
 (e) rebuffed, retorted, weapons
- (SBI Clerk (J/A) Pre 2018)**
146. In the same amount of time it would take me to correct all the \_\_\_\_\_ in your report, I could write a better report myself.  
 (a) mistakes (b) problems  
 (c) accuracies (d) obstacles  
 (e) disputes
147. I have recently used the services of his \_\_\_\_\_ agency to book a cruise in the Mediterranean.  
 (a) progress (b) deportation  
 (c) travel (d) transfer  
 (e) mover
148. They would like local authorities to be given greater \_\_\_\_\_ as to how the money is spent.  
 (a) affairs (b) function  
 (c) omission (d) discretion  
 (e) statement
149. In a 10-billion-year-old galaxy there should have been ample \_\_\_\_\_ for at least one species to escape its own mess, and to spread across the stars, filling every niche.  
 (a) negligence (b) opportunity  
 (c) surveillance (d) supply  
 (e) advocacy

150. A true \_\_\_\_\_ of the resources involved in sport would include the unpaid labour services.
- (a) growth (b) consideration  
(c) guidance (d) suggestion  
(e) estimation

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 151-155): Each question below contains a statement with three blanks followed by four options. Choose which words can fill the three blanks and mark it as your answer.**

(SBI Clerk (J/A) Main 2018)

151. The creation of NITI Aayog was \_\_\_\_\_ to be a game changer, to \_\_\_\_\_ new vigour and rigour in the policy planning process, involve key stakeholders, and address the \_\_\_\_\_ of the previous body.
- (a) proposed, absorb, challenges  
(b) proposed, address, success  
(c) expected, infuse, failures  
(d) supposed, implant, accomplishment  
(e) considered, deter, drawbacks
152. The Competition Commission with a \_\_\_\_\_ to protect the consumer from industry \_\_\_\_\_ has been fully functional for eight years now and has \_\_\_\_\_ a good reputation for itself.
- (a) goal, monsters, performed  
(b) command, monopoly, priced  
(c) mandate, cartelization, earned  
(d) score, growth, reached  
(e) goal, threats, gained
153. The \_\_\_\_\_ for debt-waiver programmes comes from the theoretical argument that a high level of outstanding debt \_\_\_\_\_ the incentive for the debtor to \_\_\_\_\_ effort to repay.
- (a) support, reduces, exert  
(b) opposition, increases, increase  
(c) disapproval, forces, minimize  
(d) notice, moves, creditors  
(e) help, hinder, toil
154. With weapons stolen from the government, a group of \_\_\_\_\_ begin to unleash \_\_\_\_\_ on citizens worldwide and plan to get rich in the process-until a young man accidentally finds the kill switch to \_\_\_\_\_ their plans.
- (a) attacker, lawfulness, devise  
(b) gangsters, havoc, succeed  
(c) warrior, freedom, withdraw  
(d) belligerents, anarchy, destroy  
(e) hooligans, laxity, ruin
155. Even now, after the chaos caused by India's decision last November to \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 90% of its banknotes, few people would argue with the policy's \_\_\_\_\_ assumption: Going cashless is, if \_\_\_\_\_ well, a good thing.
- (a) reduce, hidden, transferred  
(b) eliminate, underlying, handled  
(c) find, dominating, performed  
(d) hide, valued, viewed  
(e) defunct, inherent, wielded

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 156-160): In each of the following sentences, parts of the sentence are left blank. Beneath each sentence, five different ways of completing the sentence are indicated. Choose the best alternative among the given options.**

(IBPS Clerk Main 2018)

156. \_\_\_\_\_ the middle of this year, President Pranav Mukherjee is expected to \_\_\_\_\_ on an official visit to China.
- (a) In, depart (b) Amidst, arrive  
(c) Towards, embark (d) By, visit  
(e) For, go
157. Comprehension is a specific brain power that is \_\_\_\_\_ in every population that has learned to be \_\_\_\_\_ about the organisms surrounding us.
- (a) evoked, wary (b) encouraged, diffident  
(c) growing, allured (d) latent, curious  
(e) hide, optimistic
158. The smartphone symbolizes that awkward \_\_\_\_\_ in the communication technologies; while it \_\_\_\_\_ to bring us together, it keeps us apart.
- (a) phenomenon, want (b) irony, wishes  
(c) enigma, makes (d) irony, intends  
(e) paradox, tries
159. Food and L.P.G. subsidies \_\_\_\_\_ to proliferate, and it is very important to rationalize and \_\_\_\_\_ them.
- (a) Proceed, achieve (b) maintain, object  
(c) remain, select (d) continue, target  
(e) pursue, prey
160. His \_\_\_\_\_ is the right one and it raises above the competing \_\_\_\_\_ of the two agencies.
- (a) Leader, detains (b) Appeal, moment  
(c) Decision, narratives (d) Intention, opportune  
(e) Pursue, prey

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 161 - 165): In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence, there are five options and each blank is to be filled with the same word given below to make the sentence correct. Fill up the sentences with the correct word.**

(IBPS Clerk (Pre) – 2018)

161. (I) Rumors continued to be rampant about his ..... culpability in Billy Langstrom's death.  
(II) When did they find these ..... bones?
- (a) vindictive (b) alleged  
(c) vendetta (d) supposed  
(e) doubtful
162. (I) Pluralism, nepotism, simony and all the other ancient abuses were more ..... than ever.  
(II) The abuses of which he particularly complains are such as were found ..... by Ezra and Nehemiah - marriage with foreign women
- (a) rampant (b) reviving  
(c) spreading (d) restrained  
(e) inclined
163. (I) Thus the use of machinery became possible, and this ..... the entire industry.  
(II) The single genius of Holberg ..... this system.
- (a) encouraged (b) regularized  
(c) revolutionized (d) returned  
(e) rebuked

164. (I) In some areas, parents who ..... drinking remained a major problem.  
 (II) She denied that the government has essentially ..... human rights abuses.
- (a) cancelled (b) condemned  
 (c) allowed (d) condoned  
 (e) regenerated
165. (I) No anger was felt; the ..... prior, the prophet and lawgiver of Florence, was made the popular scapegoat.  
 (II) He was a ..... Hanoverian, and a favourite with Queen Anne in spite of his Whiggism.
- (a) revived (b) dispassionate  
 (c) apathetic (d) jealous  
 (e) zealous

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 166-171): In the passage given below, there are three blanks. Corresponding to each question, six words are given. In the options, a combination of three words is given corresponding to the three words. In each find out the appropriate set of words in each case which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.**

(IBPS PO Pre – 2018)

166. The ..... tensions over the last few months between the Reserve Bank of India and the Centre found ..... release over the weekend ..... a public speech by Deputy Governor Viral Acharya.
- (A) enhancing (B) simmering  
 (C) spectacular (D) momorable  
 (E) through (F) in  
 (a) ABC (b) CDE  
 (c) BCE (d) ADF  
 (e) BDF
167. "Governments that do not respect central bank independence," said Mr. Acharya, "will sooner or later incur the ..... of financial markets, ..... economic fire, and come to ..... the day they undermined an important regulatory institution."
- (A) wrath (B) angry  
 (C) ignite (D) lament  
 (E) involve (F) rue  
 (a) BEF (b) ACF  
 (c) AEF (d) BCE  
 (e) AFE
168. While Saudi Arabia is struggling to ..... its image in the aftermath of the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi inside its ..... in Istanbul, another human rights crisis ..... by its actions confronts the kingdom.
- (A) palace (B) reclaimed  
 (C) salvage (D) motivated  
 (E) consulate (F) triggered  
 (a) DAC (b) BAC  
 (c) CFA (d) DAB  
 (e) CEF
169. According to the United Nations, the war on Yemen, ..... by a Saudi-led coalition for over three years ..... American support, has pushed 14 million people, about half of the country's population, ..... "pre-famine" conditions.

