

Cloze Test

Directions (1-5) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

A stone that is constantly rolling cannot gather moss, while a stone that remains lying in one (1)_____ will gather it after a time. In the same way, a man who is a rolling stone, who is constantly (2)_____ his occupations and pursuits, and does not settle (3)_____ long for any particular work, achieves little or no (4)_____ in life. One who is constantly chopping and changing will never become wealthy and get success in life. He will merely be dissipating his energies and will get nowhere. As the proverb says, 'He who hunts two hares, loses (5)_____':

Q1 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.

- (A) locality (B) place
(C) size (D) society

Q2 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.

- (A) agile (B) active
(C) moving (D) changing

Q3 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.

- (A) upon (B) below
(C) after (D) down

Q4 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.

- (A) seniority (B) success
(C) majority (D) priority

Q5 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.

- (A) nothing (B) everything

(C) both

(D) equal

Directions (6-10) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

Agriculture, with its (1)_____ sectors, is unquestionably the largest livelihood provider in India, more so in the vast rural areas. It also (2)_____ a significant figure to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). Sustainable agriculture, in (3)_____ food security, rural employment and environmentally sustainable technologies, such as soil conservation, sustainable natural resource management and biodiversity protection, are essential (4)_____ holistic rural development. Indian agriculture and allied activities (5)_____ witnessed a green revolution, a white revolution, a yellow revolution and a blue revolution.

Q6 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.

- (A) social (B) another
(C) secured (D) allied

Q7 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.

- (A) assume (B) insist
(C) contributes (D) insight

Q8 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.

- (A) condition of (B) time of
(C) spite of (D) terms of

Q9 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.

- (A) in (B) on
(C) for (D) as



Q10 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.

- (A) being (B) will
(C) have (D) be

Directions (11-15) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given. Select the most appropriate option for each number.

Necessity, they say, is the mother of invention. Dr Burjor P Banaji, pioneer of Lasik surgery in India, has (1) ----- over a dozen surgical instruments. When (2) ----- senior eye surgeon at Max Eye Care started Lasik, there were (3) ----- surgeons doing it worldwide, and no (4) ----- instruments were available either. "As I want things (5) ----- I designed a whole slew of instruments that made my surgery more efficient," says Banaji.

Q11 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 1.

- (A) discovered (B) invented
(C) recovered (D) founded

Q12 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 2.

- (A) these (B) those
(C) they (D) the

Q13 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 3.

- (A) little (B) any
(C) few (D) more

Q14 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 4.

- (A) specific (B) correct
(C) exact (D) limited

Q15 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank no. 5.

- (A) popular (B) perfect

(C) prolific

(D) punitive

Directions (16-20) Read the following passage and answer the given questions.

In the following passage, some words have been deleted. Read the passage carefully and select the most appropriate option to fill in each blank.

A (1)_____ is a type of attack in which an attacker attempts to gain access to a user's sensitive information by posing as a trustworthy entity. Phishing attacks can take many forms, including email, text messages, or phone call scams. To protect against phishing attacks, it's important to be (2)_____ of the warning signs, such as requests for personal information or suspicious links. Other strategies include using anti-phishing software and staying up to date on the latest (3)_____. If you suspect that you've fallen victim to a phishing attack, it's important to take (4)_____ as soon as possible. Despite the risks associated with phishing, many people continue to fall prey to these scams, underscoring the importance of (5)_____ and caution when using the internet.

Q16 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 1.

- (A) virus (B) spam
(C) phishing (D) firewall

Q17 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 2.

- (A) negligent (B) indifferent
(C) aware (D) doubtful

Q18 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 3.

- (A) bugs
(B) updates
(C) patches
(D) vulnerabilities

Q19 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 4.

- (A) risks (B) disadvantages
(C) measures (D) advantages



Q20 Select the most appropriate option to fill in blank 5.

