

English Language for Competitive Exams
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Vocabulary: Text Completion Part 1

Welcome back friends, and we will continue with some exercises related to your vocabulary development and building. So, remember that building vocabulary for competitive exams does not merely constitute getting acquainted with new words and their meanings; you have to learn the appropriate usage also in terms of usage in various sentences and contexts.

Now sometimes words that we use as nouns on a daily basis can be found being used as a verb, so changing the class of the word. For instance hatch, racket, bold we have to familiar with plastic bottles, plastic surgeries, plastic expressions. Now all these things can be used in different contexts; plastic surgery we know plastic, but then we there could be plasticity of something. So, then you have to understand that in what context is being used. Sentence completion that (Refer Time: 01:26) that we are going to do and it is a good way to learn different uses of words.

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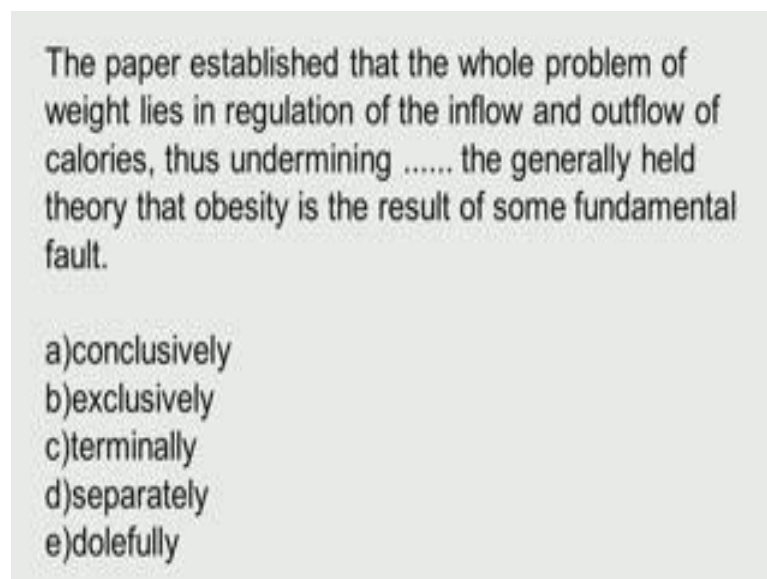
According to the poll, the students at XXX university cognitive-enhancing drugs more than students at any other university in the country

- a) mediate
- b) overindulge
- c) abuse
- d) quaff
- e) squander

So, let us first look at the first slide first exercise, pay attention to the slide please. According to the poll the students at this university dash; cognitive-enhancing drugs more than students at any other university in the country. Mediate, overindulge, abuse, quaff, squander what should be the answer? Now the best answer here is abuse. We often use the see this is like a collocation we use the word drugs in relation to abuse. We can eliminate a because mediate does not fit, its squander means to waste and it does, it sounds like that it can fit, but it really then we do not say its squander cognitive in enhancing drugs.

Quaff means to drink successively and sentence is talking about drugs; between over indulge and abuse the abuse is more suited term for describing cognitive enhancing drugs; remember between abuse and a squander we know that the better choice is abuse because you tend to squander money or talent, but you abuse drugs.

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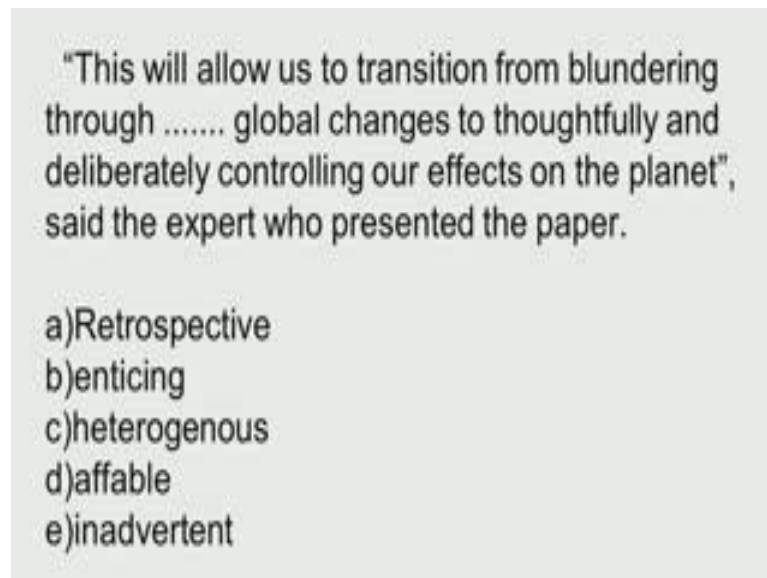
- a) conclusively
- b) exclusively
- c) terminally
- d) separately
- e) dolefully

