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Directions:

In each of the following sentences there are blank spaces. Below each sentence there are five set of words denoted by the numbers (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). Find out which set of words can be filled up in the blanks in the sentence in the same sequence to make it grammatically correct.

Q1. India's Railways serves the _____ function of providing travel access to millions, and, as Mahatma Gandhi wrote in his article 'Third Class in Indian Railways', have the _____ of making it equitable and comfortable. It must also be safe. The Railway Ministry is _____ a major safety initiative, the Rashtriya Rail SanrakshaKosh, with a non-lapsable corpus of Rs.1,19,183 crore.

- a) lethargic, obligatory, chasing
- b) important, liability, shunning
- c) vital, responsibility, pursuing
- d) essential, irresponsibility, following
- e) indispensable, duty, eschewing

Q2. Amidst the rising pile of non-performing assets in government owned banks, willful defaulters were said to be responsible for around 77,000 crore of bad debts by last July, but the Kingfisher baron has emerged as the poster boy of the problem. Therefore the flurry of action on his bad loans, however belated, could help counter perceptions of a _____ approach towards the well-heeled. Breaking the banker borrower nexus is just as critical for _____ public money as is acting against corrupt administrators, but a timely and transparent system is needed to _____ that bankers don't turn wary of extending credit at the slightest hint of risk.

- a) passive, safeguarding, ensure
- b) insurgent , armoring, enfeeble

- c) acquiescent, attacking, assure
 - d) unresistant , assaulting, assure
 - e) contrary, protecting, secure
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Q3. Strong words are no substitute for action, however, and the strategic partnership that India _____with the UAE must be based on clarity and concrete measures. This should include a crackdown on the shadowy businesses owned by Dawood Ibrahim as well as more steps to _____terror financing of the Taliban and groups in Pakistan and Afghanistan; such money is often routed through _____remittances from the UAE.

- a) anticipate, release, emigrant
 - b) envisions, curb, expatriate
 - c) ignore, constraint, repatriate
 - d) envisage, latitude, deportee
 - e) conceive, constraint, indigenou
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Q4. The Constituent Assembly debates leave no manner of doubt that the said power ought not to be exercised merely to _____a failure to muster support in the legislature. The satisfaction of the president at the time of the promulgation of an ordinance is within the _____of judicial review. The government will have to _____the Court about whether the satisfaction for repromulgation was based on some relevant material.

- a) dodge, cognizance, tantalize
- b) comply, misconception, quench
- c) circumvent, purview, satisfy
- d) elude, understanding, pique
- e) confront, understanding, satiate

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Q5. While bilateral ties have been _____ for decades, the defence and security partnership is clearly the new driver for ties between the two governments; the signing of the strategic partnership agreement was the highlight of the UAE leader's visit. The _____ of this partnership are now being set: joint military exercises, joint manufacturing and purchase of equipment and spare parts from India, as well as _____ on fighting terror.

- a) strong, outline, division
 - b) frail, profile, collaboration
 - c) vigorous, configuration, contention
 - d) sturdy, affection, synergy
 - e) robust, contours, cooperation
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Q6. The practice becomes unacceptable when it degenerates into an "ordinance raj", where ordinances are _____ brought before the legislature but are re-issued again and again, _____ the spirit of the Constitution. The court's verdict has to be seen as placing a vital check on what has until now been a power _____ abused by the executive.

- a) infrequently, rebelling, profusely
 - b) seldom, violating, rampantly
 - c) often, complying, sparsely
 - d) occasionally, consecrating, bridled
 - e) sporadically, deferring, profusely
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Q7. It takes singular skill and ascertain ruthlessness, however, to make capital of the smallest advantages, and Federer and Serena, and to a marginally _____ extent Nadal and Venus, did precisely that. Federer, who missed six months last year with an injury, knew he could not allow Nadal time and space. With his opponent looking in excellent physical condition, Federer could not _____ to be drawn into long, bruising rallies; he had to dictate the _____ of play.

- a) minute, reject, pace
- b) auxiliary, sustain, chance
- c) larger, manage, pace

d) lower, refuse, cadence

e) lesser, afford, tempo

Q8. The collision of the Hubli-Bengaluru City Hampi Express with a goods train that left 25 people dead, for instance, was caused by _____ of staff. The Kakodkar committee on railway safety found that out of 441 derailments it _____, only about 15% were the result of _____, while the majority were caused by factors completely under the control of the railway administration.

a) compliance, examined, vandalism

b) failure, analysed, sabotage

c) fault, agglomerated, disruption

d) carelessness, inspected, loyalty

e) achievement, evaluated, destruction

Q9. The temptation to use the power vested in the President and the Governors under Articles 123 and 213 of the Constitution is generally a result of one of the following three reasons: _____ to face the legislature on particular issues, fear of _____ in the Upper House where the government may lack the required numbers, and the need to overcome an impasse in the legislature caused by repeated and willful _____ by a vociferous section of the Opposition.

