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## CLOZE TEST / PASSAGES

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**Directions (Q. 1-10)** In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each number four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

First aid experts stress that (1) what to do for an (2) victim until a doctor or other trained person gets to the accident scene can (3) a life, especially in cases of stoppage of breathing, severe bleeding, and shock. People with special (4) problems, such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, epilepsy, or allergy, are (5) to wear some sort of emblem identifying the problem, as a safeguard against administration of medication that might be injurious or even (6) when emergencies do occur, (7) first aid. Within the first few minutes often (8) life or death. (9) administering of first aid (10) medical professional to provide better care.

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| 1. (1) before      | (2) attempting | (3) regarding  | (4) knowing   | (5) about      |
| 2. (1) injured     | (2) inquiring  | (3) efficient  | (4) important | (5) accidental |
| 3. (1) harm        | (2) comfort    | (3) take       | (4) soothe    | (5) save       |
| 4. (1) mental      | (2) ethical    | (3) medical    | (4) accident  | (5) moral      |
| 5. (1) prohibited  | (2) invited    | (3) compelled  | (4) allowed   | (5) urged      |
| 6. (1) appropriate | (2) dangerous  | (3) beneficial | (4) fatal     | (5) remedial   |
| 7. (1) expecting   | (2) providing  | (3) avoiding   | (4) ignoring  | (5) neglecting |
| 8. (1) determines  | (2) offers     | (3) vanishes   | (4) reflects  | (5) begs       |
| 9. (1) Hasty       | (2) Careless   | (3) Proper     | (4) Probable  | (5) Reasonably |
| 10. (1) resists    | (2) instigates | (3) hinders    | (4) prevents  | (5) enables    |

**Directions (Q. 11-20)** In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each number five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

After ten years of (11) inflation, prices have spiked 7.5% in the third week of July. This scary—after all, Indians had got used to prices crawling up by 2% in the last two years, and a 10-year average inflation rate or about 5% — but you shouldn't worry. This burst of inflation is the result of three factors that have come together unexpectedly and unlikely to (12) for long and are unlikely to (13) up together again: an (14) rise in global metal oil prices, a monsoon that arrived late and a spike in global metal prices. North Sea crude has crossed \$42 per barrel, driven up by low petroleum (15) and soaring demand in the US as war production heats up. Oil markets are also spooked by the (16) of Russian oil supplies falling on the back of the Yukos-Sibneft probe. There's little that the government can do to (17) users from soaring oil prices—indeed, it shouldn't, if it wants to (18) efficiency. Higher transport costs have pushed up rates of vegetables and fruits. Farm Produce could also get affected by rains that arrived too late for kharif sowing. China is (19) up steel and other metals from all over

the world to **(20)** a construction boom ahead of the 2008 Olympics, making metal prices soar all over the world, and sparking inflation in India.

11. (1) mere (2) moderate (3) retarding (4) vehement (5) dull  
12. (1) obstinate (2) constitute (3) persist (4) repeat (5) normalize  
13. (1) go (2) scramble (3) mount (4) yield (5) crop  
14. (1) sustained (2) suspicious (3) view (4) erratic (5) favourable  
15. (1) lists (2) trades (3) services (4) inventories (5) details  
16. (1) prospect (2) progress (3) view (4) extent (5) deposit  
17. (1) support (2) ignore (3) propel (4) prolong (5) insulate  
18. (1) position (2) promote (3) process (4) pass (5) form  
19. (1) hurrying (2) passing (3) pairing (4) gobbling (5) throwing  
20. (1) keep (2) make (3) feed (4) grow (5) fight

**Directions (Q. 21-30)** in the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each number five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate words in each case.

Whatever prosperity India enjoyed in the seventeenth Centuries disappeared when the Mughal Empire **(21)** apart. The most immediate cause of this breakdown was the religious intolerance, which led to open rebellion. It was to **(22)** these revolts that the bigot ruler spent **(23)** years in the field with immense armies consuming the revenues of the country. There were, however, more deep-seated **(24)**. The corruption of officials and the oppression of the masses steadily **(25)** away the empire's life blood. For some time there had been a noticeable deterioration in the character of the ruling class. Wars of secession **(26)** wiped out the heading families, and new blood from central Asia was **no** **(27)** recruited for the higher governmental posts. Finally, the Mughal Empire was an alien regime. It continued to be so **(28)** Akbar's policy of conciliation was abandoned and it wore itself out trying to maintain its power **(29)** the ceaseless opposition, only now and then overt but always present, of the **(30)** citizens.

21. (1) joined (2) broke (3) dashed (4) banged (5) became  
22. (1) run out (2) crash (3) crush (4) cajole (5) motivate  
23. (1) no (2) hardly (3) many (4) inexpensive (5) most  
24. (1) variables (2) attributes (3) characteristics (4) causes (5) affect  
25. (1) drained (2) gone (3) sucked (4) released (5) went  
26. (1) has (2) have (3) was (4) did (5) had  
27. (1) longer (2) pump (3) far (4) candidate (5) shorter  
28. (1) at (2) into (3) over (4) after (5) before  
29. (1) far (2) at (3) against (4) favouring (5) for  
30. (1) discontented (2) weeping (3) ruling (4) calm (5) contended

ANSWERS:

1.	<b>4</b>	2	<b>1</b>	3	<b>5</b>	4	<b>3</b>	5	<b>5</b>
6	<b>4</b>	7	<b>2</b>	8	<b>1</b>	9	<b>3</b>	10	<b>5</b>
11	<b>2</b>	12	<b>3</b>	13	<b>5</b>	14	<b>4</b>	15	<b>2</b>
16	<b>1</b>	17	<b>5</b>	18	<b>2</b>	19	<b>4</b>	20	<b>3</b>
21	<b>2</b>	22	<b>3</b>	23	<b>3</b>	24	<b>4</b>	25	<b>3</b>
26	<b>5</b>	27	<b>1</b>	28	<b>4</b>	29	<b>3</b>	30	<b>1</b>



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