

## Verbal Ability - An Overview

**“ Try to understand a problem. A solution is closely related to the problem, and is bound to be found out once one isolates and understands the problem”**

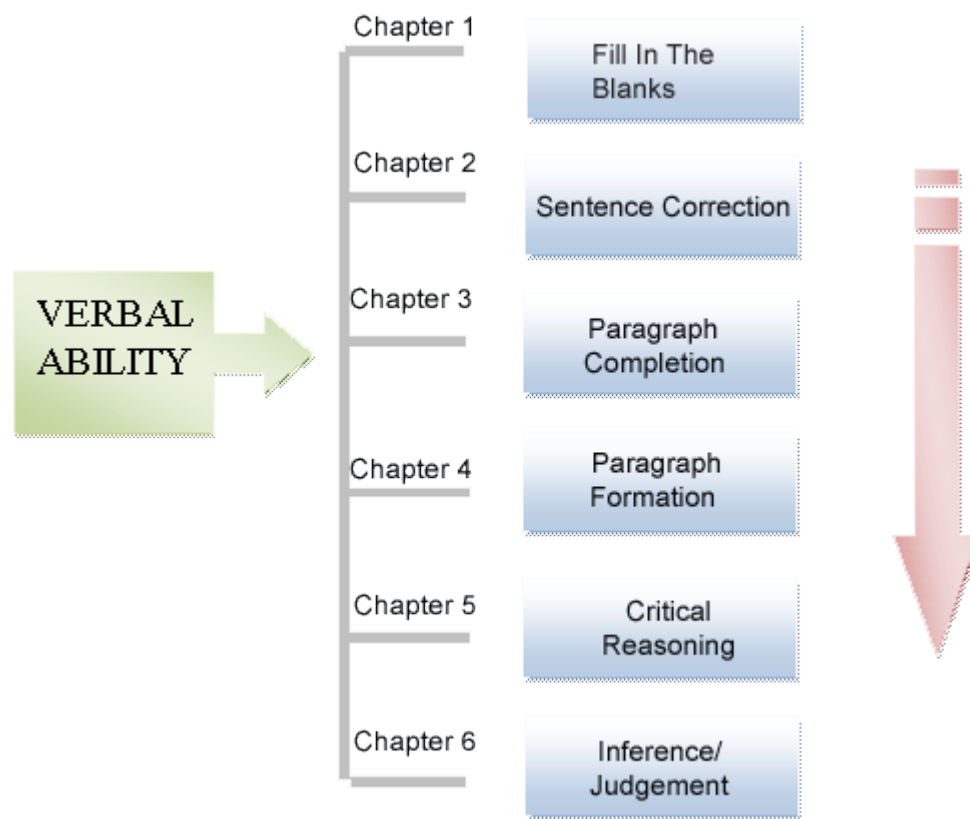
-Winston Churchill

After CAT 2006 Verbal Ability has turned out to be one of the most feared aces that CAT has up its sleeve in order to segregate those who will command a 7 figure salary to those who won't. The ambiguity of this section is enough to send shivers down the spine of any serious aspirant. At the same time, it would be imperative to realize that surprisingly, once one delves into the questions, it is all about logic and getting one's concepts in place. As soon as one does that, it is imperative that the problem is a cakewalk. Toughness of a question ceases to matter then.

The basic key to Verbal Ability in CAT is to delve into the logic of the problem, understand what the examiner wants to ask by means of the question, and then, putting up a logic, to crack the motive behind putting up the question. Once this is done, coming up with the answer to the question, just remains a formality.

Lets delve into this section a bit.

**The structure of our Verbal Ability Module is as Follows:**



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## Fill up the Blanks/ Sentence completions

Sentence completions have been a regular feature of CAT.

These questions urge the test taker, to complete the sentence by Filling in appropriate words in the spaces.

**Example:**

Aashish went out for playing Tennis, despite his knee being \_\_\_\_\_

- A.Okay
- B.Fine
- C.Hurt
- D.Damaged

E.Cold

**Needless** to say, the answer is **Hurt (C)**.

This shall be one of the formats in which sentence completion questions can be thrown at a person.