Look at the second exercise the paper established that the whole problem of weight lies in regulation of the inflow and outflow of calories, thus undermining dash the generally held theory that obesity is the result of some fundamental fault. So, thus undermining conclusively, exclusively, terminally, separately, dolefully you should if you do not know the meanings of some of these words please look them up. The best answer is conclusively; now terminally means incurably or unalterably you say terminally ill patient. While dolefully means sorrowfully; does not fit we can say that these two

options do not and we will go on to the next few options. Separate means not together which does not make much sense in the context of the given sentence, and if you that one array from now conclusively means proving something without allowing for doubt or confusion, while exclusively means is the only source.

In the context those meaning, both meanings can be applied, but we can say conclusively is the better option. So, you have to use your judgements judiciously.

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"This will allow us to transition from blundering through global changes to thoughtfully and deliberately controlling our effects on the planet", said the expert who presented the paper.

- a) Retrospective
- b) enticing
- c) heterogeneous
- d) affable
- e) inadvertent

Next exercise please look at it look at the question. "This will allow us to transition from blundering through dash global changes to thoughtfully and deliberately controlling our effects on the planet", said the expert who presented the paper. Now through retrospective global changes, enticing global changes, heterogeneous global changes, affable global changes, inadvertent global changes what could be the best word? If you do not know any of these words please consult your dictionaries, and the best choice here is inadvertent.

The clue lies in the later part of the course in the terms like deliberately in the use of from to indicate that the missing word has to indicate something that this is non deliberate as of now. Enticing means to seduce attract or interest something does not fit. Retrospective means looking back, connecting something that happen in the past. In retrospection I should not have done that, retrospectively I could have handled it better. Affably indicates friendliness which we may not blunder through heterogeneous cannot

be ruled out until we look at the other option, which is inadvertent means unintentional; we have more chances of blundering though in inadvertent global changes than heterogeneous global changes. So, the best choice is inadvertent.

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Regret that I could not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Paulo, and the rest of the to be then and there assembled, was of course immediately expressed. My mind became restless and I felt, amidst all these invitations, cruelly neglected. They served, indeed, but to increase my uneasiness, as they opened of happiness in which I could take no share.

i) a)fracas b)litterati c)precursors

ii) a)quiescent b)agitated c)satiated

iii) a)splice b)tirade c)prospects

Let us move on to the next slide; regret that I could not have the pleasure of meeting mister Paulo and the rest of the dash to be then and there assembled, was of course immediately expressed. My mind became restless and dash I felt, amidst all these invitations, cruelly neglected. They served, indeed, but to increase my uneasiness, as they opened dash of happiness in which I could take no share.

Look at the sets carefully fracas, litterati, precursors, quiescent, agitative, satiated, splice, tirade, prospects. So, the answer first one is litterati the blank can be easily filled if you have well acquainted with the words given. Precurse means noisy quarrel litterati means literally intelligentia and precursor something that proceeds. Since the author is talking about meeting the answer can only be the word that indicates person or a group of people. Answer for the second blank is agitative; negative feelings are expressed in the rest of the sentence.

Also observe the use of restless, which indicates a similar word to fill in the blanks and quiescent means not active and satiated means satisfied, we have done that. The other day we were talking about sate s a t e satiate; neither of which applies to the given situation agitated is the best choice and the third response is prospects. So, even if you do

not know the meanings of the rest of the words, let see how prospect fits and if we are familiar with most of the most of the words, it is occasionally possible for us to eliminate the less likely options.