- (A) raged (B) waged  
 (C) of (D) with  
 (E) into (F) onto  
 (a) ADF (b) BEF  
 (c) DEF (d) BDE  
 (e) CDE
170. Despite ..... criticism of his handling of the attack on one of the poorest Arab countries, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, the main architect of the war, has ..... international pressure to ..... hostilities.
- (A) increasing (B) mounting  
 (C) embed (D) preventive  
 (E) evaded (F) cease  
 (a) BEF (b) DEC  
 (c) ABC (d) BFE  
 (e) DEF
171. Unable to defeat the rebels militarily, the Saudi coalition has ..... a blockade on the country, worsening Yemen's food and medicines ..... Half of the country's medical facilities are not .....
- (A) foist (B) implement  
 (C) imposed (D) scarcity  
 (E) problem (F) functional  
 (a) ABC (b) BCE  
 (c) DEF (d) CDF  
 (e) FAB

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 172-176): In each of the following sentence, there are two blank spaces. Below each sentence, there are five options and each blank is to be filled with the same word given below to make the sentence correct. Fill up the sentences with the correct word.**

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172. (I) I don't think he feels I'm ..... of a crime but he knows I'm holding back on him.  
 (II) We are both ..... for sending the only innocent soul either of us has ever known to Hell.
- (a) culprit (b) culpable  
 (c) victim (d) aggrieved  
 (e) patient
173. (I) The machine was set for "..... selection" so no one was cheated.  
 (II) Do you think this was a ..... break in?
- (a) planned (b) impromptu  
 (c) candid (d) random  
 (e) expected
174. (I) A monument was erected in 1901 to ..... the Russians who fell.  
 (II) Was residing at Orvieto; and it was to ..... this miracle that the existing cathedral was built.
- (a) memorable (b) commend  
 (c) appraise (d) mark  
 (e) commemorate
175. (I) The chroniclers ..... the fact that this king was not of royal descent.  
 (II) He seemed to ..... the last word, as if to say--Yes, misfortune!
- (a) emphasize (b) incite  
 (c) force (d) support  
 (e) pressurize

176. (I) There is a ..... of students that are willing to be first in line.  
 (II) The ..... of tasty aromas made Kate hungrier as she waited for her own food.  
 (a) abandonment (b) crowd  
 (c) bunch (d) scarcity  
 (e) plethora

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 177-181): In each of the following questions, a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence is given and four words are BOLDENED in it. One of these four words may be misspelt. You have to identify the misspelt word and chose the appropriate option as your answer. If all the words are correctly spelt, then mark 'All Correct' as your answer.**

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177. The **exact** cost of World War II in human lives is unknown, but **casualties** may have **totalled** over 60 million service **personnal** and civilians killed.  
 (a) Personnal (b) Totalled  
 (c) Casualties (d) Exact  
 (e) All Correct
178. With the Japanese **advant** towards India, the **pressure** was **mounting** on Great Britain from China, the US and the UK to solve the issue of the **future** status of India before the end of the war.  
 (a) future (b) mounting  
 (c) pressure (d) advant  
 (e) All Correct
179. The right to move the Supreme Court under Article 32 for **voilation** of Fundamental Rights, must be based on a **pleading** that the **petitioners'** personal rights to **worship** have been violated.  
 (a) Petitioners (b) Voilation  
 (c) Worship (d) Pleading  
 (e) All Correct
180. Global growth has plateaued at 3.7 per cent and there are clouds on the horizone as the growth has proved to be less balanced than hoped.  
 (a) hoped (b) plateaued  
 (c) horizone (d) proved  
 (e) All Correct
181. **Experts** from the Department of Agriculture and **Fisherries** and Sea World Gold Coast worked for almost two hours on **Tuesday** morning **untagling** a humpback whale calf from a fishing net.  
 (a) Experts (b) Fisherries  
 (c) Tuesday (d) Untagling  
 (e) All Correct

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 182-186): In each of the questions given below, an incomplete sentence which must be filled/completed with one of the sentences given below. Choose the correct option and complete the given sentences.**

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182. The body was taken into custody and police stations of nearby districts ..... her identity  
 (a) were commanded to reveal  
 (b) were commanded to conceal  
 (c) were forced to hide  
 (d) were ordered to trace  
 (e) were reluctant to know

183. We need data so that various government schemes for different categories ..... smoothly.  
 (a) can be implemented (b) can be debarred  
 (c) can be executed (d) can be resolved  
 (e) can be entered into
184. A question on the form asks whether parents of the applicant ..... occupation  
 (a) are involved in a disguised  
 (b) are indulged in the illegal  
 (c) are engaged in a clean  
 (d) are absorbed in the self created  
 (e) are engaged in an unclean
185. She added that too much information was being sought in the form and the school could not .....  
 (a) find that the students are doing well or not  
 (b) understand the purpose behind it  
 (c) discover the reason of mismanagement  
 (d) understand the politics behind it  
 (e) analyse the reason of doing so
186. The focus has been on finishing the syllabus instead of concentrating on whether the student .....  
 (a) is being able to understand what is being taught  
 (b) is being able to understand what is not taught  
 (c) is being able to judge whether the school is reducing the fees or not  
 (d) is being able to know whether the school is organising the fest or not  
 (e) is being able to perform well or not

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 187-191): In question given below there are two statements, each statement consists of two blanks. You have to choose the option which provides the correct set of words that fits both the blanks in both the statements appropriately and in the same order making them meaningful and grammatically correct.**

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187. (1) Despite the fact that cancerous ovarian stem cells are \_\_\_\_\_ to chemoresistance, they are the \_\_\_\_\_ targets for therapy.  
 (2) How quickly the \_\_\_\_\_ branch of Homo heidelbergensis turned into something that could be called Homo sapiens was therefore \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) Feigned, indeterminate  
 (b) Pertinent, inane  
 (c) Relevant, obscure  
 (d) affiliated, fatuous  
 (e) analogous, insignificant
188. (1) The molecular targeting of CSCs may improve the \_\_\_\_\_ of current chemotherapeutic \_\_\_\_\_ needed for the management of this disease.  
 (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and safety of once-daily \_\_\_\_\_ in the treatment of HIV infection is currently under inspection.  
 (a) Germaneness, medication  
 (b) Efficacy, regimens  
 (c) Emasculation, nutriments  
 (d) Potency, sustenance  
 (e) Sufficiency, subsistence

189. (1) The six-day war was the last unalloyed military victory for Israel, and the start of a \_\_\_\_\_ from existential wars against Arab states, which it always won, to \_\_\_\_\_ campaigns against non-state militias which it could never wipe out.
- (2) He sees these dualities as having been maintained through the \_\_\_\_\_ by a deliberate and \_\_\_\_\_ general amnesia.
- (a) Transition, enervating  
 (b) Progression, invigorating  
 (c) Concatenation, exhilarating  
 (d) Juncture, frivolous  
 (e) Movement, enfeeble
190. (1) The obvious \_\_\_\_\_ between China's level of participation and other Asian states' requires some \_\_\_\_\_.
- (2) For years there has been talk Aldo's lazy performances had more to do with a brutal weight cut than any skill \_\_\_\_\_. That's always been a pretty probable \_\_\_\_\_, given the number of horrendous weight cuts MMA sees.
- (a) Deviation, delineation  
 (b) Discrepancy, explanation  
 (c) Incongruity, cogitation  
 (d) contrast, contemplation  
 (e) Contrariety, rumination
191. (1) Polish environment minister to \_\_\_\_\_ over COP24 conference, the choice was made \_\_\_\_\_ by the climate-change committee of the United Nations.
- (2) The Labour Party is led by two Marxists: Mr Corbyn and John McDonnell, his shadow chancellor, who believe in the materialist interpretation of history. Yet they now \_\_\_\_\_ over a coalition of voters defined \_\_\_\_\_ by their shared values.
- (a) Debate, diligently  
 (b) Concoct, congruently  
 (c) Supervise, perspicaciously  
 (d) Conduct, unanimously  
 (e) Preside, overwhelmingly

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 192-196): Pick out the most effective pair of words from the given pair of words to make the sentence/s meaningfully complete.**

(IBPS RRB Scale-I Main 2017)

192. Of all the problems that have \_\_\_\_\_ human beings since the beginning of recorded history. Perhaps the most significant has been the \_\_\_\_\_ of their own nature.
- (a) encountered ..... importance  
 (b) perplexed ..... value  
 (c) questioned ..... scope  
 (d) confronted ..... riddle  
 (e) directed ..... issue
193. Self-concept and self-esteem are crucial to personal and professional effectiveness because if they are not fully \_\_\_\_\_, It may act in mystifying and sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ ways.