But that was in an optimistic sense. CAT shall never give a candidate an easy run for his money. They would twist the same question in a different way and shall be presented to the candidate in such a way

**Let's get to a bit difficult going.**

Despite An agonizing pain due to his \_\_\_\_\_ knee, Ashish went for playing Tennis.

- A.Paining
- B.Ugly
- C.Bruised
- D.Hurting
- E.Damaged

**Now** this becomes a bit difficult, doesn't it?

- ◆ Most people will mark A, and move on to the next question.
- ◆ The line of thought being, that when he couldn't go in for playing, it must be because it was paining.
- ◆ That is where CAT examiner caught you. It is not the effect but the cause, that was desired in this question.
- ◆ It has already been mentioned Agonizing Pain. As a result, repeat of the same adjective, is ruled out straightaway, no matter how probable it might seem.
- ◆ We come to our next possible answer, bruised. It seems okay, till we see the option D.

It was the answer in the previous question as well. Now it fits nicely as well, doesn't it?

**NO!** It doesn't.

See the tense. Hurting knee. Had it been 'Hurt', we would have been in a real dilemma.

But as of now, since it is written 'hurting' and the tense does not comply, we have to reject this answer as well.

Hence C is the most probable answer in here.

Most students believe that having a good vocabulary is very important in cracking the sentence completion/Fill up the blanks questions.

**They are RIGHT!**

The key to having a great score at sentence completion is nothing but having a great Vocabulary, coupled with logic and presence of mind

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## Golden Rules

Stated below are the **GOLDEN RULES** (You may call them the **5 Commandments** too), You can use the golden rules stated here, and crack the sentences, *but* having a good vocabulary, would make your job all the more easier.

we shall use **GOLDEN RULES** from now onwards, to crack the Sentence completion questions.

### **GOLDEN RULE 1:**

Cover the answer choices by hand, and after reading the sentence, try to formulate a SHADOW WORD. A shadow word is the one, where you THINK, what could possibly go into the blank. This will form the perimeter, inside which, you shall get your answer.

Shadow words for the above example might be Hurt, Bruised, Abraded etc

### **GOLDEN RULE 2:**

Eliminate answers that are straightforwardly impossible and out of the purview of your Shadow words. Like ( B ) and ( E ) in the above question. These are far off the Shadow words.

### **GOLDEN RULE 3:**

Check for the tense in the sentence, and eliminate more option(s). We eliminated 'Hurting' with this principle in mind. Also don't fail to check for Singularity/ Plurality. A few answers may be eliminated by this principle, as we shall see soon.

### **GOLDEN RULE 4:**

Find in the tone/mood of the sentence. Particularly important when adjectives are being desired. It is very important to understand, what is the tone author trying to convey through a sentence, or by a line, just succeeding / preceding the blank. If it is a positive tone, then we need to eliminate all the negative answer choices. We just need to discover the conjugation between two adjectives for that, and chose accordingly. This gives us a lot of leverage in elimination.

### **GOLDEN RULE 5:**

If More than one options remain, see very carefully, if you missed any rule. If not, and the answer choices are very close, take into context the larger picture of the sentence, see if the whole meaning makes perfect sense, and only THEN mark an answer.

Example, had there been "Hurt" instead of "hurting", it would have made our job more difficult. Lets analyze what we would have done.

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## Golden Rules

**Bruised** has the following definition in dictionary: “to injure or hurt slightly, as with an insult, blow or unkind remark”.

If Ashish had been hurt this lightly, would he had been in an agonizing pain?? (Yes, if he was a cry-baby! But we cannot think about suppositions in here)

**NO!**

As a result, we would have marked Hurt.

But why did we mark C in the above question?

Due to the absence of a perfect alternative.

Had there been ‘None of these’ as an option in there, we would have marked it. But Bruised seemed to fit the bill, and hence we marked it.

We must realize here, that there is a very small shade of difference between both these options, which may not always be apparent.

At times like this, it is better to leave a question and forge ahead, rather than sit and rake the brains over it (Another feasible option is a coin-toss, of course!!), and finally marking the wrong answer. This also epitomizes the need for having a good vocabulary, to differentiate word-meanings/shades of differences.

If any Fill up the blank takes more than a minute, it means that it yells “ **Please leave me alone. I am not to be solved in Exam hall**”. Please listen to that voice.