Now, remember the splice is the verb that means join the ends of something, the answer need not necessarily be a verb because opened comes just before the blank. So, let us look at the other options tirade is a speech you know she noised a tirade against drug addiction or drug abusers speech of denunciation. The other day we did a word like denounce right de cry denounce even if we do not know the exact meaning of tirade its commonly found to be used in places expressing anger. And the term happiness is mentioned in the sentence; hence we can conclude that the answer can be prospects. The meaning of prospect is the possibilities of future success this is the most appropriate answer from among the given choices.

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We lose our innocence by becoming of how we are behaving on a planetary scale, in space and time, and that knowledge into our actions.

- i) a)tractable b)unstinting c)cognisant
ii) a)integrating b)undermining c)transgressing

Let us look at the next question we lose our innocence by becoming dash of how we are behaving on a planetary scale in space and time, and that knowledge into our actions. Look at the choices tractable, unstinting, cognisant, integrating,, undermining transgressing and the answer is first cognisant. Tractable means easily managed, unstinting means very generous, neither of them indicate in losing in innocence as much as cognisant, which means having knowledge hence cognisant seems to be the most fitting choice. And second word is integrating; undermining means hindering normal

operations. Transgressing means disregarding rules or laws or boundaries; neither fits when talking about knowledge and actions hence integrating is the answer integrating means incorporate.

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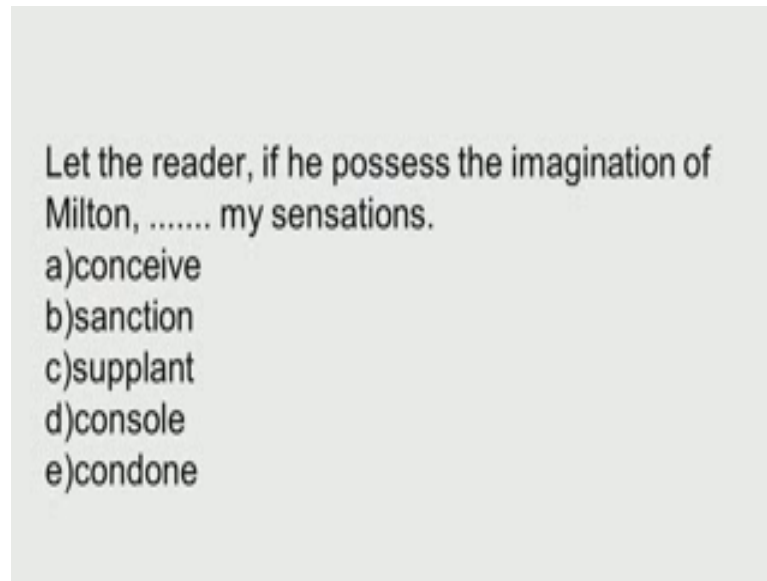
Here was a scene of and clamor in the parsonage as the presents were pulled out and discussed, and when all possible joy was from them in the sitting-room, the children rushed in a body into the kitchen and showed them to Nabby, calling on her to join their acclamations.

- i) a)exultation b)noise c)racket
ii)a)inured b)procured c)substantiated

Let us look at the next choice; here was a scene of dash and clamor in the parsonage as the presents were pulled out and discussed, and when all possible joy was dash from them in the sitting-room, the children rushed in a body into the kitchen and showed them to Nabby, calling on her to join their acclamations. Sets are exultation, noise, racket, inured, procured, substantiated, you have to choose any two words. Answer is first one exultation; now he is talking about opening presence noise and its synonym.

Racket seems less fitting than exultation, which means feeling of extreme joy; remember if exultation was not among the given words then other two words would have had a chance to becoming the better choice to fill the blank. And the second choice word is procure; inured means may tough bi habitual exposure in substantiated means strengthen. Procured means get by special effort and again speaking about joy and presence procured seems more fitting word than the other two choices.