- (a) positive ..... destructive  
 (b) developed ..... proactive  
 (c) nurtured ..... reactive  
 (d) nourished ..... think  
 (e) devised ..... vulnerable
194. A key factor in \_\_\_\_\_ an effective and fulfilling life in our complex society is the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ control over our actions.
- (a) achieving ..... exert  
 (b) obtaining ..... energize  
 (c) projecting ..... restrain  
 (d) providing ..... admonish  
 (e) expressing ..... withhold
195. A theory is \_\_\_\_\_ evaluated to the degree that its concepts \_\_\_\_\_ to themselves a verification by independent investigators.
- (a) critically ..... pertain  
 (b) positively ..... lend  
 (c) obviously ..... yield  
 (d) alarmingly ..... introduce  
 (e) delightfully ..... submit
196. It is often the \_\_\_\_\_ that everyone agrees about objectives; the disagreement \_\_\_\_\_ about exactly how they are to be achieved.
- (a) view ..... follows (b) situation ..... talked  
 (c) matter ..... projects (d) happening ..... matter  
 (e) case ..... matters

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 197-201): In these questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Five alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the five.**

(IBPS RRB Scale-I Main 2017)

197. There were screams, chills and thrills \_\_\_\_\_ at the discotheque the other night as the director along with the producers hosted a part to \_\_\_\_\_ the success of their latest horror flick.
- (a) combined....downplay (b) alike....mourn  
 (c) experience....mark (d) galore....celebrate  
 (e) plenty....notify
198. When you want to digitalise a city \_\_\_\_\_ with millions, you don't bet \_\_\_\_\_ the odds.
- (a) proceeding....into (b) teeming....against  
 (c) undergoing....adhere (d) falling....above  
 (e) growling....as
199. The numbers \_\_\_\_\_ by the legitimate online music service providers indicate that a growing number of users are \_\_\_\_\_ to buy music.
- (a) morphed....ignoring (b) labelled....thriving  
 (c) figured....fantasy (d) touted....willing  
 (e) allotted....know
200. If India is \_\_\_\_\_ on protecting its resources, international business appears equally \_\_\_\_\_ to safeguard its profit.
- (a) dreaded.....fragile (b) stubborn.....weak  
 (c) bent.....determined (d) approaching....settled  
 (e) known.....seen

201. Brands \_\_\_\_\_ decision-simplicity strategies make full use of available information to \_\_\_\_\_ where consumers are on the path of decision making then direct them to the best-marked offers.
- (a) diluting.....divulge (b) tempting.....maintain  
(c) imputing.....overdrive (d) pursuing.....assess  
(e) innovating.....cess

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 202-206) : Each question below has two blanks, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the set of words for each blank which best fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.**

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202. Much of the \_\_\_\_\_ that cricket has is due to the fact it is a \_\_\_\_\_ sport.
- (a) allure, lucrative  
(b) criticism, controversial  
(c) attraction, unpopular  
(d) flak, great  
(e) comments, unusual
203. Since foggy weather \_\_\_\_\_ visibility by several meters, the railways has either partially \_\_\_\_\_ or diverted some of the trains.
- (a) improves, started (b) impairs, called off  
(c) hampers, withdrawn (d) decrease, stopped  
(e) reduces, cancelled
204. The once \_\_\_\_\_ district is gradually being \_\_\_\_\_ of its green cover
- (a) remote, eroded (b) arid, replenished  
(c) beautiful, devoid (d) picturesque, depleted  
(e) lush, rob
205. The pilot knew she would be able to see the \_\_\_\_\_ lights of the city from her cockpit window, she would not see the fireworks explode to welcome the new year as she would have \_\_\_\_\_ to cruising altitude.
- (a) few, soared (b) divine, escalate  
(c) glistening, jumped (d) shining, reached  
(e) glittering, climbed
206. The New Year has \_\_\_\_\_ in good news for city hotels as most properties are \_\_\_\_\_ for the whole month.
- (a) brought, deserted (b) ushered, packed  
(c) pushed, full (d) steered, renovating  
(e) escorted, vacant

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 207-209): The following statements has two blanks which are to be filled with the options given below. Each blank can be filled with more than one option. Find the combination/s which can most suitably complete the sentence without altering the meaning of the statement.**

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207. One of the recurring issues is the disruptive role of technology and its debilitating \_\_\_\_\_ on the sustainability of good journalism. Some people tend to view these deliberations as a \_\_\_\_\_ attempt to reverse the trend. But those who are able to see beyond the usual binaries of new media and old media, and digital and analog, are worried about the growing power of carriers at the cost of content-producing organisations.
- (I) conduct (II) influence  
(III) provoking (IV) risky  
(V) futile  
(a) I-III (b) II-I  
(c) V-III (d) II-V  
(e) No combination fits

208. Human traffickers play with the lives of people from South Asia, and North African human traffickers send tens of thousands of migrants every year via the Mediterranean to Europe. Scores of boats sink because they are usually of very low quality or are filled to \_\_\_\_\_; as a result, thousands die every year. According to some reports, more than 2,400 migrants drowned in the first half of 2017. In view of the \_\_\_\_\_ number of casualties, Amnesty International feared that 2017 could become "the deadliest year for the deadliest migration route in the world".

- (I) maximum (II) brim  
(III) overcapacity (IV) unprecedented  
(a) I-IV (b) IV-II  
(c) III-IV (d) II-III  
(e) No combination fits
209. Specifically, in cases where companies have ended up struggling to service debt as a \_\_\_\_\_ of unpredictable external factors that adversely impacted their operations and financials, barring the promoters of such firms from a chance to restructure and turnaround the business, merely because the loans have turned \_\_\_\_\_, is unfair to both the entrepreneur and the enterprise itself.
- (I) Consequence (II) Sour  
(III) Reverberation (IV) Result  
(V) Fractious  
(a) I-II (b) IV-V  
(c) III-II (d) IV-II  
(e) No combination fits

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 210-219): Two statements with blanks have been given. These statements are followed by five alternatives. Choose the one which fits into the set of statements.**

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210. i. A lucky accident had ordained that the Austrian army should \_\_\_\_\_ the previous year on the very fields where the French had now to be fought.  
ii. During the seasonal sales at the mall, it is often impossible to \_\_\_\_\_ one's shopping cart through the crowded store aisles.
- (a) Shove (b) Promenade  
(c) Amble (d) Proceed  
(e) Manoeuvre
211. (i) It was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ error on the part of the rescue diver to be so lethargic.  
(ii) Life gives you a number of moments to commit \_\_\_\_\_ mistakes, but how you handle and overcome them is a test of character.
- (a) Unpredictable (b) Negligible  
(c) Silly (d) Blatant  
(e) Wonderful
212. (i) There was a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ over the quality of the goods received by the importer.  
(ii) The question was referred for arbitration to the emperor of Austria, whose award published in 1880, upheld the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Indians.
- (a) Contention (b) Discussion  
(c) Upheaval (d) Ruling  
(e) Verdict
213. (i) The terms of most industrial issues were \_\_\_\_\_ between the investment banking firm and the corporation issuing the securities  
(ii) By the end of the day, the rangers had \_\_\_\_\_ only half the distance through the dense dark forest.
- (a) Decided (b) Agreed upon  
(c) Negotiated (d) Worked  
(e) Discovered

