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Directions:

In each of the following sentences there are four blank spaces. Five pairs of words are given below each sentence. Find out which pair of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make it meaningfully complete.

Q1. Although the World Bank's 'ease of doing business' report may not _____ its analysis such anomalous situations like a government's arbitrary action and diktat fuelled by some lobby or another affecting business, this _____ makes any analysis on a comprehensive 'ease of doing business' report incomplete. The case in point being that _____ the widespread and competitive meat bans in various states last week, the issue won't reflect in India's ranking, despite business on the ground being severely affected. This means that corporate institutions will look at the actual ground _____ in India rather than just World Bank rankings, and decide for themselves whether doing business in India is worth their efforts or not.

- a) corporate into - separation - despite - realities
- b) corporate into - separation - despite - realities
- c) incorporate in - exclusion - indeed - reality
- d) incorporate in - exclusion - indeed - reality
- e) incorporate in - exclusion - despite - realities

Q2. Let's simply decode the first verse of the Rig Veda. Language experts have concluded that there are older verses in the Rig Veda, _____ when the books were re-organized, this verse was located as the first one. A traditionalist will try to exclude general public people from the decoding exercise using various _____ reasons. These isolationist rules were created to protect the _____ of hymns, but _____ breeding corruption in the priestly class, much like the License Raj. Again it is a burden we do not bear in the 21st

century. The hymn is identified as Rig Veda 1.1.1, meaning it is the first hymn (rig) of the first poem (sukta) of the first of the ten books (mandala).

- a) So - devout - sanctity - ended up
 - b) So - devout - sanctity - ended with
 - c) but - orthodox - sanctity - ended up
 - d) but - orthodox - religiousness - closed
 - e) but - orthodox - religiousness - closed
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Q3. But our research _____ that investors cannot operate on divided attention. Major non-market attention-grabbing events overwhelm firm _____ information carrying strong sentiment. For example, when Hazare was on his fast, a positive news item on Coal India gaining Maharatna status _____ negative sentiment. Its price fell by almost 2 per cent over the next two days. Around the same period, there was neutral-to positive news on Infosys with officials _____ in talks to have the IT company set up local presence. Strangely, the stock reported a negative cumulative abnormal return (CAR) of 1 per cent in the two days around the Hazare event.

- a) has been shown – in particular - generated - reportedly
 - b) has shown - specific - generated - reportedly
 - c) has been shown – in particular - generated - reportedly
 - d) has shown - specific - develop - reported
 - e) has shown - specific - develop - reported
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Q4. Companies are acquiring stakes in technologies unrelated to their core business that holds _____ the future. Google is _____ such acquisitions, buying the satellite imaging technology firm Skybox Imaging in 2014 for USD 500 million to enhance its project Loon that intends to provide internet access in _____ of the world. With the acquisition of Nest Labs for USD 500 million, Google showed its _____ home monitoring. Facebook acquired the Britain-based Ascenta to provide internet access through unmanned aerial vehicles. We are yet to see such high-risk, long-term investment types of acquisitions in India.

- a) promise for - well known for - remote parts - appetite for

- b) promise of - well known for - remote parts - appetite for
- c) promise for - know how to - remote parts - appetite for
- d) promise for - well known for - accessible parts - appetite for
- e) promise for - well known for - remote parts - appetite to

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Q5. The Americans remain officially optimistic, even if a little impatient, at India's pace of economic reforms. But when two countries as _____ as India and the US get together to face complex _____ the world, there will be things that don't work. The focus, say US officials, is and should be on implementation. Both Barack Obama and Modi are sensitive that past _____ about the world's most powerful and the largest democracies walking into the sunset together has begun sounding _____. When they last met, they agreed to focus on getting things done.