(A) complacency

(B) curiosity

(C) vigilance

(D) scepticism



Answer Key

Q1 (B)
Q2 (D)
Q3 (D)
Q4 (B)
Q5 (C)
Q6 (D)
Q7 (C)
Q8 (D)
Q9 (C)
Q10 (C)

Q11 (B)
Q12 (D)
Q13 (C)
Q14 (A)
Q15 (B)
Q16 (C)
Q17 (C)
Q18 (B)
Q19 (C)
Q20 (C)



Hints & Solutions

Q1. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Locality** - A specific neighbourhood or area; less fitting as it refers more to a general area.
- **Place** - A specific position or location; correct for the context.
- **Size** - The physical dimensions of something; irrelevant in this context.
- **Society** - A community of people; not applicable to the metaphor about a stone.

Correct Option: B. place

The word "place" is the most appropriate choice because it refers to a specific location where something remains. The proverb suggests that a stone, when it stays in one place, will eventually gather moss, which metaphorically means that stability and consistency lead to accumulation or growth.

Q2. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Agile** - Able to move quickly and easily; not directly relevant to the idea of switching occupations.
- **Active** - Engaged in action; less specific than "changing."
- **Moving** - In motion; while related, it doesn't capture the idea of switching pursuits as well as "changing."
- **Changing** - Making something different; correct for describing someone who frequently alters their activities.

Correct Option: D. changing

"Changing" is the most appropriate word because it directly relates to someone who frequently switches their occupations or pursuits. The metaphor of a "rolling stone" implies constant movement, and in this context, "changing" perfectly captures that idea.

Q3. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Upon** - On something; doesn't fit the phrase "settle down."
- **Below** - Under something; irrelevant in this context.
- **After** - Following something; that doesn't fit with "settle."
- **Down** - Used in the phrase "settle down," meaning to become stable; correct for the context.

Correct Option: D. down

"Settle down" is a common phrase that means to become stable or to commit to something for a long period. In this context, it accurately describes the idea of sticking with one occupation or pursuit.

Q4. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Seniority** - Higher rank due to longer service; not relevant here.
- **Success** - The accomplishment of a goal; correct for the context.
- **Majority** - The greater number or part of something; not fitting here.
- **Priority** - The fact or condition of being regarded as more important; not suitable for the context.

Correct Option: B. success

"Success" is the most appropriate word here because the sentence discusses the achievements or lack thereof that result from not committing to any one pursuit. Success is commonly associated with achieving goals and is the most fitting term in this context.

Q5. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Nothing** - No single thing; doesn't complete the proverb correctly.



- **Everything** - All things; not appropriate for this specific proverb.
- **Both** - Refers to the two things mentioned; correct for the proverb.
- **Equal** - The same in quantity, size, or value; irrelevant in this context.

Correct Option: C. both

The proverb "He who hunts two hares, loses both" means that trying to pursue two goals at once often leads to failing at both. "Both" is the correct word to complete this proverb.

Q6. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Social** – Related to society, community, or interactions between people.
- **Another** – One more of the same kind; an additional one.
- **Secured** – Safely protected or firmly fixed.
- **Allied** – Joined or connected with others for a common cause.

Correct Choice: D. allied

- The context mentions sectors related to agriculture (like forestry, fisheries, etc.), and "allied" fits perfectly to describe sectors that are connected or associated with agriculture.

Q7. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Assume** – To suppose something to be true without proof.
- **Insist** – To demand something forcefully.
- **Contributes** – To give or supply something for a cause.
- **Insight** – A deep understanding of something.

Correct Choice: C. contributes

- Agriculture adds a significant amount to the GDP, so "contributes" is the best choice to express this addition.

Q8. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Condition of** – The state or situation of something.
- **Time of** – A specific moment or period.
- **Spite of** – Without being affected by something (used in "in spite of").
- **Terms of** – Related to a specific aspect or conditions.

Correct Choice: D. terms of

- The sentence discusses how sustainable agriculture relates to food security and employment. "In terms of" is a common expression used to describe a specific aspect or consideration.

