

100 Most Important Cloze Test Questions for SBI Clerk 2018

Directions (1 to 5): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. Read the passage carefully and choose the correct answer for the given blank out of the five alternatives.

Bitcoin is an electronic or digital currency that works on a peer-to-peer basis. This means that it is **(1)** _____ and has no central authority controlling it. Like currency notes, it can be sent from one person to another, but **(2)** _____ a central bank or the government attempting to track it. The system depends **(3)** _____ cryptography to control the creation of the currency. The beauty of this cryptocurrency is that if you **(4)** _____ a bitcoin from another, you can be as sure of the payment as you would on receiving physical currency notes, with the same anonymity **(5)** _____ to it.

1. (A) Allocated (B) Decentralized
(C) Implacable (D) Scrutinized
(E) Patriarchy
2. (A) With (B) On
(C) For (D) Without
(E) To
3. (A) For (B) In
(C) On (D) To
(E) About
4. (A) Publish (B) Receive
(C) Create (D) Print
(E) Send
5. (A) Dazzled (B) Impish
(C) Reprimanded (D) Ascribed

(E) Preceded

Directions (6 to 10): In the passage given below words are given in bold, each followed by a number given in the brackets. Every word in bold has five alternatives. Find out the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction required' as the answer.

Unfair **purposes (6)** have been made now and then to **append (7)** the Afghan issue with India-Pakistan relations. There is no **connection (8)**. A study of Pakistan-Afghanistan relations since 1947 will **promote (9)** that their relations have always been thorny and **profuse (10)** with problems except during the brief Taliban era.

6. (A) Targets (B) Adventures
(C) Attempts (D) Covet
(E) No improvement required
7. (A) Concord (B) Relate
(C) Link (D) Annex
(E) No improvement required
8. (A) Merging (B) Conformity
(C) Accord (D) Ingress
(E) No improvement required
9. (A) Reveal (B) Proclaim
(C) Accord (D) Acquaint
(E) No improvement required
10. (A) Exuberant (B) Ample
(C) Replete (D) Copious
(E) No improvement required

Directions (11 to 15): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the

suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

The Industrial Revolution was the **(11)** _____ to new manufacturing processes in the period from about 1760 to sometime between 1820 and 1840. This transition included going from hand production methods to machines, new chemical manufacturing and iron production processes, the **(12)** _____ use of steam power, the development of machine tools and the rise of the factory system. Textiles were the **(13)** _____ industry of the Industrial Revolution in terms of employment, value of output and capital invested and maximum people were a part of it. By the mid-18th century Britain controlled a global trading empire with colonies in North America and Africa, and with some political **(14)** _____ on the Indian subcontinent, through the activities of the East India Company. The precise start and end of the Industrial Revolution is still **(15)** _____ among historians, as is the pace of economic and social changes.

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| (A) Opposition | (B) Movement |
| (C) Transition | (D) Advancement |
| (E) Practice | |

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| (A) Developing | (B) Admonishing |
| (C) Fettering | (D) Increasing |
| (E) None of these | |

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| (A) Dominant | (B) Prowess |
| (C) Confound | (D) Consort |
| (E) Conspicuous | |

14.

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| (A) Affluence | (B) Acumen |
| (C) Bulwark | (D) Influence |
| (E) Accretion | |

15.

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| (A) Ridiculed | (B) Proposed |
| (C) Debated | (D) Lacerated |
| (E) None of these | |

Directions (16 to 20): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the

suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

The number of influenza A (H1N1) virus cases and deaths **(16)** _____ from across India this year has already crossed 19,000 and 900, respectively. These are lower than the 2015 toll of 32,000 cases and 2,000 deaths, but the revived spread is **(17)** _____. In the last month or so there has been a **(18)** _____ increase in the number of cases and deaths — over 6,000 and 300. Gujarat is the worst **(19)** _____, with about 250 deaths recorded so far: Rajasthan, Punjab and Maharashtra and Delhi too have been badly hit. The number of H1N1 cases in the southern States is also high **(20)** _____ to last year, with Tamil Nadu reporting nearly 3,000 cases about a month ago. According to the Pune-based National Institute of Virology, the virus has not undergone any significant mutation and the virulence has remained nearly unchanged.