214. (i) A troubled student and his PhD guide \_\_\_\_\_ a way for websites to reduce the incidence of spam which troubled internet users in the 2000s.  
(ii) One of the biggest drawbacks of concrete is that it often develops cracks and scientists have now \_\_\_\_\_ self-healing concrete.  
(a) Create (b) Devised  
(c) Develop (d) Thought  
(e) invent
215. (i) The state museum building was \_\_\_\_\_ after the finishing touches were aglow in sunlight delighting the audience.  
(ii) Their 50th anniversary was a special occasion for the entire family as it came in the light of the newly resolved issues and it turned out to be a \_\_\_\_\_ affair.  
(a) Enamored (b) Splendid  
(c) Reverberating (d) Incongruous  
(e) Surprising
216. (i) It is hard to believe the \_\_\_\_\_ of operations involved in this activity.  
(ii) The map is drawn to a \_\_\_\_\_ of 1 inch to 50 km.  
(a) Magnitude (b) Size  
(c) Scale (d) Proportion  
(e) Significance
217. (i) Governments in these countries should create education systems since \_\_\_\_\_ good schools, the bulk of people entering the world force will not have the skills they need.  
(ii) We cannot process colour, details of rapid changes in our surroundings \_\_\_\_\_ the cone shaped cells packed around the centre of the retina.  
(a) Lack (b) Missing  
(c) Deficient (d) Without  
(e) Absence
218. (i) The new born baby found \_\_\_\_\_ outside the city hospital last week was adopted by the mayor.  
(ii) The political party has \_\_\_\_\_ its policy of minority appeasement after its recent defeat in the general elections.  
(a) Left (b) Abandoned  
(c) Sited (d) Rescued  
(e) Located
219. (i) The federal budget unable to do so with its current constraints, the whole purpose of devolution could be defeated by the potential for near- \_\_\_\_\_ of service delivery to the common citizen.  
(ii) Most of the schools having been partially damaged, including the \_\_\_\_\_ of boundary walls, classroom damage, furniture, etc  
(a) dead (b) collapse  
(c) dropping (d) smashing  
(e) slipping

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 220-224) : In each of the questions given below, a sentence is given with one blank. Below each sentence, FOUR words are given out of which two can fit into the sentence. Five options are provided with various combinations of these words. You have to choose the combination with the correct set of words which can coherently fit into the given sentence.**

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220. The initial exercise of the power is limited to taking over the \_\_\_\_\_ functions without dissolving the Assembly.  
(I) Executive  
(II) Scrupulous  
(III) Legislative  
(IV) Fallacious  
(a) (I)–(III) (b) (I)–(IV)  
(c) (II)–(III) (d) (III)–(IV)  
(e) All of these
221. The question is whether the laws speaking through the authority of the courts shall be absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ mute because of the threats.”  
(I) Silenced  
(II) Contrived  
(III) Venerable  
(IV) Rendered  
(a) (I)–(II) (b) (I)–(IV)  
(c) (II)–(III) (d) (III)–(IV)  
(e) All of these
222. If it intends to do so by taking away \_\_\_\_\_ human rights then one can infer that the state has failed in its duty.  
(I) Snatched  
(II) Fundamental  
(III) Basic  
(IV) Barbarous  
(a) (I)–(II) (b) (I)–(IV)  
(c) (II)–(III) (d) (III)–(IV)  
(e) All of these
223. The judiciary needs to dispel the perception that it is no longer the pillar created to protect \_\_\_\_\_ rights.  
(I) Perplexed  
(II) Pertinence  
(III) Constitutional  
(IV) Legal  
(a) (I)–(II) (b) (I)–(IV)  
(c) (II)–(III) (d) (III)–(IV)  
(e) All of these
224. Market \_\_\_\_\_ of remote areas can match the plans of airlines where States play a catalytic role.  
(I) Appetite  
(II) Bothered  
(III) Aspirations  
(IV) Temper  
(a) (I)–(III) (b) (II)–(IV)  
(c) (II)–(III) (d) (III)–(IV)  
(e) All of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 225 -230): In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below each such sentence, there are five options with one word each. Fill up the blanks with the word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.**

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225. The northern summers find compensation for ..... in duration of sunshine and light.  
(a) baking (b) brevity  
(c) full (d) drown  
(e) gulp
226. When the old song came on the radio, Harold suddenly felt ..... for his high school years.  
(a) cooling (b) amiable  
(c) nostalgic (d) gasp  
(e) grinning
227. Time is of the essence, so you want to possess the capacity to ..... significant portions of the original idea and move on to the next iteration.



- (a) jettison (b) eloquent  
(c) hinder (d) stroll  
(e) none
228. Cold wind ..... snow against her face.  
(a) gazed (b) mocked  
(c) googled (d) run  
(e) whipped
229. The ..... from the army to the parliament for arrears of pay was suppressed.  
(a) dealing (b) court  
(c) petition (d) dealer  
(e) mockery
230. But Charles owed a grudge against Holland, and he was determined to ..... it.  
(a) quantity (b) speculation  
(c) specify (d) quality  
(e) gratify

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 231-235): Each question below contains a statement with a blank followed by five options. Choose the option that can fill the blanks and mark it as your answer.**

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231. If only India had begun..... School education at the start of economic liberalisation, it would by now have had the world's largest pool of well-educated and highly trained workers.  
(a) **revamping** (b) allocating  
(c) forgetting (d) turmoil  
(e) none
232. The challenge of educating millions of young people ..... that we need to scale up our educational efforts multi-fold despite having the largest number of higher education institutes in the world.  
(a) Challenge (b) Decorates  
(c) Implies (d) Improves  
(e) None
233. A poor diet can cause the wasting of kwashiorkor in acute cases, and the..... of marasmus in chronic cases of malnutrition.  
(a) imported (b) exhibiting  
(c) hunting (d) stunting  
(e) none
234. The role of a museum is not to house historical artefacts and put them on display, often with some minimal ..... to help visitors identify what's in front of them.  
(a) labelling (b) levelling  
(c) response (d) showing  
(e) none
235. The challenge of slowing growth reflected itself in ..... condition of public finance as well.  
(a) properly (b) ugly  
(c) deteriorating (d) upgrading  
(e) none

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 236-240): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given with a blank. The sentence is then followed by five alternatives out of which one will fit the blank. Choose the alternative that will fit the blank most appropriately and make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.**

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236. This is unfortunate when there are ..... from various sides on the rights of not just women but all citizens.  
(a) Pressure (b) Pressures  
(c) Constrain (d) Oppression  
(e) None of these
237. The Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi has ..... its judgement after a continuous 40-day hearing in the case.  
(a) Announce (b) Pronounced  
(c) Given (d) Change  
(e) postpone
238. Forgiveness and ..... are personal values and may be important even in families.  
(a) repent (b) prevent  
(c) remember (d) repentance  
(e) none of these
239. Last week in a controversial move, India ..... the autonomous status of Jammu and Kashmir, allowing India greater authority over the state's affairs. The announcement fanned tension with Pakistan.  
(a) Allowed (b) Revoked  
(c) Allow (d) Remember  
(e) None of these
240. By eliminating the ..... effect of multiple central and state taxes, GST reduces the cost of doing business and increases profitability, which in turn will attract investments and ultimately lift GDP growth.  
(a) Pour (b) Cascading  
(c) Moving (d) Drop  
(e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 241-245): In the questions below a statement is given with two blanks in it. For each blank three alternatives are provided in the columns. Choose the alternative from the corresponding column that would fit the given blanks to make the given sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful.**

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241. Modern institutions are ...1... Impersonal entities that are.....2....by law, as a person and, therefore with rights and responsibilities.
- | Column-1        | Column-2       |
|-----------------|----------------|
| (A) Essential   | (D) treats     |
| (B) Essentially | (E) considered |
| (C) Need        | (F) treated    |
| (a) A-E         | (b) B-D        |
| (c) C-E         | (d) B-F        |
| (e) B-E         |                |
242. They observed kids remembering ....1.... Of the movie they watched a week ago but nothing from the ....2..... they attended in the morning.
- | Column-1     | Column-2     |
|--------------|--------------|
| (A) Dialogue | (D) school   |
| (B) Quotes   | (E) lecture  |
| (C) Words    | (F) schedule |
| (a) A-D      | (b) C-D      |
| (c) A-E      | (d) B-F      |
| (e) A-F      |              |

243. The Narendra Modi....1..... Government in its first term had an .....2 approach to its core ideological issues.

- | Column-1 | Column- 2       |
|----------|-----------------|
| (A) Lead | (D) increase    |
| (B) Led  | (E) explicitly  |
| (C) Laid | (F) incremental |
| (a) A-E  | (b) C-E         |
| (c) B-D  | (d) C-F         |
| (e) B-F  |                 |

244. If minorities are getting ....1..... In neighbouring countries, we cannot be ...2..... Spectators.

- | Column-1       | Column- 2  |
|----------------|------------|
| (A) Delighted  | (D) mute   |
| (B) Beat       | (E) deaden |
| (C) Persecuted | (F) reduce |
| (a) A-E        | (b) B-D    |
| (c) C-D        | (d) A-F    |
| (e) B-E        |            |

245. The Opposition.....1.... that the bill violated fundamental rights...2..... in the Constitution, especially Article 14 that guarantees equality of all citizens before law.

