

## Cloze Test

Cloze Test is given in an exam to judge the Candidate's knowledge of grammar Usage and vocabulary. In this part a passage is given with some blanks in it. For each of these blanks some options are given below. The candidate is required to read the passage first understand it and then choose the most appropriate word in the context of the passage. Following are some tips to attempt cloze test in exam.

### **Tips to solve Cloze Test in exam:**

- (i) In a passage mostly all the sentences are logically related to each other. This logic's will give you an idea about the appropriate word for the blank space.
- (ii) Sometimes you can easily spot the correct answer. If not, then eliminate the improbable options one by one and get the right answer.
- (iii) Find a logical relation between all the provided options.

### **Important Questions for Practice**

**Directions (1 to 10): Below, a passage is given with ten labeled blanks. Below the passage, five options are given for each blank, choose the word that fits each blank most appropriately in the context of the passage and mark the corresponding answer.**

President Donald Trump's policy 1) \_\_\_\_\_ on Afghanistan has clearly set the stage for diverse moves on the geopolitical chessboard. India's plans to expand its security 2) \_\_\_\_\_ to Afghanistan by training police officers in India as part of a UNDP project must be assessed in this light. A welcome step in itself and one that could have a significant impact on the security situation in Afghanistan, it also sends out a loud geopolitical signal. The main part of this message is meant for Afghanistan, as it indicates a continued commitment to its 3) \_\_\_\_\_. By training police officers and hundreds of army cadets and officers, India is taking an important role in capacity building for Afghan security. The country saw the highest civilian 4) \_\_\_\_\_ last year since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion. Increasingly, these casualties are coming not from Afghanistan's border areas but its cities and villages where only a professionally trained police force, and not armies, can maintain peace. India has also announced this month 116 smaller "new development projects" across Afghanistan, and police forces will be 5) \_\_\_\_\_ in protecting irrigation, housing and school projects from the Taliban and other terror groups. The second message, to Pakistan and other countries in the region that deal with the Taliban, is that India will not be 6) \_\_\_\_\_ from assisting Afghanistan for its security. This is a clear counter to Pakistan Prime Minister S.K. Abbasi's recent statement that India has "zero political and military role" in Afghanistan. This message is reinforced by New Delhi's decision to send Indian engineers to 7) \_\_\_\_\_ several non-functional Soviet-era planes and to repair the helicopters India donated to Afghanistan last year. Third, there is a message to the U.S. and NATO forces, just ahead of an important visit by U.S. Defence Secretary James Mattis to Delhi, that could not be clearer: India will play a part in putting Afghanistan back on its feet in India's own way and not necessarily, as the U.S. may prefer, with 'boots on the ground' or by sending

large numbers of trainers into Afghanistan, where they would become marked targets. The decision to enhance security training comes coupled with an India-Afghanistan trade fair sponsored by USAID that will welcome Afghanistan's Chief Executive Abdullah Abdullah and other ministers to Delhi this week. **8)** \_\_\_\_\_ of actual transactions made, the optics will be significant, demonstrating possibilities of India-Afghanistan business regardless of the **9)** \_\_\_\_\_ in transit trade posed by Pakistan. An announcement by the government that the India-Afghanistan-Iran trilateral arrangement to **10)** \_\_\_\_\_ the obstacles is on track was well-timed, and the commitment that the Chabahar port development project will be completed next year should reassure business on both sides about a sustainable trade route from South Asia to Central Asia. India and Afghanistan have lost too much time on each of these plans.

**1)**

- a) Announcement                      b) Communication                      c) Statement                      d) Promulgation  
e) None of these

**2)**

- a) Relief                                      b) Service                                      c) Support                                      d) Assistance  
e) None of these

**3)**

- a) Steadiness                                      b) Balance                                      c) Strength                                      d) Stability  
e) None of these

**4)**

- a) Casualties                                      b) Damages                                      c) Misfortunes                                      d) Incidents  
e) None of these

**5)**

- a) Crucial                                      b) Serious                                      c) Urgent                                      d) Vital  
e) None of these

**6)**

- a) Checked                                      b) Thwarted                                      c) Hindered                                      d) Deterred  
e) None of these

**7)**

- a) Revamp                                      b) Overhaul                                      c) Repair                                      d) Refurbish  
e) None of these

**8)**

- a) Careless                                      b) Indifferent                                      c) Inattentive                                      d) Regardless  
e) None of these

9)

- a) Obstacles                      b) Delays                      c) Drawbacks                      d) Blocks  
e) None of these

10)

- a) Evade                              b) Circumvent                      c) Elude                              d) Overreach  
e) None of these

