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**Directions (1-10): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.**

Man in his \_\_(1)\_\_\_ of nature and universe has made the world \_\_(2)\_\_\_, polluted. The air we breathe is polluted; the water we drink is \_\_(3)\_\_\_ . There is \_\_(4)\_\_\_ felling of trees, clearing of jungles, \_\_(5)\_\_\_ natural barriers like the mountains and drying up the oceans by way of \_\_(6)\_\_\_ . This \_\_(7)\_\_\_ of nature by man is a grave mistake for which mankind has to pay the price. Rapid industrialization means \_\_(8)\_\_\_ the industrial effluents into the rivers and seas. The river water has turned murky. Marine life has been \_\_(9)\_\_\_ . The toxic chemicals have made the air that we breathe polluted. Pesticides and insecticides sprayed on plants and the chemicals and fertilizers used for \_\_(10)\_\_\_ plant yield have poisoned our food. Hence what we eat today has high toxic content.

**1. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (1)?**

- (a) pursuit
- (b) view
- (c) conquest
- (d) victim
- (e) want

**2. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (2)?**

- (a) foul
- (b) diluted
- (c) poor
- (d) precarious
- (e) critical

**3. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (3)?**

- (a) disturbed
- (b) pure
- (c) counterproductive
- (d) suffocated
- (e) contaminated

**4. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (4)?**

- (a) dubious

- (b) wanton
- (c) careful
- (d) planned
- (e) useless

**5. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (5)?**

- (a) attacking
- (b) projecting
- (c) cutting
- (d) blasting
- (e) sizing

**6. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (6)?**

- (a) reclamation
- (b) inhabitation
- (c) stabilization
- (d) destruction
- (e) damage

**7. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (7)?**

- (a) provocation
- (b) adventure
- (c) vandalism
- (d) abundance
- (e) evasion

**8. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (8)?**

- (a) relocating
- (b) divulging
- (c) menacing
- (d) culminating
- (e) diverting

**9. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (9)?**

- (a) evaporated
- (b) endangered
- (c) devalued
- (d) eliminated
- (e) forfeiting

**10. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (10)?**

- (a) managing
- (b) developing
- (c) maintaining

- (d) doubling  
(e) minimizing

**Directions(11-20): In the following passage some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.**

A day after announcing US\$ 20 billion \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ in India's largest online retailer ABC, XYZ Inc. on Monday said it will continue to grow its wholesale cash-and-carry \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_, adding 100 new stores in the next five - six years. "We currently have 50 stores and plan to open 100 stores in five to six years. Plans are on track," XYZ India President and CEO Ashish Iyer said at a select media roundtable called to explain the ABC deal. XYZ Chief Executive Doug McMillon said ABC, in which the US \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ is acquiring 77 per cent stake, would continue to operate as a separate board-managed company with co-founder Binny Bansal as the CEO. ABC gives XYZ an online presence. So far it had been handicapped by India's retail policy that does not allow \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ companies to sell directly to consumers (except in wholesale cash-and-carry segment). Companies like ABC and Snapdeal operate as e-commerce marketplaces -- a segment where 100 per cent \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ direct investment (FDI) is allowed. "As we speak, we have a pipeline of 50 stores and we expect to open five stores in the current year and then pick up pace and eventually start opening 15-20 stores a year," Iyer said. For the cash-and-carry business, XYZ currently \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ in nine states and 19 cities and the future expansion is focused on more or less the same geographies. "We are not spreading thin. We are continuing in same geographies but primarily focus is on Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana," he said. At its 21 \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ Price wholesale stores, XYZ sells everything from fast-moving consumer goods to furniture to other retailers and institutions. It could potentially use these Best Price stores as pickup and delivery points to service online sales made on ABC. \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ believe that XYZ's investment in ABC, whose 34 per cent market share in India's online sales is ahead of rival ABC's 27 per cent, will boost the Indian e-commerce company's logistical \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ and help it move into new areas such

as online groceries. XYZ is buying 77 per cent of ABC from existing shareholders, including Japan's SoftBank, for US\$ 14 billion and investing US\$ 2bn of fresh equity. XYZ India is a wholly-owned \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ of XYZ Stores Inc and offers close to 5,000 items through its cash-and-carry wholesale format.