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| (A) Circulated | (B) Reported |
| (C) Registered | (D) Regarded |
| (E) Considered | |

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| (A) Depressing | (B) Shocking |
| (C) Striking | (D) Alarming |
| (E) Oppressing | |

18.

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| (A) Explicit | (B) Sharp |
| (C) Strict | (D) Narrow |
| (E) Specific | |

19.

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| (A) Reflected | (B) Immunized |
| (C) Sensitized | (D) Implicated |
| (E) Affected | |

20.

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| (A) Resembled | (B) Compared |
| (C) Matched | (D) Approached |
| (E) Specified | |

Directions (21 to 25): In the passage given below words are given in bold, each followed by a number given in the brackets. Every word in bold has five alternatives. Find out the word which best suits the place. If the given word

suits the blank, mark 'no correction required' as the answer.

The People's Republic of China **started (21)** the Internet age in 1994; 23 years on, China is **informed (22)** to have the largest online population worldwide, with 731 million active users. At the same time, China has one of the world's strictest online legal frameworks. One could easily **assume (23)** that an online ecosphere as vibrant and **alert (24)** as China's would **influence (25)** to many differentiated approaches to reporting interpreting Chinese Internet law.

21.

- (A) Conceded (B) Scheduled
(C) Engaged (D) Entered
(E) No improvement required

22.

- (A) Considered (B) Prudent
(C) Projected (D) Proposed
(E) No improvement required

23.

- (A) Admit (B) Approve
(C) Affirm (D) Accede
(E) No improvement required

24.

- (A) Perceptive (B) Vigilant
(C) Spirited (D) Active
(E) No improvement required

25.

- (A) Support (B) Attend
(C) Lead (D) Instigate
(E) No improvement required

Directions: (26 to 30): Below, a passage is given with five labeled blanks. Below the passage, five options are given for each blank, choose the word that fits each blank most appropriately in the context of the passage and mark the corresponding answer

Few scientists manage to break down the walls of the so-called ivory tower of academia and touch and **(26)** _____ people who may not otherwise be interested in science. Stephen Hawking was one of these few. **(27)** _____ by the odds he faced as a young graduate student of physics at Cambridge University, nothing could have been a more remote possibility. When he was about 20 years old, he got the shattering

news that he could not work with the great Fred Hoyle for his PhD, as he had aspired to. Around this time he was **(28)** _____ with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, an incurable motor neurone disease, and given two years to live. Not many would have survived this, let alone excelled in the manner he did. Luckily, the type of ALS he had progressed slowly, and over time he made many discoveries that marked him among the great physicists of his time. His first breakthrough was in the work he did for his PhD thesis. The expanding universe and the **(29)** _____ collapse of a black hole under its own gravity present two extreme spectacles for the physicist to grapple with. Inspired by Roger Penrose's ideas on the latter, Hawking came up with a singularity theorem for the universe. This work and its extensions, known as the Hawking-Penrose singularity theorems, brought him international acclaim. Later, along with others he formulated the laws of black hole mechanics, which **(30)** _____ the laws of thermodynamics. Thinking along these lines led him to a contradiction — that this theory predicted that black holes would exude radiation, whereas in a purely classical picture nothing could escape the black hole, not even light. He resolved this contradiction by invoking quantum mechanics. The radiation of the black hole was named Hawking radiation.

26.

- (A) Dissuade (B) Affect
(C) Inspire (D) Trigger
(E) None of these

27.

- (A) Judging (B) Deciding
(C) Reaching (D) Considering
(E) None of these

28.

- (A) Investigate (B) Spot
(C) Recognize (D) Diagnosed
(E) None of these

29.