In a competitive exam, being struck with an un-crackable question is much more dangerous than leaving an easy question. It will always be a call over judgment, when you can call it off. But please, do that before it's too late.

The following questions are included for making you practice in an ability to formulate Shadow words. Go through these, and see if you can find out anything close. Spend ample time with each question.

This might also be the perfect time, to start your vocabulary preparations.

Let's see a few **Examples**

Here's one:

We decided to cancel the picnic since the weather was -----.

Difficult one, huh?

Can you figure out which word would best fit in the blank?

If you are like most people, you would say something like bad or some other word with a negative meaning since we are canceling a picnic because of some type of weather.

Of course, you will probably never see such an easy question on the CAT, but the idea is the same.

Let's look at some answer choices you might have for the example that we saw above:

(A) funny

(B) late

(C) bad

(D) good

(E) hot

**Answer is C of course.**

The ferocious tiger that we encountered while we were lost in the jungle was surprisingly -----.

(A) Dangerous

(B) vicious

(C) edible

(D) strong

(E) docile

Did you feel that you already had the idea that the ferocious tiger would be dangerous or vicious?

If you can imagine this question with harder vocabulary and more complex sentence structure, then you might be able to understand how you might be easily tricked if the sentence had been harder to understand.

Anyway, **the best answer here is docile**, which means **easily controlled**, because the word surprisingly tells us that the adjective to describe the tiger is unexpected. In this case, it would be a surprise to find out that the tiger was docile.

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## Practise test

**Let's do some practice.**

The first thing that we will do is learning how to anticipate answers. As usual, the questions will become harder as we go on.

If you cannot think of an answer, please try to say something that shows us that you at least have an idea of what the sentence means.

**For example,**

If you are not sure about the best word to use, you could describe the word. Or, you could simply say it's a negative or positive word.

This understanding of the tone is indispensable for getting the answer right at the end.

**LETS START**

<b>1.</b>	Sentence:	Solidgyan is one of the most ----- websites in the MBA-Aspirants community.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Adjective:
<b>2.</b>	Sentence:	Many people find it difficult to give up their beliefs. Even when they are presented with strong evidence, they still ----- their old beliefs.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Verb:
<b>3.</b>	Sentence:	Because it is ----- to use any sort of measurement for pain, many doctors simply ask their patients to rate their pain on a scale of one to ten.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Adjective:
<b>4.</b>	Sentence:	If we observe nature with the emotions of a human, we might think that the natural functions of the predator (the "hunter") and its prey (the "victim") seem ----- .
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Adjective:
<b>5.</b>	Sentence:	In comparison with the previous generations of people who tended to live, work, and die in one city, modern people seem positively ----- .
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Adjective:
<b>6.</b>	Sentence:	People who need to save lots of money for something should ----- such activities as eating in expensive restaurants and seeing first-run movies at cinemas.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Verb:
<b>7.</b>	Sentence:	People who ----- movies tend to go to movies ----- often than most people do.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Verb:
<b>8.</b>	Sentence:	Before Copernicus's idea of a heliocentric solar system was accepted, the idea that the Earth was not the center of the universe was quite ----- , and many astronomers who believed

		that the Sun was the center of the solar system were -----.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Adjective: Adjective:
<b>9.</b>	Sentence:	Because not much light could reach the ----- of the building, the rooms seemed much ----- than they actually were.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Noun: Adjective:
<b>10.</b>	Sentence:	Advances in science have led to ----- in disease and ----- in vaccines and antibiotics.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Noun: Noun:

## Answers

<b>1.</b>	Sentence:	Solidgyan.com is one of the most ----- websites in the MBA-Aspirants community
	Anticipated Answer(s):	Positive: Admired, revered, respected, inspirational etc.
<b>2.</b>	Sentence:	Many people find it difficult to give up their beliefs--even when they are presented with strong evidence, they still ----- their old beliefs.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	keep, maintain, hold on to, etc.
<b>3.</b>	Sentence:	Because it is ----- to use any sort of measurement for pain, many doctors simply ask their patients to rate their pain on a scale of one to ten.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	difficult, hard, etc.
<b>4.</b>	Sentence:	If we observe nature with the emotions of a human, we might think that the natural functions of the predator (the "hunter") and its prey (the "victim") seem ----- .
	Anticipated Answer(s):	barbaric, cruel, mean, heartless, merciless, etc.
<b>5.</b>	Sentence:	In comparison with the previous generations of people who tended to live, work, and die in one city, modern people seem positively ----- .



