

English Language for Competitive Exams
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Vocabulary: Text Completion Part 3

Good morning again. And we are going to do text completion, what we were doing in our last class again we will look at single and double blank questions. I have been telling you quite often text completion is not about vocabulary, as much as it is about sentence comprehension. So, one tip that I can give you is that you should figure out the context of the entire paragraph, read the paragraph entirely first only then look through the options given.

Fill in the blanks and try all the options always as a practice, in the mo case of most questions both words are given within the same option this make things easier for you, because it is easier to get both right then find a single right answer all options may seem similar or (Refer Time: 01:05) but there is always only one best answer remember that. So, read through the options carefully, and try it within the sentence before you choose the best fit.

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Question 1

Nonviolent demonstrations often create such tensions that a community that has constantly refused to ___ its injustices is forced to correct them; the injustices can no longer be ___.

- A. Acknowledged...ignored
- B. Decrease...verified
- C. Tolerate...accepted
- D. Address...eliminated
- E. Explain...discussed

Let us look at the first exercise here. Nonviolent demonstrations often create such tensions that a community that has constantly refused to accept its injustices is forced to correct them: the injustices can no longer be ignored. Acknowledged or ignored, decreased or verified, tolerance accepted, address eliminated, explain discussed. Best answer is answer a: acknowledged and ignored. You have to use note the use of colon there the two dots this usually means that the author is adding something not directly related, but important to the original clause therefore, acknowledged and ignored is the best answer look at the second set now.

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Question 2

Since 1813 reactions to Austen's novels have oscillated between ___ and condescension; but in general, later critics have admired her works more highly than did most of her literary ___.

- A. Dismissal...admirers
- B. Adoration...contemporaries
- C. Disapproval...readers
- D. Indifference...followers
- E. Approbation...precursors

Question 2, since 1813 reactions to Austen's again we are talking about Jane Austen here have oscillated between dash and condescension; but in general later critics have admired her works more highly than did most of her literary. Dismissal admirers, adoration contemporaries, disapproval readers, indifference followers, approbation precursors, the best answer is adoration and contemporaries. See between oscillated between when we say oscillated, what does it mean? Swing between 2 extreme. So, you swing between adoration, and condescension that is looked on upon, but in general later critics have become her admirers much more and they appreciate her work more much more than most of a literary contemporaries; we look at set 3 now.

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Question 3

As yet, there are no vegetation systems or ecosystems whose study has been __ to the extent that they no longer __ ecologists.

- A. Perfected...hinder
- B. Exhausted...interest
- C. Prolonged...require
- D. Prevented...challenge
- E. Delayed...benefit

Question 3; as yet there are no vegetation systems or ecosystems whose study has been perfected hinder, exhausted interest, prolonged require, prevented challenge, delayed benefit; to the extent that they no longer dash ecologists. So, best answer is option b is exhausted and interest; none of the other options fit in well with the sentence exhausted and interest make sense it does not hold that perfect study is in the ecologists sense so on.

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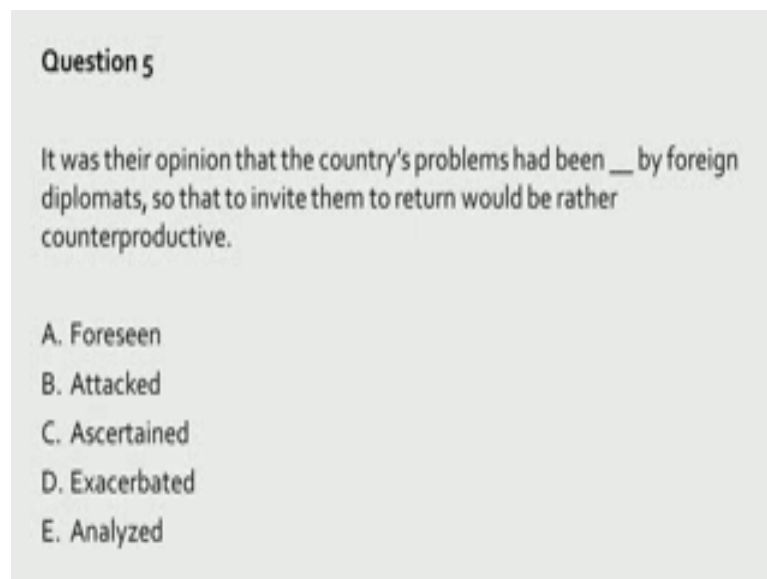
Question 4

Under the ethical framework recently adopted by the Central Institutes of Health, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct diseases for which __ treatments are unsatisfactory.