- (A) Ebullient (B) Unstoppable
(C) Unrestrained (D) Buoyant
(E) None of these

30.

- (A) Coincide (B) Match

- (C) Resemble (D) Simulate
 (E) None of these
 (E) None of these

Directions (31 to 35): In the passage given below words are given in bold, each followed by a number given in the brackets. Every word in bold has five alternatives. Find out the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction required' as the answer.

Quantitative easing has concluded in the world's largest economy — at least for now. Almost nine years after the U.S. Federal Reserve started its **unprecedented (31)** programme of liquidity **deflated (32)** through the purchase of asset-backed and Treasury securities in the wake of the global financial crisis, Fed Chair Janet Yellen announced on Wednesday that starting next month the central bank would begin the **unfurling (33)** of its balance sheet. To their credit, Ms. Yellen and her colleagues on the Federal Open Market Committee have walked the talk on their June decision to **codify (34)** the mammoth \$4.5 trillion balance sheet. Most crucially, they have done it in a manner that **chaste (35)** the risk of a 'taper tantrum' similar to that in 2013 — when Chairman Ben Bernanke had hinted at starting to turn off the tap

- 31.**
 (A) Interjection (B) Assign
 (C) Obviate (D) Interpolation
 (E) No improvement
- 32.**
 (A) Infusion (B) Forfend
 (C) Unmatched (D) Conduct
 (E) No improvement
- 33.**
 (A) Unequalled (B) Introduction
 (C) Normalisation (D) Unparalleled
 (E) No improvement
- 34.**
 (A) Unrivalled (B) Unwind
 (C) Coy (D) Debar
 (E) No improvement
- 35.**
 (A) Uncoiling (B) Constrict
 (C) Precludes (D) Untwine

- (E) No improvement

Directions (36 to 40): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

Anti-slavery advocate Harriet Tubman will become the first African-American on the face of U.S. paper currency, and the first woman in more than a century, when she replaces former President Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill. The U.S. Treasury Department said on Wednesday that Tubman, **(36)** was born into slavery in the early 1820s and went on to help hundreds of slaves escape, would take the centre spot on the bill, while Jackson, a slave owner, would move to the back. Introduced alongside a **(37)** of changes to the \$5 and \$10 notes as well, the redesign gives the Treasury "a chance to open the aperture to reflect more of America's history", Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said. A new \$10 bill will add images of five female leaders of the women's **(38)** movement, including Sojourner Truth and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, to the back, while keeping founding father Alexander Hamilton on the front. The reverse of a new \$5 note will show former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., officials said. Former President Abraham Lincoln will remain on the front. Mr. Lew said the designs should be unveiled **(39)** 2020 and go into circulation "as quickly as possible," although he declined to say when. He said the \$10 bill was scheduled to go out first, citing security needs. The long-awaited decision to **(40)** the seventh president of the United States with Tubman followed months of outreach by the

Treasury regarding which woman should be featured on a bill.

36.

- (A) Which (B) That
(C) Who (D) What
(E) She

37.

- (A) Slew (B) Wind
(C) Event (D) Time
(E) Adaptation

38.

- (A) Suffering (B) Suffer
(C) Suffered (D) Sufferance
(E) Suffrage

39.

- (A) At (B) By
(C) In (D) On
(E) Until

40.

- (A) Put (B) Change
(C) Print (D) Replace
(E) Honor

Directions: (41 to 45) Below, a passage is given with five labeled blanks. Below the passage, five options are given for each blank, choose the word that fits each blank most appropriately in the context of the passage and mark the corresponding answer:

Giving loans to (41) _____ women to make ceramics or to farmers to buy milk cows were not seen as great business. Microfinance was an industry championed by antipoverty (42) _____. Today it is on the verge of a revolution, with billions of dollars from big banks, private equity shops and pension funds (43) _____ in, driving growth of 30% to 40% this year alone. In 1998, a nonprofit microfinance organization in Peru, converted into a bank. This (44) _____ that the poor are good risks who repay loans on time and getting them together, not only chips away at poverty but also turns a profit. The success of Mibanco has piqued the interest of commercial banks, which had previously (45) _____ the country's poor. Now big banks are going after Mibanco's clients with low-rate loans and realizing it takes special know how to

work with the unbanked are hiring away Mibanco's staff.