	Anticipated Answer(s):	"traveling," nomadic, peripatetic
6.	Sentence:	People who need to save lots of money for something should ----- such activities as eating in expensive restaurants and seeing first-run movies at cinemas.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	avoid, not do, stay away from, etc.
7.	Sentence:	People who ----- movies tend to go to movies ----- often than most people do.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	This one can go at least two ways, but we just have to make sure that our sentence makes sense.  love/more, like/more, enjoy/more  hate/less, dislike/not as
8.	Sentence:	Before Copernicus's idea of a heliocentric solar system was accepted, the idea that the Earth was not the center of the universe was quite -----, and many astronomers who believed that the Sun was the center of the solar system were -----.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	"crazy"/disliked, revolutionary/persecuted, unaccepted/rejected
9.	Sentence:	Because not much light could reach the ----- of the building, the rooms seemed much ----- than they actually were.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	interior/smaller, rear/less comfortable
10.	Sentence:	Advances in science have led to ----- in disease and ----- in vaccines and antibiotics.
	Anticipated Answer(s):	decreases/increases, reduction/ improvements, increased knowledge of disease/increased knowledge of vaccines

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1. She hadn't eaten all day, and by the time she got home she was \_\_\_\_\_

- a. blighted
- b. confutative
- c. ravenous
- d. ostentatious
- e. blissful

**Correct.** *Ravenous* (adj.) means extremely hungry. Think of the Shadow word first. It will be something like very hungry, famished, or something close. Your eyes must have lit up seeing *Ravenous* in there. All other Words are out of context. One must not be confused to see a word whose meaning one doesn't know. Unless

you see the word whose meaning you know, and which fits in right, you have got the answer.

2. The movie offended many of the parents of its younger viewers by including unnecessary \_\_\_\_\_ in the dialogue.

- a. vulgarity
- b. verbosity
- c. vocalizations
- d. garishness
- e. tonality

**Correct.** Vulgarity (n.) means offensive speech or conduct.

Shadow Words: Vulgarity, Abuses etc

Verbosity, though annoying would never offend anyone. Neither would vocalization, garishness or tonality. The objective in this example was to find the relation between adjectives, and fill the required blank carefully, in agreement with the tone.

3. His neighbors found his \_\_\_\_\_ manner bossy and irritating, and they stopped inviting him to backyard barbeques.

- a. insentient
- b. magisterial
- c. reparatory
- d. restorative
- e. modest

**Correct.** Magisterial (adj.) means overbearing or offensively self-assured.

Shadow Words: Imperial, Dominating, Magisterial etc

One trick that can be used in here, which is extremely helpful while dealing with adjectives is, that one should try to understand the mood of the sentence, weather it is negative or positive. Once one gets the feel for that, he can always eliminate a few close choices.

4. Steven is always \_\_\_\_\_ about showing up for work because he feels that tardiness is a sign of irresponsibility.

- a. legible
- b. tolerable
- c. punctual
- d. literal
- e. belligerent

**Correct.** Punctual (adj.) means arriving exactly on time.

Shadow Words: Diligent, punctual, particular etc.

All other options fall outside the shadow words.

5. Candace would \_\_\_\_\_ her little sister into an argument by teasing her and calling her names.

- a. advocate
- b. provoke
- c. perforate
- d. lament
- e. expunge

**Correct.** To *provoke* (v.) is to incite anger or resentment; to call forth a feeling or action.

Shadow words: Force, Incite, Provoke, Goad etc.

You may see for yourself, that once one finds the shadow words, it becomes just a matter of time to crack these sitters.

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1

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The story's bitter antagonist felt such great \_\_\_\_\_ for all of the other characters that as a result, his life was very lonely and he died alone.

Choose one answer.