- A. Similar
- B. Most
- C. Dangerous
- D. Uncommon
- E. Alternative

So, look at the set 4; under the a ethical framework recently adopted by the Central Institutes of Health, human genes are to be manipulated only to correct diseases for which; similar treatments, most treatments, dangerous treatments, coefficients uncommon treatments, and alternative treatments are unsatisfactory. Option E is the best answer; here gene treatments are to be considered an option only then when there is nothing else available therefore, alternative is the best response.

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Question 5

It was their opinion that the country's problems had been __ by foreign diplomats, so that to invite them to return would be rather counterproductive.

- A. Foreseen
- B. Attacked
- C. Ascertained
- D. Exacerbated
- E. Analyzed

Let us look at the next set; it was their opinion that the country's problem had been; foreseen, attacked, ascertained, exacerbated and analyzed by foreign diplomats so that to invite them to return would be rather counterproductive. So, the best choice is exacerbated that is option D, inviting diplomats back is counterproductive which implies that they were never useful in the first place.

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Question 6

Donald Mayhew, the artist, could draw with amazing ___; his comic strip about Baby Charlotte was characterised by marvellous craftsmanship and sequencing.

- A. Sincerity
- B. Efficiency
- C. Virtuosity
- D. Rapidity
- E. Energy

This shows that the option has to be something negative. So, exacerbated is the best with you have to look up the meaning of the word exacerbated. Question 6; Donald Mayhew, the artist, could draw with amazing; sincerity, efficiency, virtuosity, rapidity, energy. His comic strip about baby charlotte was characterized by marvelous craftsmanship, and sequencing the best response would be virtuosity. And what is virtuosity almost true to live because his comic is strip about baby charlotte was characterized by marvellous craftsmanship and sequencing this not just true being true to live, but extraordinary talent. The option C is the best answer where all options may fit and make sense even sincerely, but C is the best one, because virtuosity is the term used most in conjunction collocation with creativity.

This is an illustration of how some understanding of collocations will help; I have already recommended that you look up the oxford dictionary of collocations.

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Question 7

The actual ___ of Kissinger's position was always ___ by his refusal to compromise after having agreed initially to negotiate a peace deal.

- A. Outcome...foreshadowed
- B. Logic...enhanced
- C. Rigidity...betrayed
- D. Uncertainty...alleviated
- E. Cowardice...highlighted

Now, we will move on to set 7; the actual dash of Kissinger's position was always dash by his refusal to compromise after having agreed initially to negotiate a peace deal; outcome foreshadowed, logic enhanced, rigidity betrayed, uncertainty alleviated, cowardice highlighted. The best answer is option C, though all options may fit in grammatically when talking about political position writers usually refers to the strength of the tense therefore, if it is not strength then rigidity of his (Refer Time: 06:47) and betrayed this becomes the best response.