- | Column-1     | Column- 2     |
|--------------|---------------|
| (A) Declared | (D) enshrined |
| (B) Alleged  | (E) blessed   |
| (C) Suppose  | (F) dedicated |
| (a) A-F      | (b) B-D       |
| (c) C-D      | (d) C-E       |
| (e) A-E      |               |

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 246-250): In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below each sentence, there are five words out of which one can be used to fill the blank to make the sentence grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate word that fit into the blank contextually.**

(SBI Clerk Prelim-2019)

246. We started noticing the climatic change and its .... on human life.

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|-------------------|------------|
| (a) Affect        | (b) Effect |
| (c) Adverse       | (d) Loss   |
| (e) None of these |            |

247. People in India earn their ..... by involving themselves in many of these activities.

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| (a) Life       | (b) Lively |
| (c) Livelihood | (d) Income |
| (e) Work       |            |

248. The government identified these problems as hindering the economic growth of the country and established policies to ..... them.

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|-------------------|------------|
| (a) Preventing    | (b) Spread |
| (c) Grow          | (d) Curb   |
| (e) None of these |            |

249. Education is what ..... us from other living beings on earth.

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|--------------------|-------------|
| (a) Differ         | (b) Mingle  |
| (c) Differentiates | (d) Prevent |
| (e) None of these  |             |

250. It is a doorway to success which requires hard work, dedication and more after which can you open it .....

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|-------------------|------------------|
| (a) Successful    | (b) Successfully |
| (c) Difficulty    | (d) Decoratively |
| (e) None of these |                  |

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 251-255): In each question below, a paragraph is given, containing 3 blanks. Four options are given with three words. Choose the correct combination of words from the options, which can fit in the blanks correctly. If none of the four options fit correct then choose (e) as the answer.**

(SBI Clerk Main-2019)

251. The apex court has described corruption as a serious \_\_\_\_\_ and one impinging on the economy. In 2013, the protection given to sitting legislators from immediate \_\_\_\_\_ was removed. Further, common sense would suggest that disqualification should be more strictly applied to those \_\_\_\_\_ for corruption.

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| (a) Malady, disqualification, repulsed  |
| (b) infatuated, enamoured, repulsed     |
| (c) Malady, disqualification, convicted |
| (d) infatuated, enamoured, convicted    |
| (e) None of these                       |

252. Ascetic and \_\_\_\_\_, Gandhi changed the face of civil disobedience around the world. Martin Luther King, Jr. drew on his tactics during the Civil Rights Movement, and the Dalai Lama was inspired \_\_\_\_\_ his teachings, which are still \_\_\_\_\_ by those who seek to inspire change without inciting violence.

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| (a) Unflinching, by, akin     |
| (b) Cognizant, from, akin     |
| (c) Cognizant, from, heralded |
| (d) Unflinching, by, heralded |
| (e) None of these             |

253. Those were \_\_\_\_\_ days as the whole nation, and Delhi in particular, was engulfed in communal riots \_\_\_\_\_ from the Partition. Today, however, the serenity of the place and its surroundings \_\_\_\_\_ the anger, the hurt, and the guilt experienced by all those who came to bid the Mahatma adieu at this place on January 30, 1948.

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| (a) Tumultuous, emanating, betrays |
| (b) cluttered, kempt, shroud       |
| (c) Cluttered, emanating, betrays  |
| (d) Tumultuous, kempt, shroud      |
| (e) None of these                  |

254. Attitude determines the lifestyle of a person and it develops when \_\_\_\_\_ is followed by projection. Positive and negative attitudes are \_\_\_\_\_ by an individual over a period of time and according to their development, human beings fall into three categories: there are those who imagine and project difficulties \_\_\_\_\_ any undertaking even before they start work and end up doing nothing. They are like the car that will not start unless given a push.

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| (a) Vaunt, brandish, to      |
| (b) Vaunt, acquired, in      |
| (c) Perception, brandish, to |
| (d) Perception, acquired, in |
| (e) None of these            |

255. The most important step towards the haven of security is to \_\_\_\_\_ in the senses, which, if not kept in control, carry off even the wisest to the \_\_\_\_\_. Physical starving of the senses works but as a temporary purpose; it is only when the intellect realises its moorings in the Highest and prevents the mind from \_\_\_\_\_ that one can feel secure.
- (a) Rein, abyss, briskly  
 (b) Rein, abyss, wandering  
 (c) Palliative, recur, briskly  
 (d) Palliative, recur, wandering  
 (e) None of these

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 256-260): In the questions given below, a blank has been provided for each and needs to be filled with the appropriate word. Choose the best option among the given ones.**

(IBPS RRB PO Main-2019)

256. The sick woman's condition will \_\_\_\_\_ if she doesn't get the medicine she needs.
- (a) Better (b) Worst  
 (c) Worsen (d) weak  
 (e) None of the above
257. During the summer months, the \_\_\_\_\_ heat always causes a massive increase in power bills.
- (a) evaporate (b) fermented  
 (c) remittance (d) unremitting  
 (e) None of the above
258. When a \_\_\_\_\_ of people rushed into the store, the cashiers were overwhelmed.
- (a) singularity (b) plurality  
 (c) plural (d) singular  
 (e) None of the above
259. Hustling and bustling in the \_\_\_\_\_ area made business ventures profitable.
- (a) population (b) crowd  
 (c) flawed (d) crowded  
 (e) None of the above
260. If the weather \_\_\_\_\_ to worsen, we will have to cancel the outdoor party.
- (a) continues (b) longitude  
 (c) lengthy (d) malice  
 (e) None of the above

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 261-266): In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below each such sentence, there are five options with one word each. Fill up the blank with the word that makes the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.**

(IBPS RRB Clerk Main-2019)

261. The author included an \_\_\_\_\_ in her speech when she referred to Romeo but didn't explain who he was.
- (a) allusion (b) insinuate  
 (c) abjure (d) pruning  
 (e) Both (a) and (b)

262. Although Jared's parents are extremely wealthy, he acts like a normal person and does not \_\_\_\_\_ about his background.
- (a) Brag (b) Tout  
 (c) Praising (d) Both (a) and (b)  
 (e) Callow
263. Sally did not give up her phone easily so her father had to \_\_\_\_\_ it from her hands.
- (a) Pick (b) Drag  
 (c) Wrest (d) Twisting  
 (e) Both (b) and (c)
264. By searching my locker, you are trying to \_\_\_\_\_ that I stole the money.
- (a) Predict (b) Pointing  
 (c) Both (a) and (d) (d) Insinuate  
 (e) Sure
265. It is illegal to \_\_\_\_\_ with the property of another person, such as painting a fence that is on their property.
- (a) Adjusted (b) Both (a) and (c)  
 (c) Defacing (d) Harmed  
 (e) Tamper
266. Her reputation was that she liked to \_\_\_\_\_ into people's private lives.
- (a) Thought (b) Depose  
 (c) Meddling (d) Pry  
 (e) Both (c) and (d)

**DIRECTIONS (Qs. 267-269): In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below each sentence, there are five words out of which one can be used to fill the blank to make the sentence grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate word that fit into the blank contextually.**

(RBI Assist Prelim-2020)

267. The boat tilted and \_\_\_\_\_ within minutes and only those wearing life jackets could save themselves.
- (a) entailing (b) flattered  
 (c) capsized (d) profited  
 (e) posed
268. The government believes that the present slowdown, marked by five \_\_\_\_\_ quarters of dropping growth, is merely a cyclical one.
- (a) luxuriant (b) successfully  
 (c) cramped (d) consecutive  
 (e) spacious
269. Mr. Trump's decision to call off the strike and the new red line he set for Iran could create an opportunity for such a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) evasion (b) corruption  
 (c) recalibration (d) exaggeration  
 (e) desalination