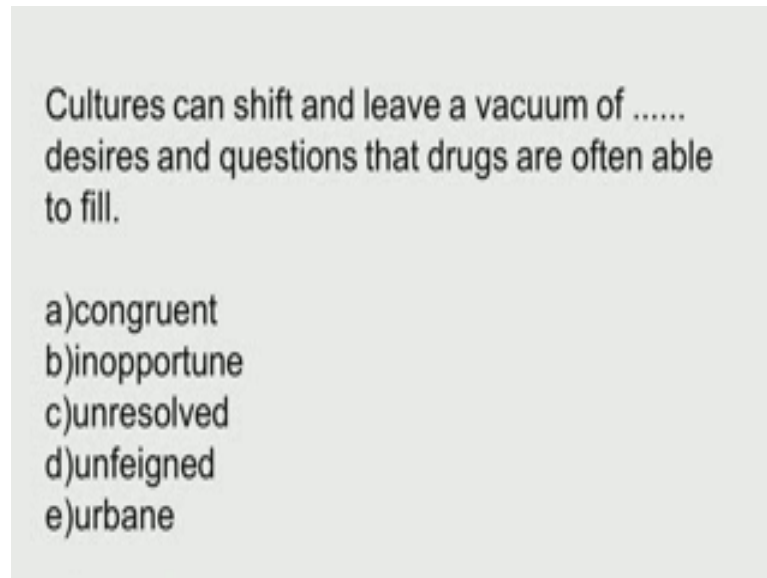
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Next set; let the reader, if he possess the imagination of Milton dash my sensations. So, conceive my sensations, sanction my sensations, supplant my sensations, console or condole my sensations. The best is conceive; condole means pardon we have seen this word. Console means to give moral or emotional strength to somebody or something; and supplant means take the place of a supplanted a higher from the position of something; so taking the place of. Sanction means give authority to this has been sanctioned, loan has been sanctioned, this ordinance has been sanctioned. So, conceive means have the idea of judge and this is the comparatively difficult question remember the meaning if one knows the meaning of all the words.

So, we have to look for clues in this very short sentence, the clue is imagination. So, while at the first and glance it may seem that any of these words might fit, the best choice is the word that is more similar to imagination hence conceives.

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Next slide look at this, cultures can shift and leave a vacuum of dash desires and questions that drugs are often able to fill. Congruent desires, inopportune desires, unresolved desires, unfeigned desires, urbane desires and the best answer is unresolved desires. Again there are multiple choices that seem to fit in therefore, it is a little difficult question, congruent means in harmony corresponding in character, inopportune means untimely; it was very inopportune moment to bring up the question.

Unresolved means not brought to conclusion and congruent means corresponding in characterize we have already seen. Un feigned means sincerely felt or expressed, and urbane means refined and polished. Though most of these seem to fit, we need to see which one is the best word here best suited word here. So, drugs are filling a vacuum unresolved seems to be the best choice.

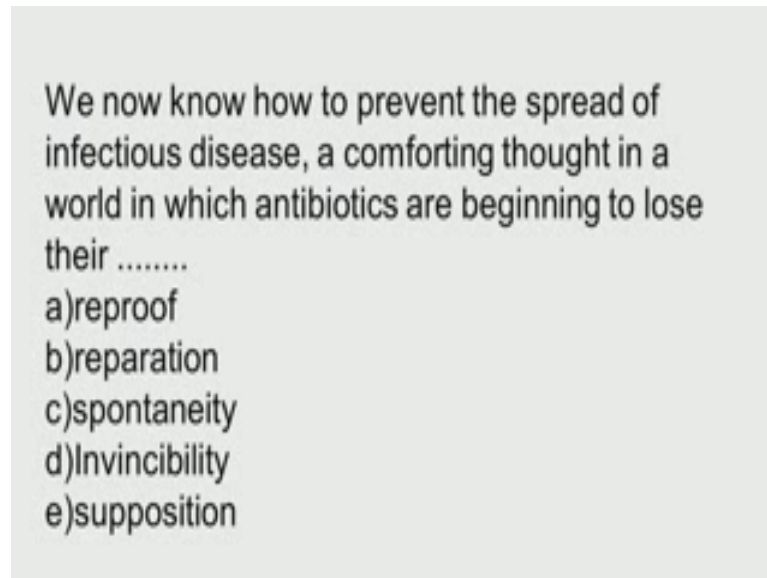
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Did I tell you that the of the weather, and
the heat of the intolerable furnaces, dry the hair
and break the nails of strangers?