- a. insurgence An organized rebellion aimed at overthrowing a constituted government through the use of subversion and armed conflict
- b. malevolence correct. Malevolence (n.) means ill will or malice toward others; hate.
- c. reciprocation The act of making or doing something in return
- d. declamation Vehement oratory , Marked by extreme intensity of emotions or convictions; inclined to react violently; fervid
- e. preference A strong liking , A predisposition in favour of something

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

2

Marks: 1/1

Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of \_\_\_\_\_ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.

Choose one answer.

- a. hirsute Having or covered with hair
- b. acrimonious Marked by strong resentment or cynicism bitter
- c. plaintive Expressing sorrow
- d. deciduous (of plants and shrubs) shedding foliage at the end of the growing season
- e. votive correct. Votive (adj.) means dedicated by a vow.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

3

Marks: 1/1

I had the \_\_\_\_\_ experience of sitting next to an over-talkative passenger on my flight home from Brussels.

Choose one answer.

- a. satisfactory Meeting requirements
- b. commendable Worthy of high praise , applaudable
- c. galling correct. Galling (adj.) means irritating, annoying, or exasperating.
- d. acceptable Worthy of acceptance or satisfactory
- e. acute Extremely sharp or intense , Having or experiencing a rapid onset and short but severe course

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

4

Marks: 1/1

Brian's pale Irish skin was \_\_\_\_\_ to burn if he spent too much time in the sun. Choose one answer.

- a. prone correct. Prone (adj.) means a tendency or inclination to something.
- b. urbane Showing a high degree of refinement and the assurance that comes from wide social experience
- c. eminent Standing above others in quality or position , high
- d. erect Construct, build, or erect
- e. daunted Caused to show discomposure, bothered , dashed

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

5

Marks: 0/1

Johan argued, "If you know about a crime but don't report it, you are \_\_\_\_\_ in that crime because you allowed it to happen."

Choose one answer.

- a. acquitted Declared not guilty of a specific offence or crime; legally blameless
- b. steadfast Marked by firm determination or resolution; not shakable
- c. tenuous incorrect. Complicit (adj.) means participating in or associated with a questionable act or a crime.
- d. complicit Having complicity, involved with a crime or offence
- e. nullified Make ineffective by counterbalancing the effect of

Incorrect

Marks for this submission: 0/1.

6

Marks: 1/1

Levina unknowingly \_\_\_\_\_ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escape.

Choose one answer.

- a. coerced To cause to do through pressure or necessity, by physical, moral or intellectual means
- b. proclaimed Declared publicly; made widely known
- c. abetted correct. To abet (v.) means to assist, encourage, urge, or aid, usually an act of wrongdoing.
- d. sanctioned Conforming to orthodox or recognized rules
- e. solicited Make a solicitation or entreaty for something; request urgently or persistently begged

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

7

Marks: 1/1

The dress Ariel wore \_\_\_\_\_ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.  
Choose one answer.

- a. titillated Feeling mild pleasurable excitement
- b. reiterated To say, state, or perform again repeat
- c. scintillated correct. To scintillate (v.) means to emit or send forth sparks or little flashes of light, creating a shimmering effect; to sparkle.
- d. enthralled Filled with wonder and delight
- e. enthralled

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

8

Marks: 1/1

Being able to afford this luxury car will \_\_\_\_\_ getting a better paying job.  
Choose one answer.

- a. maximize Make as big or large as possible
- b. recombinant A cell or organism in which genetic recombination has occurred
- c. reiterate To say, state, or perform again
- d. necessitate correct. To necessitate (v.) means to make necessary, especially as a result.
- e. reciprocate Act, feel, or give mutually or in return

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

9

Marks: 0/1

A fan of historical fiction, Joline is now reading a novel about slavery in the \_\_\_\_\_ South.  
Choose one answer.

- a. decorous Characterized by propriety and dignity and good taste in manners and conduct
- b. rogue A deceitful and unreliable scoundrel
- c. droll A person who amuses others by ridiculous behaviour
- d. **antebellum** **Antebellum (adj.) means belonging to the period before a war, especially the American Civil War.**
- e. onerous Not easily borne; wearing , burdensome

Incorrect

Marks for this submission: 0/1.

10

Marks: 1/1

After making \_\_\_\_\_ remarks to the President, the reporter was not invited to return to the White House pressroom.  
Choose one answer.