Q9. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **In** – Inside or within something.
- **On** – Resting atop or referring to a specific date or event.
- **For** – Used to indicate purpose or duration.
- **As** – Used to indicate role, function, or comparison.

Correct Choice: C. for

- The sentence describes how sustainable agriculture supports holistic rural development. "For" is the most appropriate preposition to indicate purpose or necessity.

Q10. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Being** – The state of existing.
- **Will** – Used to express future actions.
- **Have** – To possess or experience something.
- **Be** – Used to indicate existence or identity.

Correct Choice: C. have

- The context describes past events that have occurred over time. "Have witnessed" (present perfect tense) is the correct choice to indicate actions/events that have happened up to the present moment.

Q11. Text Solution:



The Correct Answer: **Option B — invented**

Explanation: The word "invented" is the most appropriate choice because it directly relates to the opening line "Necessity, they say, is the mother of invention." The context clearly indicates that Dr. Banaji created new surgical instruments that didn't exist before. "Invented" means to create or design something new, which perfectly fits the description of Dr. Banaji developing "over a dozen surgical instruments" to meet his specific needs in Lasik surgery.

Other options:

- A) "discovered" - This means to find something that already exists, but the context shows Dr. Banaji created new instruments rather than finding existing ones
- C) "recovered" - This means to get back something that was lost, which doesn't fit the context of creating new surgical tools
- D) "founded" - This typically means to establish an organization or institution, not to create physical instruments

Q12. Text Solution:

The Correct Answer: **Option D — the**

Explanation: The word "the" is the most appropriate choice because it is a definite article that specifies which senior eye surgeon is being referred to. The sentence is describing Dr. Burjor P Banaji, who was already mentioned in the previous sentence as the pioneer of Lasik surgery in India. Using "the" creates a clear reference to this specific senior eye surgeon at Max Eye Care, making the sentence grammatically correct and contextually clear.

Other options:

- A) "these" - This is a demonstrative pronoun for plural nouns nearby, but "senior eye surgeon" is singular
- B) "those" - This is a demonstrative pronoun for plural nouns at a distance, but again the noun is singular

- C) "they" - This is a personal pronoun for plural subjects, which doesn't work grammatically in this sentence structure

Q13. Text Solution:

The Correct Answer: **Option C — few**

Explanation: The word "few" is the most appropriate choice because it correctly describes a small number of countable nouns (surgeons). The context indicates that when Dr. Banaji started Lasik surgery, it was a new procedure with very limited practitioners worldwide. "Few surgeons" means there were only a small number of surgeons performing this procedure, which aligns with the pioneering nature of Dr. Banaji's work and the subsequent need to invent new instruments.

Other options:

- A) "little" - This is used with uncountable nouns, but "surgeons" is countable, so "little" is grammatically incorrect
- B) "any" - This would create "there were any surgeons," which is grammatically incorrect in this positive statement context
- D) "more" - This would imply there were additional surgeons beyond a certain number, which contradicts the context of Dr. Banaji being a pioneer in a new field

Q14. Text Solution:

The Correct Answer: **Option A — specific**

Explanation: The word "specific" is the most appropriate choice because it refers to instruments that are specially designed or tailored for a particular purpose - in this case, Lasik surgery. The context indicates that when Dr. Banaji started performing Lasik, there were no instruments specifically designed for this new surgical procedure. This lack of "specific" instruments for Lasik surgery is what necessitated Dr. Banaji to invent his own tools, which aligns perfectly with the theme of necessity being the mother of invention.

Other options:



- B) "correct" - This implies right versus wrong instruments, but the issue wasn't about correctness but about having instruments designed for Lasik
- C) "exact" - This suggests precision or accuracy, but doesn't capture the meaning of instruments designed specifically for Lasik procedures
- D) "limited" - This would mean there were some instruments but in small quantities, contradicting the statement that "no instruments were available"

Q15. Text Solution:

The Correct Answer: **Option B — perfect**

Explanation: The word "perfect" is the most appropriate choice because it fits the context of Dr. Banaji's meticulous approach to surgery. The phrase "As I want things perfect" reflects his desire for precision and excellence in his surgical procedures. This perfectionist attitude logically explains why he designed his own instruments - he wanted everything to be exactly as he needed it to achieve the best possible surgical outcomes, which made his surgery more efficient.