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Question 8

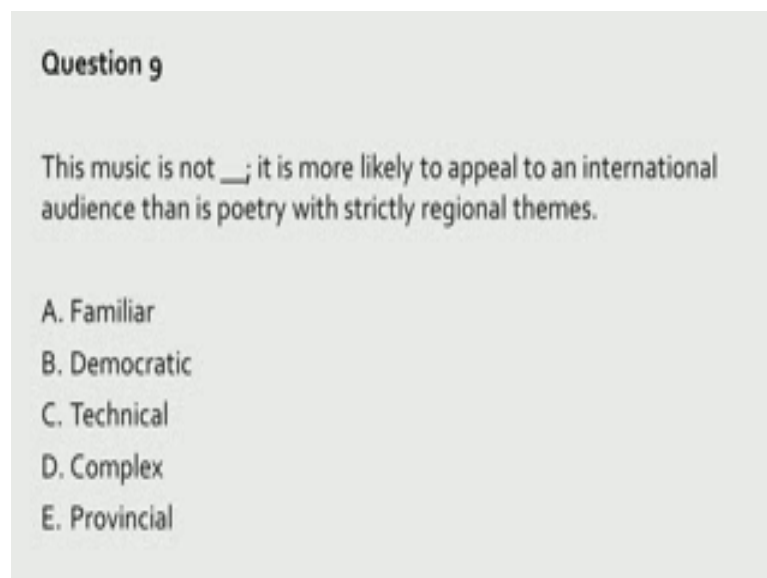
The CEO's reputation. Though ___ by false cases of embezzlement, emerged from the ordeal ___.

- A. Shaken...unscathed
- B. Destroyed...intact
- C. Damaged...impaired
- D. Impugned...unclear
- E. Tarnished...sullied

Let us move on to the next exercise; the CEO's reputation though dashed by false cases of embezzlement emerged from the ordeal.

So, shaken unscathed, destroyed intact, damaged impaired, impugned unclear, tarnished sullied; there is the use of word the word "though" which is a contrast marker. So, make your position or make choose your answer when you are looking at though. So, the best answer is though shaken by false cases of embezzlement emerged from the ordeal unscathed that is untarnished. So, although some change has occur to their reputation of the CEO, it has emerge somewhat as it did originally because the allegation were false. So, damaged and impair are option may mean the same thing, but it has to be eliminated and the best answer is A.

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Question 9

This music is not __; it is more likely to appeal to an international audience than is poetry with strictly regional themes.

- A. Familiar
- B. Democratic
- C. Technical
- D. Complex
- E. Provincial

Now, let us look at the next set; music is not, it is more likely to appeal to an international audience, than is poetry with strictly regional themes; democratic familiar democratic, technical, complex, provincial.

The best answer is option E that is provincially it means related to a particular region the authorized that the music appeals to an international audience, not to a regional one which makes the option easy to pick.

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Question 10

Experienced HR personnel recognize that business students who can __ diverse points of view are ultimately more efficient as managers than are the brilliant and innovative students who __ dogmatically to their own formations.

- A. Discredit...revert
- B. Assimilate...adhere
- C. Impose...refer
- D. Disregard...incline
- E. Advocate...relate

Let us look at the next set; experienced HR personnel recognize that business students, who can discredit assimilate impose disregard advocate diverse points of view are ultimately more efficient, as managers than are the brilliant and innovative students who revert, adhere, refer, incline,, relate, dogmatically to their own formations. So, which is the best answer; option B which is assimilate and adhere. It refers to when we look at the use of words like dogmatic, it refers to someone whose opinion does not, but does not change. It is clear that hr personnel prefer the first set of a students, so that means, that the author is about to state something negative about the second set, with this in mind the option B becomes more obvious as the right answer.

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Question 11

James' __ review of contemporary novels, which often find great merit in otherwise __ literary gems, must make us respect his critical output in addition to his own well-known literary work.

- A. Thorough...completed
- B. Petulant...unpopular
- C. Insightful...unappreciated
- D. Enthusiastic...acclaimed
- E. Harsh...undeserving

Let us move on to the next set. James is dash review of contemporary novels, which often find great merit in otherwise dash literary gems, must make us respect his critical output in addition to his own well-known literary works. We are talking about the great writer Henry James, some of you wanted to know the authors or the novels that you should be referring to for developing your language and vocabulary skills, Henry James is one of the fore most writers, but is very difficult and optus.