- a. hospitable Favourable to life and growth Having an open mind
- b. itinerant Travelling from place to place to work
- c. enterprising Marked by imagination, initiative, and readiness to undertake new projects
- d. chivalrous Being attentive to women like an ideal knight
- e. irreverent correct. Irreverent (adj.) means lacking respect or seriousness; not reverent.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

1

Marks: 1/1

Providing multipurpose farmland within urban areas could help \_\_\_\_\_ poverty besides \_\_\_\_\_ the aesthetics of our cities.

Choose one answer.

- a. reduce, defacing      Cut down on / Mar or spoil the appearance of
- b. moderate, increasing correct.
- c. alleviate, enhancing      Provide physical relief, as from pain / Increase
- d. fight, developing

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

2

Marks: 1/1

The Reserve Bank of India's recent decision to mark up the short-term interest rates, the repo rates, might appear \_\_\_\_\_, but is entirely \_\_\_\_\_ with its recent monetary policy stance.

Choose one answer.

- a. hasty, in sync      Excessively quick /
- b. encouraging, coherent      Contribute to the progress or growth of / Sticking together
- c. sudden, consistent      correct. Contradiction is desired in the first blank and second.
- d. well-considered, conflicting      Carefully weighed / In disagreement

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

3

Marks: 1/1

Despite their breathtaking size, gentle behaviour, and exceptional intelligence, whales can remain \_\_\_\_\_ in the public imagination because of their \_\_\_\_\_ habitat.

Choose one answer.

- a. vague, isolated      correct. Not clearly understood or expressed / isolated
- b. conspicuous, prominent      Obvious to the eye or mind, blatant, / Having a quality that thrusts itself into attention
- c. clear, dwindling      Readily apparent to the mind / Gradually decreasing until little remains
- d. indistinct, unapproachable      Not clearly defined or easy to perceive or understand / Discouraging intimacies; reserved

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

4

Marks: 1/1

Since it is now \_\_\_\_\_ to build the complex central processing unit of a computer on a single silicon chip using photolithography and chemical etching, it seems plausible that other miniature structures might be fabricated in \_\_\_\_\_ ways.

Choose one answer.

- a. unprecedented ... undiscovered      Having no precedent; novel /
- b. difficult ... related
- c. permitted ... unique
- d. routine ... similar      correct. 2nd blank needs to have something like similar/ related as shadow words 1st blank needs to have something like Usual in there. Routine comes handy in there.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

5

Marks: 1/1

Not surprisingly then, despite sweeping \_\_\_\_\_ in diagnostics and treatment, the \_\_\_\_\_ between patients and doctors and that between doctors and health care administrators is at an all time high.

Choose one answer.

- a. errors, patience
- b. advances, distrust      correct.
- c. failures, confidence
- d. progress, doubt

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

6

Marks: 1/1

One of Africa's most-feared militias has \_\_\_\_\_ and now faces the wrath of the population it \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose one answer.

- a. strengthened, protected
- b. crumbled, terrorized      correct. Fall apart /
- c. failed, represented
- d. triumphed, fought

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

7

Marks: 0/1

It is strange how words shape our thoughts and trap us at the bottom of deeply \_\_\_\_\_ canyons of thinking, their imprisoning sides carved out by the \_\_\_\_\_ of past usage.

Choose one answer.

- a. cleaved ... eruptions      Separate or cut with a tool, such as a sharp instrument / The sudden occurrence of a violent discharge of steam and volcanic material
- b. rooted ... flood      incorrect. Canyons are formed by rivers.
- c. incised ... river      Sharply and deeply indented /
- d. ridged ... ocean      Having a ridge or shaped like a ridge or suggesting the keel of a ship /

Incorrect

Marks for this submission: 0/1.

8

Marks: 1/1

Given the evidence of Egyptian and Babylonian \_\_\_\_\_ later Greek civilization, it would be incorrect to view the work of Greek scientists as an entirely independent creation.

Choose one answer.

- a. disdain for Lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike
- b. imitation of Something copied or derived from an original
- c. deference to Courteous regard for people's feelings
- d. influence on correct.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

9

Marks: 1/1

The life-history of some of the past Indian freedom leaders amply shows how a mix of resilience and \_\_\_\_\_ helped them \_\_\_\_\_ their obstacles before achieving the pinnacle of glory.