41.

- (A) Bankrupt (B) Impoverished
(C) Wealthy (D) Depleted
(E) None of these

42.

- (A) Activists (B) Strikers
(C) Campaigns (D) Extroverts
(E) None of these

43.

- (A) Pour (B) Infusing
(C) Pouring (D) Inadequate
(E) None of these

44.

- (A) Established (B) Certified
(C) Substantiated (D) Demonstrated
(E) None of these

45.

- (A) Shunned (B) Averted
(C) Accepted (D) Desired
(E) None of these

Directions (46 to 50): In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

The (46) _____ increase in the number of vehicles on Indian roads has also led to an increase in road accidents. India (47) _____ for 10 per cent of the global road crash (48) _____. Statistics show that (49) _____ more than a million people die due to road accidents every year; if we do not do (50) _____ about it by 2020

46.

- (A) Fantastic (B) Tremendous
(C) Awesome (D) Excellent
(E) Terrible

47.

- (A) Calculates (B) Registers
(C) Targets (D) Wishes
(E) Accounts

48.

- (A) Lethality (B) Numbers
(C) Fatalities (D) Disaster

(E) Mortality

49.

- (A) Globally (B) Always
(C) Entirely (D) Finally
(E) Lastly

50.

- (A) Anymore (B) Whatever
(C) All things (D) Anything
(E) Everything

Directions (51 to 55): In the passage given below words are given in bold, each followed by a number given in the brackets. Every word in bold has five alternatives. Find out the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction required' as the answer.

It is only with a great degree of **efforts (51)** and circumspection that the interim report of the Steering Committee of the Constitutional Assembly of Sri Lanka can be **acquired (52)**. The panel, chaired by Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, has done creditably by producing a forward-looking proposal within 18 months of its first sitting. However, there have been several such reports in the past that **envisioned (53)** far-reaching reforms in the country's structure. None of them found broad acceptance **among (54)** Sri Lanka's polity. It is thus difficult to see the interim report as the beginning of an irreversible **custom (55)** of constitutional reform.

51.

- (A) Judgment (B) Exertion
(C) Caution (D) Trouble
(E) No improvement required

52.

- (A) Accosted (B) Welcomed
(C) Secured (D) Cherished
(E) No improvement required

53.

- (A) Comprehend (B) Appreciate
(C) Conceive (D) Perceive
(E) No improvement required

54.

- (A) Outside (B) About

(C) Into (D) Within

(E) No improvement required

55.

- (A) Experience (B) Manner
(C) Process (D) Consecrate
(E) No improvement required

Directions (56 to 60): In the passage given below words are given in bold, each followed by a number given in the brackets. Every word in bold has five alternatives. Find out the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction required' as the answer.

Everybody makes bandhgalas these days, but no one does the prince coat with its high collar and **inculpable (56)** cut as well as designer Raghavendra Rathore. The **pedantic (57)** Rajasthan royal, who went ahead and patented this clever **replacement (58)** to the tux a few years ago, now takes it to the next level with a **compressed (59)** couture collection for women. After all, while Bollywood **simulacrum (60)**, politicians and young industrialists have been patronizing his vignette luxury menswear label for over 20 years.

56.

- (A) Impeccable (B) Pure
(C) Correct (D) Virtuous
(E) No improvement

57.

- (A) Common (B) Erudite
(C) Apprized (D) Aesthetic
(E) No improvement

58.

- (A) Proxy (B) Preference
(C) Surrogate (D) Alternative
(E) No improvement

59.

- (A) Accord (B) Unabridged
(C) Compact (D) Concord
(E) No improvement

60.