Other options:

- A) "popular" - This means well-liked or favored, which doesn't relate to the context of designing surgical instruments for efficiency
- C) "prolific" - This means producing much or many, which doesn't fit the context of wanting things in a certain way
- D) "punitive" - This means involving punishment, which is completely unrelated to the context of surgical precision and instrument design

Q16. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Virus** - A type of malicious software designed to cause damage or unauthorized actions on a computer.
- **Spam** - Unsolicited and often irrelevant or inappropriate messages sent over the internet.

- **Phishing** - A fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive information by pretending to be a trustworthy entity.
- **Firewall** - A network security system that monitors and controls incoming and outgoing network traffic.

Correct Option: C. phishing

The passage discusses a specific type of attack where the attacker pretends to be a trustworthy entity to gain sensitive information. This is known as "phishing." A virus is a type of malicious software, spam refers to unwanted emails, and a firewall is a security system, none of which accurately describe the type of attack mentioned.

Q17. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Negligent** - Failing to take proper care in doing something.
- **Indifferent** - Having no particular interest or sympathy; unconcerned.
- **Aware** - Having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact.
- **Doubtful** - Feeling uncertain about something.

Correct Option: C. aware

To protect against phishing attacks, it is crucial to be "aware" of the warning signs. Being aware means being conscious or knowledgeable about potential threats. "Negligent" means failing to take proper care, "indifferent" means having no particular interest, and "doubtful" means feeling uncertain—none of which appropriately describe the necessary attitude for protection against phishing.

Q18. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Bugs** - Errors or flaws in software that cause it to behave unexpectedly.
- **Updates** - Newer versions or releases of software or information that often include improvements or fixes.



- **Patches** - Specific updates that fix particular problems or vulnerabilities in software.
- **Vulnerabilities** - Weaknesses that can be exploited by a threat to gain unauthorized access to a system.

Correct Option: B. updates

To stay protected against phishing attacks, it's important to stay up to date on the latest "updates." Updates refer to the latest versions of software or information that help protect against new threats. "Bugs" are flaws in software, "patches" are specific fixes for bugs or vulnerabilities, and "vulnerabilities" refer to weaknesses that could be exploited.

Q19. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Risks** - The possibility of suffering harm or loss.
- **Disadvantages** - Unfavorable conditions or circumstances.
- **Measures** - Actions or steps taken to achieve a particular goal, often to prevent or respond to a problem.
- **Advantages** - Conditions or circumstances that put one in a favourable or superior position.

Correct Option: C. measures

If you suspect that you've fallen victim to a phishing attack, it's important to take "measures" as soon as possible. Measures refer to actions or

steps taken to achieve a particular end, especially to protect or safeguard against threats. "Risks" and "disadvantages" refer to potential negative outcomes, while "advantages" refer to benefits—none of which fit the context of taking action to mitigate harm.

Q20. Text Solution:

Let us first understand the given options:

- **Complacency** - A feeling of smug or uncritical satisfaction with oneself or one's achievements, leading to a lack of vigilance.
- **Curiosity** - A strong desire to know or learn something.
- **Vigilance** - The action or state of keeping careful watch for possible dangers or difficulties.
- **Scepticism** - A sceptical attitude; doubt as to the truth of something.

Correct Option: C. vigilance

The passage emphasizes the importance of "vigilance" and caution when using the internet to avoid falling victim to phishing scams. Vigilance refers to the action or state of keeping careful watch for possible dangers or difficulties. "Complacency" is a feeling of self-satisfaction, often leading to a lack of vigilance. "Curiosity" is the desire to learn or know about something, and "scepticism" is doubt as to the truth of something—neither of which fit the context of being alert and cautious.