# Answers & Explanations

1. (c) have been trying
2. (d) equipped
3. (d) apart, complete
4. (b) of
5. (a) receives
6. (e) used to
7. (b) I know
8. (c) advice
9. (e) competition
10. (a) when
11. (d) All the options except (d) do not fit in both the sentences. Option (d) i.e. 'content' which means 'in a state of peaceful happiness' and 'matter which is written or spoken' fits in both the sentences correctly.
12. (c) The word 'scale' which means 'extent' fits in the first sentence appropriately. Though 'size' and 'magnitude' also fit appropriately in I lent considering the sentence II, we see that 'scale' fits in the context of the sentence properly as it is used a lot when we talk about anything in Geography.
13. (d) 'hamper' which means 'to hinder' and 'a basket with a carrying handle and a hinged lid, used for food, cutlery etc.' fits in both the sentences appropriately. No other option fits in both the sentences collectively.
14. (a) No other option than option (a) i.e. 'right' fits in both the sentences appropriately.
15. (a) 'As' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
16. (c) 'Short' fits in both the sentences appropriately.
17. (c) Generally, 'ground' is used with the word 'grain' and also 'ground' means 'factors forming a basis for actions or the justification for a belief' which perfectly fits in sentence II. Therefore, (c) is the correct choice
18. (e) 'Model' which means 'replica or copy' and a thing used as an example to follow or imitate' fits in both sentences correctly.
19. (a) No other word than 'fast' fits in both the sentences appropriately.
20. (a) 'Vault' which means 'leap or spring while supporting or propelling oneself with one or both hands' and a large room or chamber used for storage, especially an underground one 'fits appropriately in the context of both the sentences.
21. (b) 'Force' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
22. (e) 'Level' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
23. (d) Among all the options, 'respect' fits in both the sentences appropriately.
24. (d) 'Overlook' which means 'fail to notice' and 'have a view from above' fits in the contexts of both the sentences appropriately.
25. (e) 'Extend' which means 'to increase or expand' and 'spread across to cover a wide area' fits in both the sentences appropriately.
26. (e) 'Current' which means 'a body of water or air moving in definite direction, especially through a surrounding body of water or air in where there is less movement' and 'belonging to present time' fits in the contexts of both the sentences appropriately.
27. (a) 'Handle' fits in the contexts of both the sentences appropriately.
28. (c) 'Yield' which means 'produce or provide' and 'give way to argument, demands or pressure' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
29. (b) 'Volume' which means 'degree of loudness' and a 'book forming part of work or series' is the most suitable word for both the sentences. No other option fits in both the sentences appropriately.
30. (e) 'Solution' which means 'a liquid mixture' and 'a means of solving a problem or dealing with a difficult situation' is the most appropriate word to be used for both the sentences.
31. (d)
32. (e)
33. (a)
34. (b)
35. (c)
36. (d) Option (d) is the answer and there are two reasons for it. First one is that from the context of situation independence of women from the man's world is indicated so some word to show dependency should be used. Depend and Rest both show dependence so these are the answers. Second one is that as blank space is followed by ON a word that connects grammatically so it should be used. Both 'depend on' and 'rest on' are the correct usage, so it confirms the selection on basis of the first reason. Other options are not logical.
37. (e) Confiscated – means to officially take something away from somebody, especially as a punishment. Seized definitely fits in the blank therefore option (e) is correct.
38. (a) Organization and mission are two words which can be connected with committed or dedicated both the verbs - organizations committed/ dedicated to .....Objectives. Other words like kicked off/inaugurated/ succumbed do not match for objectives of organization.
39. (e) Holding and Possessing both gives the same meaning and sense to the sentence. Surrendering is inappropriate. Mastering can not be linked with passports. Fixating is also incorrect for the blank space

as it gives no logical sense to the sentence. Examining can grammatically fit into the blank but not in the context of passage and would give a different direction to what is being said in the sentence.

40. (d) 'Next big thing' is always a projection or a decision based on current situation. It is neither worshipped nor shouted nor explained. Rather next big thing is touted or labeled on basis of projection.
41. (c) 42. (c) 43. (a) 44. (b) 45. (c)
46. (b) Engaged is the word which fits in both the sentences. In the first sentence it means that couple has made an agreement or a pledge to get married and in statement II, it means occupy the attention or efforts of (a person or persons).
47. (b) Option (b) is correct. Application in the first statement means a written request for employment. In statement II, application means the act of putting to a special use or means the act of putting to a special use or purpose.
48. (e) Statement I - an instance or a session in which testimony and arguments are presented, especially before an official, as a judge in a lawsuit.  
Statement II - the act of perceiving sound.
49. (a) Statement I - to have recourse for use help, or accomplishing something of ten as a final available option or resource.  
Statement II - a place to which people frequently or generally go for relaxation or pleasure.
50. (d) Statement I - salary  
Statement II - to carry on (a battle, war, conflict, argument, etc).
51. (b) 52. (a) 53. (d) 54. (d) 55. (b)
56. (b) 57. (a)
58. (e) Obviously the concept has to be explained and practical examples can only be quoted.
59. (b) 60. (e)
61. (e) with 'was' past tense 'had' will be used
62. (e) 'an' article will be used before vowel 'i'.
63. (a) Correct phrase completed by using 'with'.
64. (e) 'mistake' best conveys the meaning of the sentence.
65. (b) 'all alone' phrase fits best.
66. (c) positive best fits in both the sentences. In first sentence, it means on an optimistic note, whereas in second it will mean to take constructive steps.
67. (d) 'complain' fits best in both. In first it means criticize and the other will be 'He would grumble'.
68. (d) easy  
In the first sentence, it means a simple subject, whereas in the second it means very difficult, not every child's play.
69. (a) drastic fits best.  
In first, it means severe or a change whereas in second will mean forceful or harsh changes.
70. (a) work  
In first, it will mean make an effort or labour, whereas in the second it implies exerting or grinding one self.
71. (c) 72. (b) 73. (a) 74. (e) 75. (d)
76. (e) None of these  
In the first sentence, it means warned and in second will mean indication or suspected if threaten, hence None of these.
77. (d) 78. (e) 79. (d) 80. (b)
81. (b) Since is usually followed by a time expression ('last year', 'this morning', '4 o'clock' etc) or by a clause in the simple past tense. Use the present perfect or the past perfect in the other clause. Use for when you state the length of time that something has been or had been happening. Ex: We have known each other for ten years (NOT since ten years).
82. (a) 83. (a) 84. (a) 85. (d)
86. (c) In present tense, forecast and shrink are appropriate.
87. (a) Simple present tense will be prevent and support.
88. (b) Present tense adjective slovenly.
89. (c) Present tense-introspection which in itself means self analysis hence crossed other options; future achieved.
90. (b) Present participle 'empowering' with present form participate.
91. (e) 92. (e) 93. (a) 94. (c) 95. (c)
96. (d) 97. (d) 98. (c) 99. (b) 100. (b)
101. (d) 102. (e) 103. (c) 104. (a) 105. (b)
106. (d) indispensable means essential, and fits the blank.
107. (d) pertinent means "relevant or applicable to the matter at hand". So it fits the blank.
108. (b) align means to "adjust or support", and fits the blank.
109. (a) The correct answer here is educate. While the other words have similar meaning, they do not make the sentence grammatically correct.
110. (b) Legal aid is "granted". So, it fits the blank.
111. (c) 112. (b) 113. (e) 114. (a) 115. (d)
116. (c) 117. (a) 118. (b) 119. (e) 120. (b)
121. (c) 122. (b) 123. (c) 124. (d) 125. (e)
126. (a) 127. (c) 128. (d) 129. (a) 130. (b)
131. (a) For the second blank space, standard and timing are not the suitable words to use. Only checks, system are suitable usages but with system the first word is suddenly which is not in agreement with the first blank. So, routine and checks is the correct pair to use.
132. (d) 133. (b) 134. (c)
135. (c) Second blank must be completed by 'amending' as it is being followed by 'laws on taxes'. For a 'Law improvement' we use 'amending'.
136. (e) 137. (c) 138. (b) 139. (d) 140. (a)
141. (d) "Stalwart, extra ordinary, opportunities" is the correct choice.  
Stalwart means loyal, reliable, and hard-working.
142. (a) "threatened, retaliatory, weapons" is the correct choice.  
"Retaliatory means the action of returning a military attack; counter-attack."
143. (b) Invocation means the action of invoking someone or something.  
Proletariat means working-class people regarded collectively (often used with reference to Marxism).