Choose one answer.

- a. fortitude .... win over **courage** Strength of mind that enables one to endure adversity with
- b. will-power .... procrastinate
- c. fortitude ... surmount correct. Fortitude means resilience and strength in the face of adversity. . Surmount means to deal with successfully. One never wins over obstacles, one wins over enemies. Hence the answer.
- d. determination .... Rectify

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

10

Marks: 0/1

The novel comes as a \_\_\_\_\_ to all women dumped by \_\_\_\_\_ males who will feel provoked at the title of the book, or at the sight of the picture on the cover.

Choose one answer.

- a. surprise ....eclectic incorrect. / Selecting what seems best of various styles or ideas
- b. **comfort** ....**narcissistic** / **egotistic , Characteristic of those having an inflated idea of their own importance**
- c. solace ....non-conformist disappointment / not Adhering to established customs or doctrines
- d. prelude ....chauvinistic Something that serves as a preceding event or introduces what follows / Fanatically patriotic

Incorrect

Marks for this submission: 0/1.

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Marks: 1/1

With her \_\_\_\_\_ eyesight, Krystyna spotted a trio of deer on the hillside and she reduced the speed of her car.



Choose one answer.

- a. inferior
- b. keen correct. Keen (adj.) means being extremely sensitive or responsive; having strength of perception.
- c. impressionable Easily impressed or influenced
- d. ductile Easily influenced
- e. conspiratorial Relating to or characteristic of conspiracy or conspirators

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

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Marks: 1/1

Rahul worked very hard for \_\_\_\_\_ the tutorial 's format. He still could not complete it in time.

Choose one answer.

- a. Completing
- b. Finishing
- c. Managing
- d. Lobbying
- e. Formulating correct. Formulating goes very well, with Format.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

3

Marks: 1/1

Wedding ceremonies often include the exchange of \_\_\_\_\_ rings to symbolize the couple's promises to each other.

Choose one answer.

- a. hirsute Having or covered with hair
- b. acrimonious Marked by strong resentment or cynicism bitter
- c. plaintive Expressing sorrow
- d. deciduous
- e. votive correct. Votive (adj.) means dedicated by a vow.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

4

Marks: 1/1

Prince Phillip had to choose: marry the woman he loved and \_\_\_\_\_ his right to the throne, or marry Lady Fiona and inherit the crown.

Choose one answer.

- a. reprimand
- b. upbraid
- c. abdicate correct. To abdicate (v.) means to formally relinquish or surrender power, office, or responsibility.
- d. winnow
- e. extol

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

5

Marks: 1/1

Giulia soon discovered the source of the \_\_\_\_\_ smell in the room: a week-old tuna sandwich that one of the children had hidden in the closet

Choose one answer.

- a. quaint

- b. fastidious
- c. clandestine
- d. laconic
- e. fetid correct. Fetid (adj.) means having a foul or offensive odor, putrid.

Correct

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Marks: 1/1

After sitting in the sink for several days, the dirty, food-encrusted dishes became \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose one answer.

- a. malodorous correct. Malodorous (adj.) means having a foul-smelling odor.
- b. prevalent
- c. Imposing
- d. perforated
- e. emphatic

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

7

Marks: 1/1

Brian's pale Irish skin was \_\_\_\_\_ to burn if he spent too much time in the sun.

Choose one answer.

- a. prone correct. Prone (adj.) means a tendency or inclination to something.
- b. urbane
- c. eminent
- d. erect
- e. daunted

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

8

Marks: 1/1

Levina unknowingly \_\_\_\_\_ the thief by holding open the elevator doors and ensuring his escape.

Choose one answer.

- a. coerced
- b. proclaimed
- c. abetted correct. To abet (v.) means to assist, encourage, urge, or aid, usually an act of wrongdoing.
- d. sanctioned
- e. solicited

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

9

Marks: 1/1

MBA preparation is one of the most \_\_\_\_\_ times for a college student who has to \_\_\_\_\_ his studies on one hand and his preparations on other.

Choose one answer.