- (A) Cast (B) Icons
(C) Model (D) Angel
(E) No improvement

Directions (61 to 65): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of

which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

I am (61) _____ that my first meeting with the leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations comes at a historic moment: the 50th anniversary of ASEAN's founding. During those 50 years, not only my country, the Republic of Korea, but almost all of Asia has been utterly transformed. ASEAN's role in (62) _____ and spreading economic (63) _____ has been essential to the region's success. For Korea, ASEAN has (64) _____ been a special and valued friend. Last year alone, some six million Koreans visited ASEAN member states, both as tourists and for business. Approximately 500,000 citizens of ASEAN member states now live and work in Korea, while (65) _____ 300,000 Koreans live and work in ASEAN countries.

61.

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| (A) Exculpate | (B) Bending |
| (C) Delighted | (D) Exonerate |
| (E) Inelastic | |

62.

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| (A) Emancipate | (B) Harnessing |
| (C) Yielding | (D) Liberate |
| (E) Vindicate | |

63.

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| (A) Fruitless | (B) Avai |
| (C) Gratified | (D) Diverted |
| (E) Dynamism | |

64.

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| (A) Amused | (B) Enchanted |
| (C) Undoubtedly | (D) Staunch |
| (E) Constant | |

65.

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| (A) Thwarted | (B) Perennial |
| (C) Thrilled | (D) Roughly |
| (E) Ecstatic | |

Directions (66 to 75): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with

appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

The Supreme Court collegium's decision to **disavow** (66) the reasons for its recommendations marks a historic and welcome departure from the entrenched culture of **monoecy** (67) surrounding judicial appointments. The collegium, comprising the Chief Justice of India and four senior judges, has said it would **refute** (68) the reasons behind decisions on the initial appointment of candidates to High Court benches, their confirmation as permanent judges and **spurning** (69) as High Court Chief Justices and to the Supreme Court, and transfer of judges and Chief Justices from one High Court to another. This means there will now be some material available in the public **sector** (70) to indicate why additional judges are confirmed and why judges are transferred or elevated. A certain degree of **imprudence** (71) is necessary and inevitable as in many cases the reasons will **belong** (72) to sitting judges. At the same time, it would become meaningless if these disclosures fail to provide a window of understanding into the mind of the collegium. It is important to **crucify** (73) the right balance between full disclosure and opaqueness. The collegium has suggested as much, albeit obliquely, when it says the resolution was intended "to ensure transparency, yet maintain confidentiality in the Collegium system". It is to be hoped that this balancing of transparency and confidentiality will **augur** (74) well for the judiciary. The introduction of transparency acquires **growth** (75) in the light of the resignation of Justice Jayant M. Patel of the Karnataka High Court after he was transferred to the Allahabad High Court as a puisne judge, despite his being senior enough to be a High Court Chief Justice.

66.

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| (A) Leak | (B) Disclose |
| (C) Confess | (D) Withhold |
| (E) No improvement | |

67.

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| (A) Forthrightness | (B) Dioecy |
| (C) Secrecy | (D) Prophecy |

(E) No improvement

68.

- (A) Attest (B) Suggest
(C) Argue (D) Indicate

(E) No improvement

69.

- (A) Elevation (B) Boost
(C) Derision (D) Indication

(E) No improvement

70.

- (A) Department (B) Division
(C) Domain (D) Province

(E) No improvement

71.

- (A) Heedlessness (B) Discreetness
(C) Exposure (D) Ignorance

(E) No improvement

72.

- (A) Pertain (B) Associate
(C) Connect (D) Refer

(E) No improvement

73.

- (A) Bang (B) Strike
(C) Tap (D) Serve

(E) No improvement

74.

- (A) Reckon (B) Portend
(C) Conclude (D) Forecast

(E) No improvement

75.