144. (c) "responsibility, misrepresent, inhabit" fits the blanks most appropriately.
145. (e) Patriarchal means relating to or denoting a system of society or government controlled by men. Prohibits means formally forbid (something) by law, rule, or other authority.
146. (a) The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'mistakes' which means an act or judgement that is misguided or wrong. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (a) is the most suitable answer choice. Accuracies means the quality or state of being correct or precise. Obstacles means a thing that blocks one's way or prevents or hinders progress. Disputes means a disagreement or argument.
147. (c) The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'travel' which means journeys, especially abroad. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (c) is the most suitable answer choice. Deportation means the action of deporting a foreigner from a country. Transfer means move from one place to another.
148. (d) The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'discretion' which means the freedom to decide what should be done in a particular situation. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (d) is the most suitable answer choice. Omission means someone or something that has been left out or excluded. Affairs means an event or sequence of events of a specified kind or that has previously been referred to.
149. (b) The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'opportunity' which means a time or set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (b) is the most suitable answer choice. Negligence means failure to take proper care over something. Surveillance means close observation, especially of a suspected spy or criminal.
150. (e) The most appropriate word that would fill the blank is 'estimation' which means a judgement of the worth or character of someone or something. All the other words do not fill the blank appropriately, hence option (e) is the most suitable answer choice. Consideration means careful thought, typically over a period of time. Suggestion means an idea or plan put forward for consideration. Guidance means advice or information aimed at resolving a problem or difficulty, especially as given by someone in authority.
151. (c)      152. (c)      153. (a)      154. (d)  
 155. (b)  
 156. (c) Towards, embark
157. (d) latent, curious  
 158. (e) paradox, tries  
 159. (d) continue, target  
 160. (c) Decision, narratives  
 161. (b) alleged- the one who is accused of crime  
 162. (a) rampant- unrestrained or unchecked  
 163. (c) revolutionized- to radically or significantly change, as in revolution  
 164. (d) condoned- overlooked  
 165. (e) zealous- enthusiastic  
 166. (c) 'Simmering' means show or feel barely suppressed anger or other strong emotion. Hence, it qualifies 'tensions' in the first blank. 'Spectacular' means beautiful in a dramatic and eye-catching way. So, it fits into the second blank. So, correct choice is BCE.
167. (b) 'Wrath' means extreme anger. 'Rue' means bitterly regret (something one has done or allowed to happen) and wish it undone. The correct set of words is ACF.
168. (e) 'Salvage' means retrieve or preserve (something) from potential loss or adverse circumstances. 'Consulate' means the building in which a consul's duties are carried out. So, CEF is the perfect combination of words for the blanks.
169. (d) 'Wage' here means carry on (a war or campaign). The combination of words in BDE makes the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.
170. (a) Here 'mounting' means grow larger or more numerous. Mounting, evaded and cease make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful.
171. (d) The correct set of words is CDF. Imposed, scarcity and functional are the best fits for the blanks.
172. (b) Culpable - Meriting condemnation, censure or blame, esp. as something wrong, harmful or injurious; blameworthy
173. (d) Random - unplanned; unexpected  
 174. (e) Commemorate - to serve as a memorial to someone or something  
 175. (a) Emphasize - to give stress or emphasis on someone or something  
 176. (e) Plethora - an abundance  
 177. (a) Personnel  
 178. (d) Advent  
 179. (b) Violation  
 180. (c) Horizon  
 181. (d) Untangling  
 182. (d) 'were ordered to trace'- it is obvious that the police stations were ordered to trace the identity as the body mentioned in the statement is a dead body which is taken into custody.  
 183. (a) 'can be implemented'- as the schemes can only be implemented.  
 184. (e) 'are engaged in an unclean'- the form mentioned in the given sentence simply reflects that it has asked about whether the parents are involved in that unclean occupation

185. (b) 'understand the purpose behind it'- as there is a 'form' mentioned in the context of the statement through which some sort of information has been sought, so, the school, in return, could not understand the purpose behind it of doing so.
186. (a) 'is being able to understand what is being taught'- as the focus is not on the quality of the education but on the quantity of what is being taught.
187. (c) 'Relevant, obscure' fits the two blank most appropriately. **Relevant** means closely connected or appropriate to what is being done or considered while **obscure** means not discovered or known about; uncertain.
188. (b) 'Efficacy, regimens' fits the two blank most appropriately. **Efficacy** means the ability to produce a desired or intended result. **Regimen** means a prescribed course of medical treatment, diet, or exercise for the promotion or restoration of health.
189. (a) 'Transition, enervating' fits the two blank most appropriately. **Transition** means the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another. **Enervating** means make (someone) feel drained of energy or vitality.
190. (b) 'Discrepancy, explanation' fits the two blank most appropriately. **Discrepancy** means an illogical or surprising lack of compatibility or similarity between two or more facts
191. (e) 'preside, overwhelmingly' fits the two blank most appropriately. **Preside** means be in the position of authority in a meeting or other gathering. **Overwhelmingly** means to a very great degree or with a great majority.
192. (d) Encountered-unexpectedly be faced with or experience confronted-face up to and deal with (a problem or difficulty). Option D is the correct option because a word with negative connotation is required here. Riddle means something or someone difficult to understand, puzzling question
193. (c) Nurtured-care for and protect (someone or something) while they are growing. Option C is the correct choice.
194. (a) Option A is the correct choice. Effective and fulfilling life is achieved. Exert means to apply. Hence both words gives a coherent meaning to the statement.
195. (a) Option A is the correct choice. A theory is critically evaluated. Other option are incorrect 'pertain-be appropriate, related, or applicable to.'
196. (e) Option E gives the grammatically correct meaning. Hence, is the answer.
197. (d) Galore means in abundance. 'Celebrate the success' is appropriate.
198. (b) 'bet against the odds' is the correct phrase here.
199. (d) 'touted' and 'willing' are the correct answers for these blanks.
200. (c) 'bent on' refers to 'keen on'.
201. (d) Assess means evaluate or estimate the nature, ability, or quality of.
202. (a) allure, lucrative
203. (e) reduces, cancelled
204. (d) picturesque, depleted
205. (e) glittering, climbed
206. (b) ushered, packed
207. (d) Influence and futile give the paragraph a coherent meaning.
208. (c) Several boats sink because they are filled more than the limit they can carry. III-IV is the most appropriate combination of words here.
209. (d) Correct combination is IV and II.
210. (e) The first statement tells us that the Austrian army has some kind of an advantage in the war since they are acquainted with the field where the French have to be fought. The word 'manoeuvre', which also means a military exercise of the troops, completes the sentence correctly. Manoeuvre also means 'to move skilfully', which makes it an ideal choice for the second statement as well. In the second statement, the cart has to be moved skilfully through the crowded store.
211. (d) Multiple options may appear to fit in. However, 'Blatant' which means egregious, conspicuous is the most suitable according to the context and the tone of the statements.
212. (a) The first question hints towards some kind of disagreement due to poor quality of goods received by the importer. Hence, 'contention' fits in well here. The word 'contention' also means an 'assertion in an argument', which makes it the suitable choice for the second statement as well.
213. (c) In the first statement, the word negotiated fits in correctly as the 'terms' of the industrial issues are settled after negotiations. In the second statement, negotiated fits well as the word 'negotiated' also means 'finding a way through a difficult route'.
214. (b) 'Devised' is the most suitable response. It fits both the blanks contextually as well as grammatically.
215. (b) 'Splendid' means dazzling, distinguished, priceless. It fits in the context of both the statements aptly.
216. (c) Scale is the most appropriate word for both the blanks. For first, it refers to the level and amount of operations. For the second it specifies a measurement degree.
217. (d) Without is a preposition which means not using or taking something. It makes both the statements grammatically as well as contextually correct.
218. (b) Since the baby was later adopted by the mayor, it must have been found 'abandoned'. Also, the political party must have 'abandoned' its prior policy since it led to the party's defeat in the elections.
219. (b) Collapse means to fall down suddenly because of pressure or having no strength or support. Statement A, Among all the options, collapse is the word that is suitable for the economy and budget. Statement B- If something falls down, it collapses. The word **collapse** is appropriate for the sentence.