- a. Tough, Juggle
- b. Testing, Balance correct. Balance is the correct word for 2nd blank
- c. Rewarding, care
- d. Rewarding, maintain
- e. hard, do

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

10

Marks: 1/1

The dress Ariel wore \_\_\_\_\_ with small, glassy beads, creating a shimmering effect.

Choose one answer.

a. titillated

b.

reiterated

c. correct. To scintillate (v.) means to emit or send forth sparks or little scintillated flashes of light, creating a shimmering effect; to sparkle.

d.

enthralled

e.

enthralled

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

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Marks: 1/1

Among the many \_\_\_\_\_ of the project, expense cannot be numbered; the goal of the project's promoters can be achieved with impressive \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose one answer.

a. highlights - efficiency

b. features - savings

c. disadvantages - innovation

d. claims - speed

e. defects - economy correct.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

2

Marks: 1/1

The Darwin who \_\_\_\_\_ is most remarkable for the way in which he \_\_\_\_\_ the attributes of the world class thinker and head of the household.

Choose one answer.

a. comes,  
figures

b. arises, adds

c. emerges, combines correct. 2nd blank can hold something like joins/combines/takes together. Emerges is the correct verb form in the sentence.

d. appeared,  
combines

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

3

Marks: 1/1

The government had brought in a number of private buses from the districts to \_\_\_\_\_ over the crisis that had gripped the city in the \_\_\_\_\_ of the strike

Choose one answer.

a. help; onslaught

b. take; view

- c. crush; aftermath
- d. tide; wake correct. Tide over is the idiomatic usage.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

4

Marks: 1/1

Since her face was free of \_\_\_\_\_ there was no way to \_\_\_\_\_ if she appreciated what had happened.

Choose one answer.

- a. make-up, realise
- b. expressions, ascertain correct.
- c. emotion, diagnose
- d. scars, understand

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

5

Marks: 1/1

The use of mixed media captures the artistic \_\_\_\_\_ of the visual medium, however, the treatment of colours limits their use to a tool rather than a symbolic \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose one answer.

- a. creativity; dream
- b. contours; passion
- c. splendour; expression
- d. vagaries; palette correct. Mixed refers to vagaries and colors refer to palette.

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

6

Marks: 1/1

Though one eye is kept firmly on the \_\_\_\_\_ the company now also promotes \_\_\_\_\_ contemporary art

Choose one answer.

- a. Present, Experimental
- b. Future, Proper correct. Contemporary gives the clue about the first blank
- c. Present, Popular
- d. Market, Proper

Correct

Marks for this submission: 1/1.

7

Marks: 1/1

Noting that few employees showed any \_\_\_\_\_ for complying with the corporation's new safety regulation policies, Peterson was forced to conclude that the acceptance of the regulations would be \_\_\_\_\_, at best

Choose one answer.

- a. aptitude - unavoidable
- b. regard - indeterminate
- c. respect - negotiable
- d. patience - imminent
- e. enthusiasm - grudging correct.

Correct  
Marks for this submission: 1/1.

8  
Marks: 1/1

Indian intellectuals may boast, if they are so inclined, of being \_\_\_\_\_ to the most elitist among the intellectual \_\_\_\_\_ of the world.

- Choose one answer.
- a. subordinate, traditions
  - b. heirs, cliques correct.
  - c. ancestors, societies
  - d. heir, traditions

Correct  
Marks for this submission: 1/1.

9  
Marks: 1/1

In this context, the \_\_\_\_\_ of the British labour movement is particularly\_\_\_\_\_.

- Choose one answer.
- a. affair, weird
  - b. activity, moving correct.
  - c. experience, significant
  - d. atmosphere, gloomy

Correct  
Marks for this submission: 1/1.

10  
Marks: 1/1

"Tom's ceaseless devotion to his studies was \_\_\_\_\_ but his cleanliness was \_\_\_\_\_ as his clothes were always dirty and crumpled."

- Choose one answer.
- a. Infallible; doubtful correct. Both words need to be antonyms, because of the 'but' in between. The first blank needed to have a positive word. Hence the answer.
  - b. Doubtful; infallible.
  - c. Diligent; abundant.
  - d. Acrimonious; skillful
  - e. Devoted; unquestionable

Correct  
Marks for this submission: 1/1.