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Directions:

In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. against each number, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. find out the appropriate word in each case.

What Indian politicians and bureaucrats share with their scientist, engineer and carpenter counterparts is their acceptance of mediocrity and lack of skill. The greatest moral failure of Indian institutions is the tolerance of incompetence. (___1___) criminality or corruption. The tolerance of incompetence in (___2___) is a result of a low cultural value attached to the creation and (___3___) of institutions. Institution building is hard work it requires a combination of vision, commitment and performance. Any institution involves a contract between those who (___4___) to the institution and those who support it. The support can take the form of money or votes but that support must be (___5___) continuously. In a properly functioning institutional system, the Institutional contract (___6___) the institution members and their supporters takes the form you give me support and I will give you results. Competence is the channel that sustains the flow of trust from supporters to institutions and back. If doctors don't cure will they not lose our trust? While blaming individual politicians and babus for their corrupt ways, let us also examine the system that accepts mediocrity and even lets it (___7___). What we are seeing in India is a case of contract failure. The contractor who bribes an official and then builds a leaky stadium is not just being (___8___). He is sustaining a collusive system that subverts, rules regulating mutual cooperation between government institutions, market players and society as a whole. In the case of endemic contract failure everyone (___9___). Including the contractor, for once the public loses its trust in institutions even businessmen will (___10___) out on opportunities to make money. The moral status of institutions is central to continued development and prosperity.

Q1. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (___6___) appropriately?

- a) between
- b) akin
- c) centered
- d) suggests
- e) twosome

Q2. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_7_) appropriately?

- a) kill
 - b) bolder
 - c) out
 - d) question
 - e) thrive
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Q3. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_8_) appropriately?

- a) generous
 - b) trivial
 - c) corrupt
 - d) variant
 - e) immature
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Q4. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_9_) appropriately?

- a) encompasses
 - b) suffers
 - c) responsible
 - d) succeeds
 - e) proliferates
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Q5. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_10_) appropriately?

- a) walk

- b) venture
- c) get
- d) storm
- e) lose

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The world is witnessing food price turbulence again. A bad drought in Russia, rising demand in the US and developing countries, and Pakistan's blighted crop prospects after its floods are keeping prices of commodities such as cereals, sugar, oil and meat high. The Food and Agriculture Organizations monthly food price (___1___) is heading north. India is not (___2___) from this problem even at the best of times. For the week that ended on 11 September, food prices (as (___3___) by the Wholesale Price Index) rose by 15.86%. Given the robust demand for foodstuffs, a time of price volatility calls for a careful look at the design issues surrounding food supply management. At times, even huge food stocks are not able to (___4___) rising food prices. The fault lies in how food is released to traders by government agencies such as the Food Corporation of India (FCI). This problem is apart from FCI's high carrying cost of food grains. But this is not the problem at (___5___). For example, under the open market sales scheme (OMSS) a fixed quantity of grain, usually in multiples of 10 metric tons, is sold to traders, flour mills and other buyers when supplies are (___6___) or there is price volatility. But a combination of price rigidity, terms of sale and the quantity sold under OMSS defeat its purpose. One reason for this is the large volume in the hands of very few individual buyers. This (___7___) to perverse economic incentives. Often, the grain sold under this scheme winds up back with food (___8___) agencies because of price differentials (the price at which it is sold and the prevailing market price). This has been observed many times in states as diverse as Punjab and Uttar Pradesh. If the number of buyers is (___9___) and the quantity sold to each buyer reduced, or the price fixed but the amount of grain that can be bought kept flexible, these problems can be (___10___). This makes for a sensible menu of options. But it needs careful implementation. And if, for some reason, changes are required to suit (___11___) conditions in different states, the economic logic behind these ideas should not be lost (___12___) of

Q6. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_1_) appropriately?

- a) value
- b) state
- c) rate

- d) index
 - e) scheme
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Q7. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_2_) appropriately?

- a) separate
 - b) above
 - c) away
 - d) affected
 - e) immune
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Q8. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_3_) appropriately?

- a) handled
 - b) Increased
 - c) measured
 - d) developed
 - e) reported
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Q9. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_4_) appropriately?

- a) stop
 - b) identify
 - c) slow
 - d) arrest
 - e) find
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Q10. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_5_) appropriately?

- a) hand
- b) juncture

- c) best
 - d) this
 - e) all
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Q11. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_6_) appropriately?

- a) least
 - b) short
 - c) enough
 - d) nil
 - e) plenty
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Q12. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_7_) appropriately?

- a) Jumps
 - b) leads
 - c) is
 - d) rises
 - e) gives
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Q13. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_8_) appropriately?

- a) procurement
 - b) storing
 - c) producing
 - d) hoarding
 - e) supply
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Q14. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_9_) appropriately?

- a) decreased
 - b) promoted
 - c) increased
 - d) controlled
 - e) constant
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Q15. Find out the appropriate word one of which fits the blank (_10_) appropriately?

- a) highlighted
 - b) solve
 - c) indicated
 - d) neglected
 - e) overcome
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Answers to the above questions :

Q1. Answer: (a)

Q2. Answer: (c)

Q3. Answer: (c)

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Q4. Answer: (b)

Q5. Answer: (e)

Q6. Answer: (d)

Q7. Answer: (e)

Q8. Answer: (e)

Q9. Answer: (d)

Q10. Answer: (a)

Q11. Answer: (b)

Q12. Answer: (b)

Q13. Answer: (a)

Q14. Answer: (c)

Q15. Answer: (e)

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