220. (a) The most appropriate combination of words is “executive and legislative”. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.
221. (b) The most appropriate combination of words is “silenced and rendered”. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.
222. (c) The most appropriate combination of words is “fundamental and basic”. Hence, the option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.
223. (d) The most appropriate combination of words is “Constitutional and legal”. Hence, option (d) is the most suitable answer choice.
224. (a) The most appropriate combination of words is “Appetite and aspirations”. Hence, option (a) is the most suitable answer choice.
225. (b) ‘Brevity’ is the correct option here.  
The word ‘brevity’ means shortness of time. It is the right word to fill the blank.
226. (c) ‘Nostalgic’ is the correct option here and it means experiencing a longing for one’s home during a period of absence from it.
227. (a) ‘Jettison’ is grammatically and contextually correct here.  
The word ‘jettison’ means discarding or abdicating things.
228. (e) ‘Whipped’ is the correct option here and it means to run.  
Hence, it the most suitable word to fill the blank.
229. (c) ‘Petition’ is the correct option here and it means a formal written request, typically one signed by many people, appealing to authority in respect of a particular cause.
230. (e) ‘Gratify’ is grammatically and contextually correct here.  
The word ‘gratify’ means delight or enchant
231. (a) The word ‘revamping’ is the right word. Revamping means renovating or upgrading.
232. (c) The word ‘implies’ means ‘suggests’.
233. (d) The word ‘stunting’ means inhibiting or impeding.
234. (a) The word ‘labelling’ means ticketing or stamping something.
235. (c) The word ‘deteriorating’ means degrading or reducing.
236. (b) The word ‘are’ is used before the blank space, it means the word in the blank should be plural in form. Hence, the option (b) is the right option.
237. (b) The word ‘has’ is followed with past participle form of the verb and in the options only two word: given and pronounced are used in the past participle form. The word ‘pronounced’ means ‘declare or announce in a formal or solemn way. Hence, option (b) is the right option.
238. (d) ‘Forgiveness (Noun) and..... (Noun)’ is the right combination. Hence option (d) is the right choice.
239. (b) The word ‘revoked’ means ‘officially cancel (a decision, decree) is the right choice.
240. (b) The gerund should be used before the word ‘effect (noun)’ hence the word ‘cascading’ is the right option before the word ‘effect’.
241. (d) The word ‘essentially’ (adv.) is the correct usage before the word ‘impersonal’ (adj.) in the first blank. The second blank is a passive voice. Hence, the word ‘treated’ is the right choice. The correct option is (d) B-F
242. (c) The word ‘dialogue’ is the right usage in the context of movies. In the second blank ‘lecture’ is the right choice. Hence, the correct option is (c) A-E
243. (e) In the first blank ‘led’ (participle) is the right choice. The word ‘incremental’ (adj.) is the right choice. Hence, the correct option is (e) B-F
244. (c) The word ‘persecuted’ means ‘oppressed’ or ‘abused’ is the correct option for the first blank. The word ‘mute’ (adj.) is the right option before the noun (spectators).
245. (b) The word ‘alleged’ means ‘said, without proof’ is the right choice for the first blank. The word ‘enshrined’ means ‘something regarded as holy’ is the right choice for the second blank.
246. (b) ‘Its effect’ sound correctly.
247. (c) Earn their **livelihood**
248. (d) The country and established policies to **curb** them
249. (c) Education is what **differentiates** us from other living beings on earth.
250. (b) Dedication and more after which can you open it **successfully**.
251. (c) In the given sentence, only ‘malady, disqualification, convicted’ makes it grammatically as well as contextually correct.  
(A) is incorrect because ‘repulsed’ does not fit here.  
(B) is incorrect as ‘infatuated’ means possessed with an intense but short-lived passion or admiration for someone.  
(C) is the correct alternative among the following as ‘malady’ means a disease or ailment, ‘disqualification, convicted’ fit here both grammatically and contextually.  
(D) is incorrect as enamoured means be filled with love for which does not fit here contextually
252. (d) In the given sentence, only ‘unflinching, by, heralded’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.  
(A) is incorrect because ‘akin’ does not fit here.  
(B) is incorrect as ‘cognizant’ means having knowledge or awareness which does not make any sense here.  
(C) is incorrect as ‘from’ preposition does not fit here.  
(D) is the correct alternative among the following as ‘unflinching, by, heralded’ fit here both grammatically and contextually.
253. (a) In the given sentence, only ‘tumultuous, emanating, betrays’ make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.  
(A) is the correct alternative among the following as ‘emanating’ means (of a feeling, quality, or sensation) issue or spread out from, ‘tumultuous, betrays’ fit here both grammatically and contextually.



- (B) is incorrect as kempt means (of a person or a place) maintained in a neat and clean condition; well cared for which does not make any sense here.
- (C) is incorrect as cluttered means cover or fill (something) with an untidy collection of things which does not make any sense here.
- (D) is incorrect as 'shroud' does not fit here contextually
254. (d) In the given sentence, only 'perception, acquired, in' make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
- (A) is incorrect because vaunt means boast about or praise (something), especially excessively which does not fit here.
- (B) is incorrect as 'vaunt' does not make any sense here.
- (C) is incorrect as 'to' does not fit here.
- (D) is the correct alternative among the following as 'perception, acquired, in' fit here both grammatically and contextually.
255. (b) In the given sentence, only 'rein, abyss, wandering' make it grammatically as well as contextually correct.
- (A) is incorrect as 'briskly' does not make any sense here.
- (B) is the correct alternative among the following as 'abyss' means a deep or seemingly bottomless chasm and 'rein, wandering' fit here both grammatically and contextually.
- (C) is incorrect as palliative means (of a medicine or medical care) relieving pain without dealing with the cause of the condition which does not fit here.
- (D) is incorrect as 'recur' does not make any sense here.
256. (c) 'Worsen' correctly fits the blank here.
257. (d) 'Unremitting' correctly fits the blank here and it means never relaxing or slackening; incessant.
258. (b) 'Plurality' correctly fits the blank here and it means a large number of people or things.
259. (d) 'Crowded' correctly fits the blank here.
260. (a) 'Continues' correctly fits the blank here.
261. (a)
- Allusion:** an expression designed to call something to mind without mentioning it explicitly; an indirect or passing reference.
262. (b) **Tout:** to brag or flaunt
263. (c) **Wrest:** forcibly pull (something) from a person's grasp.
264. (d) **Insinuate:** suggest or hint (something bad) in an indirect and unpleasant way.
265. (e) **Tamper:** interfere with (something) in order to cause damage or make unauthorized alterations.
266. (d) **Pry:** inquire too closely into a person's private affairs.
267. (c) **Capsized:** (of a boat) overturned in the water.  
**Entailed:** involve (something) as a necessary or inevitable part or consequence  
**Flattered:** cause (someone) to feel honoured and pleased.  
**Profiteered:** make or seek to make an excessive or unfair profit, especially illegally.  
**Imposed:** force (an unwelcome decision or ruling) on someone.  
Hence, the word 'capsized' is contextually correct here.
268. (d) **Consecutive:** following each other continuously.  
**Luxurious:** extremely comfortable or elegant, especially when involving great expense.  
**Successful:** accomplishing a desired aim or result.  
**Cramped:** uncomfortably small or restricted  
**Spacious:** (especially of a room or building) having ample space  
In the given context the adj. (consecutive) is the right fit before the word quarter.
269. (c) Here, the options (a) and (d) are redundant because they will not fit in grammatically as the article placed before the blank is 'a'. Also, among the remaining options, 'desalination' is completely out of context and will therefore be omitted. Only 'recalibration' will fit in grammatically and contextually in the given statement. Hence, option (c) is the most suitable answer choice.