- a) mix - restrictions of - rhetoric - hollow
- b) mix - restrictions for - rhetoric - hollow
- c) diverse - challenges of - oratory – hollowness
- d) diverse - challenges of - rhetoric - hollow
- e) diverse - challenges of - oratory – hollowness

Q6. Organisations are gradually _____ the importance of creating strong brands that provide real customer benefits so they can avoid falling prey to commoditisation. In other words, companies are realising that it's the only way _____. To a point, marketing and brand building exercises can help _____ one's products and services and break the monotony and commoditisation but after that one often needs to turn to innovation and constant technological upgrades _____ mindshare.

- a) Has realised - to survive - differentiate - to retain
- b) realising – to be survived - differentiate - to retain

- c) realising - to survive - contrasting - to retain
 - d) realising - to survive - differentiate - to gain
 - e) realising - to survive - differentiate - to retain
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Q7. Bridge is _____ popular card sport in the world with over 100 countries as members of the World Bridge Federation. The estimated number of bridge players exceeds 60 million. But not many know that bridge _____ the passion of corporate honchos and financial investors. Wall Street loves this cerebral game and some of _____ players in the US are investors. A bridge buff, Warren Buffet had famously declared, "I _____ mind going to jail if I had three cellmates who played bridge." I have had the personal fortune of playing two boards with Bill Gates, some 20 years ago.

- a) the most - has always been - the best - wouldn't
 - b) the more - has always been - the best - wouldn't
 - c) the most - has always - the best - wouldn't
 - d) the most - has always been - the better - wouldn't
 - e) the most - has always been - the best - wouldn't have been
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Q8. Over 300 million people in India are _____ and have no access to electricity. _____ building grids or nuclear plants, Valley companies like Simpa Networks and Tesla have renewable solar battery packs and can light up every home with 24x7 efficient and low-cost energy. Simpa has already brought solar battery powered electricity to over 10,000 homes in Mathru district in just less than 12 months. These are the kind of new micro-grid and micro-power wall solutions that _____ the common man's problem to bring _____ and clean energy.

- a) on-grid - Rather than - will solve - affordable
 - b) off-grid - Rather than - will solve - affordable
 - c) off-grid - Rather then - will solve - affordable
 - d) off-grid - Rather than – will be solved - affordable
 - e) off-grid - Rather than - will solve - good
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Q9. Goldman Sachs claimed _____ no law. That's precisely the problem. Our societies are _____ by legal corruption. University professors are in cahoots with pharmaceutical companies that think nothing of _____ hundreds of thousands of dollars for life and death products that _____ hundreds. And economists who cannot see past markets support such nonsense.

- a) to be broken - being destroyed - charging - cost them
 - b) to have broken - been destroyed - charging - cost them
 - c) to have broken - being destroyed - charging - cost them
 - d) to have broken - being destroyed - costing - cost them
 - e) to have broken - being destroyed - charging – charge them
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Q10. Violence in the Terai can only make it difficult for that process to materialise. It would be good if all _____ realise this. There are many in the top Indian leadership who wish to see Nepal enjoy the _____ multi-party democracy and federalism in full measure. Some of them can surely muster sufficient goodwill in Kathmandu _____ the Nepalese leadership to set up a Commission to look into the grievances of the Madhesis and the Tharus, especially with respect to _____ of provinces and adequate representation.

- a) concern - fruits of - to persuade - delineation
 - b) concerned - fruits for - to persuade - delineation
 - c) concerned - fruits of - to be persuaded - delineation
 - d) concerned - fruits of - to persuade - delineation
 - e) concerned - fruits of - to persuade – to deline
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Q11. While fundamentally the differentiated business pillars mentioned above should _____ sufficient, we realised that the execution _____ done differently as well. The Indian mass market consumer, was new to the internet as was the SME merchant — just bringing the marketplace model to them _____. We created ShopClues as India's First "Managed" marketplace — what this meant was to take a very considered though opposing _____ being the first pure marketplace to intermediate shipping, customer service and many other supporting services from day one etc. Since

then, many other ecommerce companies have “pivoted” to the model, but our clear differentiation has stood us in good stead.