So, read Henry James once you are more comfortable with English language. Choices are thorough and completed petulant and unpopular insightful and unappreciated, an enthusiastic acclaimed, harsh and undeserving. So, the best choice is option C insightful and unappreciated, you have to note the use of word otherwise this means that the novels which are actually literary James were ignored. His critical output is to be respected so insightful and unappreciated is the best option.

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Question 12

The significance of the Magna Carta is not in its ___ provisions, but rather in its greater impact; it made the monarch the subject of common law.

- A. Specific
- B. Revolutionary
- C. Implicit
- D. Controversial
- E. Finite

Let us look at question 12. The significance of the Magna Carta is not in its specific revolutionary implicit controversial finite provisions, but rather in its greater impact, it made the monarch the subject of common law, the best choice is answer A or option A which is specific, remember you the or notice the use of the words not in, but greater implies that the blank should be opposed in meaning to greater. So, specific is the best answer.

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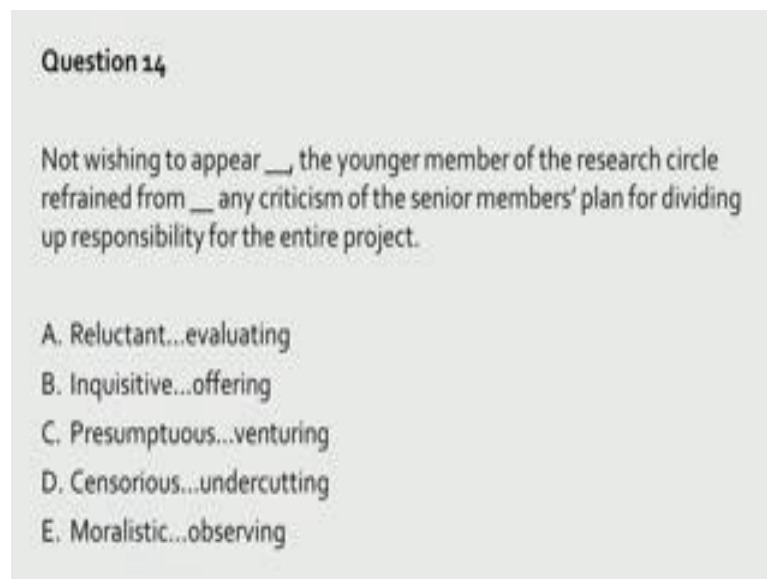
Question 13

The theory of cosmic evolution states that the universe, having begin in a state of simplicity and ___, has ___ into great diversity.

- A. Equilibrium...modulated
- B. Homogeneity...differentiated
- C. Contrast...metamorphosed
- D. Proportion...accelerated
- E. Intelligibility...developed

Look at the next set question 13; the theory of cosmic evolution states that the universe, having begin in a state of simplicity and dash has dash into great diversity. Look at the choices equilibrium modulated, homogeneity differentiated, contrast metamorphosed, proportion accelerated, intelligibility developed. Best answer is option B homogeneity and differentiation. The universe is evolved into something different, so the words two words was depict up progression, so homogeneity and differentiation.

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Question 14

Not wishing to appear __, the younger member of the research circle refrained from __ any criticism of the senior members' plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project.

- A. Reluctant...evaluating
- B. Inquisitive...offering
- C. Presumptuous...venturing
- D. Censorious...undercutting
- E. Moralistic...observing

Let us look at question 14 now. Not wishing to appear the younger member of the research circle refrained from any criticism of the senior members plan for dividing up responsibility for the entire project. So, reluctant and evaluating, inquisitive and offering, presumptuous and venturing, censorious and undercutting, moralistic and observing many of these choices are look like the right choice, but the best answer would be option C presumptuous and venturing. The younger member refrained from proposing or advancing an opinion. So, one cant undercut criticism, so that option can be eliminated. The use of the term younger implies that the members felt odd criticizing or the member felt odd criticizing the older establish members, hence presumptuous and venturing. So, he felt presumptuous out of turn too big for his (Refer Time: 13:03) and venturing.

So, thank you very much. I hope you benefited from today's lectures, we will continue with more vocabulary related exercises in our next class.