- a)Severity
- b)tiff
- c)tedium
- d)torpor
- e)scrutiny

Let us look at the next slide, did I tell you that the dash of the weather, and the heat of the intolerable furnaces, dry the hair and break the nails of strangers? Severity of the weather, tiff of the weather, tedium of the weather, torpor of the weather, scrutiny of the weather; the best choice is severity it collocates well. Severity means something hard to endure, tiff is a quarrel about petty points tedium means dullness owing to length or slowness; torpor means in active resulting inactivity resulting from lethargy and lack of vigour or energy and scrutiny mean the act of examining something closely. Since the passage is talking about weather that two in metaphorical sense, tiff torpor tedium and scrutiny do not apply hence severity is the right option.

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Next slide we now know how to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, a comforting though in a world in which antibiotics are beginning to lose their: reproof, reparation, spontaneity, invincibility, supposition. The best word is invincibility; reproof means an act or expression of criticism and sensor.

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We have the word sensor and this is the word. So, reproof is an act of sensory, reparation means compensation for an insult or injury and spontaneity means quality of being spontaneous; coming from natural feelings without constraint of too much of

preparation. Invincibility means the property being difficult or impossible to defeat, and supposition means a hypothesis that is taken for granted. Now passage is talking about losing ability or something to prevent something antibiotics; so invincibility the supposedly lack of defeat which is impossible to defeat. So, it is no longer the situation in that antibiotics are invincible in today's world; invincibility seems to be the most fitting of all choices.

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According to the author, American neoclassical architecture, the of state buildings, was a great self-deception.

- a) idolatry
- b) iconoclasm
- c) iconography
- d) idiosyncrasy
- e) lexicography

Let us look at the next slide. According to the author,, American neoclassical architecture the dash of state buildings was a great self deception. Idolatry of state buildings, iconoclasm of state buildings, iconography of state buildings idiosyncrasy of state buildings, lexicography of state buildings; the best answer iconography; iconography means the images and symbolic representations that are traditionally associated with a person or a subject. Iconoclast of means characterized by attack on establishment believes or a institutions. Idiosyncrasy is behaviour in attribute that is distinctive and peculiar to an individual idolatry, and lexicography can be eliminated first because the former means a worship of idols, while letter is the act of writing dictionaries.

Since we are talking about building here iconography seems burst which means images in symbolic representations that are traditionally associated with the person or subject.

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The Second Treatise of Government by Locke suggests that contract rather than divine right was the only basis of government.

- a) impassive
- b) legitimate
- c) iconoclast
- d) implacable
- e) incipient

Let us move on to the next slide please look at the question here, the second treatise of Government by Locke suggests that contract rather than divine right was the only dash basis of government. Impassive basis, legitimate basis, iconoclast basis, implacable basis, incipient basis and the best choice is legitimate. In impassive means having or revealing little emotion or sensibility, legitimate is accordance with the recognize law or practices or a standards of principles. You know that iconoclast we have talked about it already what is iconoclast; which means someone who breaks that accepted traditions and notions, and in implacable in capable of being placated. Incipient means imperfectly formed, the passage is about governments and we are looking for a word that can be applied to governments. So, legitimacy is the best response here.

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They realised that the act of thinking about important matters has value. The journey is the goal.
a)insipid
b)inherent
c)inimical
d)intrepid
e)innocuous

Next slide please, they realised that the act of thinking about important matters has dash value the journey is the goal. Now insipid value, inherent value, inimical value, intrepid value, innocuous value; the best answer is inherent value. Insipid means lacking taste or flavour; inherent means existing as essential constituents of characteristic. Inimical means unfriendly, intrepid means quite bold and innocuous means harmless. The clue is the second sentence the journey is the goal. Now we need to look at the words and we have to see which word which word fits best here inherent value, something which is intrinsic to it, basic to it.

So, thank you very much we will continue with similar exercises in our next class also.