- a) have - had to be - was not enough - point of view of
- b) have been - had to be - was not enough - point of view of
- c) have been – has been - was not enough - point of view of
- d) have been - had to be - was enough - point of view of
- e) have been - had to be - was not enough - point of view

Q12. Indeed, as global pharmaceutical companies themselves come under pressure in their home countries as to just how expensive cutting-edge, patented medicines can be, _____ generics versions, this is becoming a concern beyond just India. A story that came to _____ recently was of an Australian academic who began suffering from Hepatitis C, his liver reaching a critical precancerous stage, and realised patented medicines down under _____ him \$100,000 for a course. He made his way to Chennai and bought generics versions of the same drug for less than \$1,000. Completely cured, he is now running a _____ the high price of patented medicines.

- a) in relation to - prominence - would cost - campaign against
- b) in comparison to - prominently - would cost - campaign against
- c) in comparison to - prominence – would have been cost - campaign against
- d) in comparison to - prominence - would cost - campaign in favour of
- e) in comparison to - prominence - would cost - campaign against

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Q13. In the Hindu Puranas, the problem is never with wealth. Wealth is a goddess, Lakshmi, one of the _____, invoked in the Shri Sukta of the Rig Veda for cows and grain and gold and children. The problem is with our relationship with wealth. In the Puranas, Brahma’s son Indra is always chasing wealth. In contrast, Vishnu attracts wealth and Shiva is _____ to wealth. The wealth chasers are not worshipped; the wealth-attractors and the wealth-ignorers are

_____ in temples. Vishnu is linked to householders and Shiva to hermits. But then Shiva is made to marry a princess of the mountains, Parvati, who is also the goddess of food, Anna-poorna, thus _____ to the value of food, if not wealth, in human society. Even the hermit who shuns wealth needs food. Thus, production and distribution of food and wealth are separated, though both are seen as key to society.

- a) oldest - different - enshrined - drawing attention
 - b) older - indifferent - enshrined - drawing attention
 - c) oldest - indifferent – enshrine - drawing attention
 - d) oldest - indifferent - enshrined - drawing attention
 - e) oldest - indifferent - enshrined - getting attention
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Q14. The World Bank's 'ease of doing business' report considers a number of factors in its assessment. These _____ what it takes to start a business, procuring licences and permits to operate, registering properties, protection of minority investors, certainty in taxation, enforcement of contracts and resolving insolvency. The government _____ to get India in the top 50 within the next two years. For that to be achieved, for starters, arbitrary bans and diktats need _____. Meat sellers and businesses, both in the organised and unorganised sectors, have been _____, as have the food chains selling meat-based food products. With revenues being lost, and unexpected impediments to doing business, this unpredictability and wanton disregard for the interests of businesses hardly bodes well.

- a) Take into account - has to be vowed - to ban - affected
 - b) Take into account - has to be vowed - to ban - affected
 - c) include - has vowed – to be banned - effected
 - d) include - has vowed - to ban - affected
 - e) include - has vowed - to be banned - effected
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Q15. While even the ILO refers only to 'labour', the fact is that today's refugees and migrants are often _____ labour. They deserve protection from social and political _____ and economic discrimination in host nations. Be it in Europe or in China, in West Asia or North America, every modern nation must grant the 'right of entry' and human security to refugees and migrants,

coming _____ the laws of demographics and the human instinct for survival. Stringent visa systems and immigration laws are a 20th century _____ that have no place in the 21st.

- a) Future's - hostile - to terms with - aberration
- b) Future's - hostile - to terms with – aberration
- c) tomorrow's - hostility - to terms with - aberration
- d) tomorrow's - hostility - along with – irregularity
- e) tomorrow's - hostility - to along with – irregularity

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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (e)

Q2. Answer: (c)

Q3. Answer: (b)

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Q4. Answer: (a)

Q5. Answer: (d)

Q6. Answer: (e)

Q7. Answer: (a)

Q8. Answer: (b)

Q9. Answer: (c)

Q10. Answer: (d)

Q11. Answer: (b)

Q12. Answer: (e)

Q13. Answer: (d)

Q14. Answer: (d)

Q15. Answer: (c)

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