- (A) Salience (B) Unambiguity
(C) Influence (D) Signal

(E) No improvement

Directions (76 to 85): Below, a passage is given with five labeled blanks. Below the passage, five options are given for each blank, choose the word that fits each blank most appropriately in the context of the passage

Tunisians have (76) _____ on commemorations of the Jasmine Revolution's seventh anniversary to oppose the government's austerity measures. In a way, the continuing (77) _____ in the North African state is for a consolidation of the (78) _____ gains from the 2011 revolution that set off the Arab Spring. In the weeks-long demonstrations, at least one person has been

killed and a few hundred activists (79) _____.

The trigger for the unrest is the stringent terms attached to the government's recent budget — a precondition for the \$2.9 billion loan from the IMF. Lower petrol subsidies and higher taxes on cars and utilities are among the measures proposed to reduce the fiscal deficit, currently at 6% of GDP, to 4.9% by the year-end. Further fuelling the anger are the 25% youth unemployment rate, twice the national average, and persisting (80) _____ among regions. Tourism has been one of the sectors worst-hit by the political unrest of recent years and the 2015 terrorist attacks. The government has promised \$70 million in aid to support the poorer communities in a bid to (81) _____ the protests. But as the opposition Popular Front has set its sights on the withdrawal of the budget, there are few signs of the (82) _____ subsiding anytime soon. The country-wide opposition and police action have, understandably, led to comparisons with Tunisia's 2011 popular uprising that spread across the Arab world. The relatively stable transition witnessed in Tunis, in contrast with the authoritarian backlash in other countries, saw Tunisia being hailed as a global model. Perhaps (83) _____ of this, Prime Minister Youssef Chahed has been cautious, confining his criticism to the violence behind the opposition rather than the expression of (84) _____ per se against the fiscal reforms. But he would have to show demonstrable progress in implementing democratic reforms to restore confidence in the government's ability to deal with the discontentment. Of particular concern is a 2015 security law that has been revived following the recent death of a police official. Civil society groups are apprehensive that the measure is intended to grant immunity to the police and the military, as well as to (85) _____ critics.

76.

- (A) Engrossed (B) Captured
(C) Seized (D) Annexed

(E) None of these

77.

- (A) Clamour (B) Disorder

- (C) Agitation (D) Trouble
(E) None of these

78.

- (A) Fragile (B) Delicate
(C) Unsound (D) Powerful
(E) None of these

79.

- (A) Apprehend (B) Detained
(C) Retard (D) Withhold
(E) None of these

80.

- (A) Disproportion (B) Unlikeness
(C) Imparity (D) Disparities
(E) None of these

81.

- (A) Overcome (B) Quell
(C) Conquer (D) Extinguish
(E) None of these

82.

- (A) Turmoil (B) Commotion
(C) Bustle (D) Ease
(E) None of these

83.

- (A) Responsive (B) Knowing
(C) Deliberate (D) Conscious
(E) None of these

84.

- (A) Protest (B) Disbelief
(C) Dissent (D) Variance
(E) None of these

85.

- (A) Penalise (B) Condemn
(C) Denounce (D) Remunerate
(E) None of these

Directions (86 to 90): Below, a passage is given with five labeled blanks. Below the passage, five options are given for each blank, choose the word that fits each blank most appropriately in the context of the passage

But what statements such as those made by Mr. Hegde don't quite (86) _____ is that our Constitution doesn't acquire its secular character merely from the words in the Preamble, but from a collective reading of many of its provisions, particularly the various fundamental rights that it guarantees. Any move, therefore, to amend the Constitution, to remove the word "secular" from the Preamble,

before we consider whether such a change will (87) _____ judicial review, will have to remain purely symbolic. Yet, Mr. Hegde's statements nonetheless bear significance, for they (88) _____ the confidence that he has in the broader project that is already underway. The (89) _____ here is to steadily strike at the secular values that the Constitution espouses, to defeat it not so much from within, but first from outside. Negating this mission requires sustained effort, not only in (90) _____ any efforts to amend the Constitution, if indeed they do fructify, but, even more critically, by working towards building a contrary public opinion, not through rhetoric, but through facts, by reaffirming our faith in constitutionalism, and in the hallowed values of plurality and tolerance that our democracy must embody.