a) reticence, winning, dislocation

b) willingness, losing, disturbance

c) unwillingness, trouncing, calmness

d) eagerness, overthrown, disturbance

e) reluctance, defeat, disruption

Q10. The Supreme Court's seven-judge constitution bench gave the _____ in this case while _____ the validity of the Bihar ordinance which was re-promulgated seven times since 1989 by the state government to _____ certain benefits on Sanskrit teachers.

a) award, inspecting, withdraw

- b) charge, observing, annul
 - c) take, overlooking, abrogate
 - d) verdict, examining, confer
 - e) call, interrogating, rescind
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Q11. It has often chosen to play _____ moral guardian rather than _____ films by content and letting audiences make _____ decisions.

- a) smile, tangling, authentic
 - b) staring , distorting, genuine
 - c) glowering , labeling, informed
 - d) pleasing, confusing, enlightened
 - e) orthodox, producing, sophisticated
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Q12. At home, while security forces deserve _____ for limiting the Pathankot air base attack, many questions need to be _____ about the state of _____ along the Punjab-Pakistan border.

- a) condemnation, replied, peril
 - b) praise, acknowledged, security
 - c) blame, replied ,danger
 - d) censure, answered, insecurity
 - e) credit, rebutted, chaos
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Q13. Despite _____ interest in the putative benefits of free trade and globalization in the West amid a _____ in economic nationalist leaders, demand for trade liberalization persists in the Asia-Pacific. Though there are no other multilateral arrangements _____ to the complexity of nontariff

provisions included in the TPP, two arrangements are notable for at least including a comparably large collection of economies.

- a) declining, disappear, ambitious
 - b) fading, rise, apathetic
 - c) burgeoning, deteriorate, yearning
 - d) waning, surge, aspiring
 - e) flourishing, rush, desiring
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Q14. It is said in the budget that _____ changes would be made in the law to bring down prices of essential drugs and health equipments. Production of generic drugs would be _____. Budget talks about opening new AIIMS also. However, these provisions are not sufficient. People lose their savings and whatever _____ they have for treatment of their near and dear ones.

- a) Dispensable, stimulated, money
 - b) Imperative, dissuaded, possessions
 - c) Requisite, encouraged, assets
 - d) Superfluous, incited, capital
 - e) Essential, deterred, property
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Q15. Consider innovations like the India Stack which _____ Aadhaar authentication, e-KYC, esign, Digital Locker and UPI _____ mobile payments to _____ cashless, paperless and presence-less transactions.

- a) part, improbable, impart
 - b) dissolve, impractical, pledge
 - c) detach, disconnect, yield
 - d) combines , interoperable, provide
 - e) consists, easy, issue
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (c)

Pursuing means following or chasing (someone or something).

Q2. Answer: (a)

Passive- accepting or allowing what happens or what others do, without active response or resistance.

Safeguarding- protect from harm or damage with an appropriate measure. Ensure- make certain that (something) will occur or be the case.

Q3. Answer: (b)

Envisions- imagine as a future possibility; visualize.

Curb- a check or restraint on something.

Expatriate- send (a person or money) abroad.

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Q4. Answer: (c)

Circumvent- deceive; outwit.

Purview- the scope of the influence or concerns of something.

Satisfy- meet the expectations, needs, or desires of (someone).

Q5. Answer: (e)

Contour means an outline representing or bounding the shape or form of something. Robust means strong and healthy; vigorous.

Q6. Answer: (b)

Seldom- not often; rarely.

Violating- break or fail to comply with (a rule or formal agreement).

Rampantly- Extending unchecked; unrestrained

Q7. Answer: (e)

Tempo means the rate or speed of motion or activity.

Q8. Answer: (b)

Sabotage means deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage.

Q9. Answer: (e)

Reluctance- unwillingness or disinclination to do something.

Defeat- reject or block (a motion or proposal).

Disruption- disturbance or problems which interrupt an event, activity, or process.

Q10. Answer: (d)

Verdict- a decision on an issue of fact in a civil or criminal case or an inquest.

Examining- inspect (someone or something) thoroughly in order to determine their nature or condition.

Confer- grant (a title, degree, benefit, or right).

Q11. Answer: (c)

“glowering , labeling, informed’ fits the blank perfectly.

Glowing means have an angry or sullen look on one’s face; scowl.

Q12. Answer: (b)

“praise, acknowledged, security”, fits the blanks most appropriately and is the correct choice.

Q13. Answer: (d)

Waning means (of a state or feeling) decreasing in vigour or extent; becoming weaker.

Q14. Answer: (c)

Option (c) is true.

Requisite means which is necessary or required.

Superfluous means redundant, surplus

Q15. Answer: (d)

“combines , interoperable, provide”, fits the blanks most perfectly. Interoperable means (of computer systems or software) able to exchange and make use of information.

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