**Directions (11 to 20) : Below, a passage is given with ten labeled blanks. Below the passage, five options are given for each blank, choose the word that fits each blank most appropriately in the context of the passage and mark the corresponding answer.**

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has **11)** \_\_\_\_\_ his career by calling snap elections to the Lower House of the Japanese Diet in late-October. The term of the House would have ordinarily lasted another year, but he clearly senses a turn in the popular breeze in his favour. Whether the electorate will **12)** \_\_\_\_\_ his judgment, however, may well depend on the **13)** \_\_\_\_\_ and tenacity of his challenger, Tokyo's first woman Governor, Yuriko Koike. The former television anchor achieved an unprecedented feat last year by taking the city's top job, **14)** \_\_\_\_\_ the official nominee of Mr. Abe's Liberal Democratic Party in a triangular race. Ever since, Ms. Koike, who had served briefly as defence minister during Mr. Abe's first term in 2006-07, has become accustomed to **15)** \_\_\_\_\_ in a crisis. In a repeat of her growing **16)** \_\_\_\_\_ to take on a male-dominated establishment, Ms. Koike floated a local party earlier this year, which spectacularly captured the Tokyo city assembly in July. Now, following the surprise announcement of polls to the Lower House of the Diet, she has launched the Party of Hope, drawing a number of parliamentarians from across the spectrum, including the ruling camp. She has even pledged that her new party would field candidates across the country. In fact, Ms. Koike has been quick to exploit Mr. Abe's decision to seek a fresh mandate more than a year in advance as merely a device to shore up power. But the Tokyo Governor, in turn, would also be mindful of criticism that she is **17)** \_\_\_\_\_ her current responsibilities with the plunge into national politics. This is especially so given the coming Olympic Games in Tokyo in 2020, and any impression that she is **18)** \_\_\_\_\_ the preparatory work could be damaging. Meanwhile, the divided and demoralized opposition Democratic Party, in the midst of a leadership crisis, could work to project Mr. Abe as a symbol of relative stability especially at a time when the North Korean crisis shows no sign of abating. His own personal ratings have also seen a remarkable revival, after allegations of his links to **19)** \_\_\_\_\_ transactions in a land deal had led to a significant dip in opinion polls. The Prime Minister still has his share of challenges to contend with. A new anti-conspiracy legislation to combat terrorism was criticized for lack of public scrutiny and for incorporating intrusive provisions on individual privacy and free speech. Even if he can win a re-election, regaining the current two-thirds majority for his party is far from certain. Such a tally is critical for Mr. Abe to legislate the controversial revision to Japan's **20)** \_\_\_\_\_ constitution, over which he has staked his reputation. In substantial terms, though, voters may have little to choose between the conservative nationalist stances advocated by Mr. Abe and Ms. Koike.

**11)**

- a) Gambled                      b) Risked                      c) Bet                      d) Played  
e) None of these

**12)**

- a) Justify                      b) Acquit                      c) Vindicate                      d) Support  
e) None of these

**13)**

- a) Fortitude                      b) Guts                      c) Spirit                      d) Grit  
e) None of these

**14)**

- a) Debacle                      b) Collapse                      c) Trouncing                      d) Slaughter  
e) None of these

**15)**

- a) Thriving                      b) Prosperity                      c) Successful                      d) Affluent  
e) None of these

**16)**

- a) Leaning                      b) Proclivity                      c) Propensity                      d) Penchant  
e) None of these

**17)**

- a) Abdicating                      b) Abandoning                      c) Relinquishing                      d) Disclaiming  
e) None of these

**18)**

- a) Renouncing                      b) Vacating                      c) Surrendering                      d) Abdicating  
e) None of these

**19)**

- a) Controversial                      b) Questionable                      c) Disputable                      d) Debatable  
e) None of these

**20)**

- a) Conciliator                      b) Appeaser                      c) Amiable                      d) Pacifist  
e) None of these

**Answers:**

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| 1) a) Announcement   | 2) d) Assistance  | 3) d) Stability   |
| 4) a) Casualties     | 5) a) Crucial     | 6) d) Deterred    |
| 7) d) Refurbish      | 8) d) Regardless  | 9) a) Obstacles   |
| 10) b) Circumvent    | 11) a) Gambled    | 12) c) Vindicate  |
| 13) d) Grit          | 14) c) Trouncing  | 15) a) Thriving   |
| 16) d) Penchant      | 17) b) Abandoning | 18) d) Abdicating |
| 19) a) Controversial | 20) d) Pacifist   |                   |