86.

- (A) Embrace (B) Misunderstood
(C) Grasp (D) Clasp
(E) None of these

87.

- (A) Survive (B) Handle
(C) Sustain (D) Keep
(E) None of these

88.

- (A) Elucidate (B) Exhibit
(C) Clarify (D) Exemplify
(E) None of these

89.

- (A) Struggle (B) Try
(C) Endeavour (D) Pursue
(E) None of these

90.

- (A) Frustrate (B) Thwarting
(C) Obstruct (D) Counter
(E) None of these

Directions: (91 to 95): Below, a passage is given with five labeled blanks. Below the passage, five options are given for each blank, choose the word that fits each blank most appropriately in the context of the passage and mark the corresponding answer.

There exists a highly unequal distribution of incomes and (91) _____ within countries and between countries. While billions of people

enjoy **(92)** _____ and good health, more than one billion people live in **(93)** _____ poverty, struggling for mere survival every day. The poorest of the poor face the daily life-and-death challenges of insufficient nutrition, lack of healthcare, unsafe shelter, lack of safe drinking water and sanitation. A grotesquely **(94)** _____ distribution of income means millions of children run the risk of dying from easily treatable diseases. Economic inequality has always been a subject of **(95)** _____.

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| (A) Advantages | (B) Assets |
| (C) Boon | (D) Liability |
| (E) None of these | |

92.

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| (A) Atrophy | (B) Permanence |
| (C) Epoch | (D) Longevity |
| (E) None of these | |

93.

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| (A) Compact | (B) Abject |
| (C) Dyspeptic | (D) Magnificent |
| (E) None of these | |

94.

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| (A) Unequal | (B) Estimable |
| (C) Commensurate | (D) Menacing |
| (E) None of these | |

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| (A) Discourse | (B) Pontificate |
| (C) Review | (D) Exegesis |
| (E) None of these | |

Directions (96 to 100): In the passage given below words are given in bold, each followed by a number given in the brackets. Every word in bold has five alternatives. Find out the word which best suits the place. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'no correction required' as the answer.

The state cannot choose between protecting freedom of **(96) declaration** and preserving law and order. It has a duty to do both. This is the core message of the Supreme Court order staying the notifications and decisions of four States to **(97) prohibit** the screening of the film Padmaavat, and directing them to ensure that law and order is maintained during its exhibition. Gujarat and Rajasthan have notified a ban, while Haryana and Madhya Pradesh have

(98) signified they would follow suit. What troubled the court was that creative freedom could be so easily prohibited by the state citing a possible risk to public order. It needs no **(99) restatement** that summary bans on films violate the freedom of speech and expression enshrined in Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. Such a right is subject to reasonable restrictions on some grounds, including public order. However, the use of the threat of violence and other forms of **(100) intimidation** cannot give the state an oblique reason to stifle fundamental freedoms by voicing apprehensions and invoking its powers to maintain peace. In the past, the Supreme Court has made it clear that it cannot give anyone a virtual veto over a certificate issued by the Central Board of Film Certification, a statutory body, by threatening violence. The court has reiterated that the grant of a certificate by the CBFC denudes the state of the power to prevent the exhibition of a film.

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| (A) Manifestation | (B) Demonstration |
| (C) Expression | (D) Repression |
| (E) No correction required | |

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| (A) Interdict | (B) Inhibit |
| (C) Allow | (D) Abide |
| (E) No correction required | |

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| (A) Indicated | (B) Guided |
| (C) Dismissed | (D) Marked |
| (E) No correction required | |

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| (A) Reiteration | (B) Recurrence |
| (C) Regularity | (D) Occurrence |
| (E) No correction required | |

100.

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| (A) Coercion | (B) Bullying |
| (C) Deterrence | (D) Denunciation |
| (E) No correction required | |