**11. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (1)?**

- (a) Demand  
(b) Flexibility  
(c) Investment  
(d) Operation  
(e) Equity

**12. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (2)?**

- (a) Business  
(b) Sales  
(c) Wholesale  
(d) Company  
(e) Potential

**13. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (3)?**

- (a) Marketplace  
(b) Retailer  
(c) Expansion  
(d) Format  
(e) Delivery

**14. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (4)?**

- (a) Venture  
(b) Starving  
(c) Gigantic  
(d) Overseas  
(e) Expansion

**15. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (5)?**

- (a) Foreign  
(b) Extinct  
(c) Affluent  
(d) Trivial  
(e) Institution

**16. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (6)?**

- (a) Working

- (b) Deploying
- (c) Operates
- (d) Penetrating
- (e) Existing

**17. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (7)?**

- (a) Worse
- (b) Best
- (c) Better
- (d) Well
- (e) Similar

**18. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (8)?**

- (a) Experts
- (b) Doctrine
- (c) Implications
- (d) Analysts
- (e) Commerce

**19. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (9)?**

- (a) Activities
- (b) Investment
- (c) Operations
- (d) Shareholding
- (e) Potentially

**20. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (10)?**

- (a) Subsidiary
- (b) Company
- (c) Bolster
- (d) Holding
- (e) Directly

**Directions (21-30):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each some alternatives are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the appropriate word is not given, then choose option (e) as your answer.

Relaxations in external commercial borrowings (ECBs) norms for oil marketing companies (OMCs) is unlikely to result in \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ dollar inflows because of the reduced interest rates \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ between domestic loans and international debt. So,

this is unlikely to provide any \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ relief in terms of arresting the rupee slide. Thus, RBI should consider more steps such as \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ the oil imports from Iran in rupees and opening dedicated dollar \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ window for oil marketing companies.

In the light of sharp \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ in the currency and the associated \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_, companies would require to hedge their foreign currency exposure to manage the risks. The RBI allowed state – owned OMCs to raise ECBs for working capital under the \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ route with immediate effect. This move was among a series of decisions by the RBI and the government to \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ in rupee which has fallen over 15% this year.

**21. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (1)?**

- (a) following
- (b) attracting
- (c) alluring
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) None of the above

**22. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (2)?**

- (a) shrill
- (b) stoke
- (c) arbitrage
- (d) hikes
- (e) All except (b)

**23. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (3)?**

- (a) conundrum
- (b) privy
- (c) prompt
- (d) Both (b) and (c)
- (e) None of the above

**24. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (4)?**

- (a) denominating
- (b) divulging
- (c) sterling
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of the above



**25. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (5)?**

- (a) rising
- (b) increasing
- (c) decreasing
- (d) swap
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

**26. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (6)?**

- (a) depreciation
- (b) Cavern
- (c) brute
- (d) appreciation
- (e) None of the above

**27. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (7)?**

- (a) unpredictability
- (b) volatility
- (c) changes
- (d) stability
- (e) All except (d)

**28. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (8)?**

- (a) automatic
- (b) desirable
- (c) frugal
- (d) clamp
- (e) None of the above

**29. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (9)?**

- (a) arrest
- (b) abeyanced
- (c) announced
- (d) All except (a)
- (e) None of the above

**30. Which of the following words appropriately fill the blank (10)?**

- (a) slide
- (b) pilferage
- (c) plethora
- (d) flounder
- (e) None of the above

**Directions (31-40):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and

against each some alternatives are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the appropriate word is not given, then choose option (e) as your answer.

**SET – 1**

As India aims to double its farm exports by 2022, Commerce secretary said the government is working on an institutional \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ to deal with the sanitary and phytosanitary issues which certainly are the biggest \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ in global food trade. The ministry is trying to focus on high value products, the value added agricultural products and some \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ commodities that need to be stored and transported properly. According to her, the Centre was working with the state governments to \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ outward shipments of agricultural produce. She also said that there is a need to look at the issue of disproportionate large \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ to the agriculture by the developed countries and the product – specific concentration of subsidies that the measures of support permit under the WTO agreement. According to the norms, food subsidy bill should not \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ the limit of 10 per cent of the value of production.

**31. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (1)?**

- (a) mechanism
- (b) organization
- (c) sophistry
- (d) naivety
- (e) None of the above

**32. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (2)?**

- (a) catalyst
- (b) promoters
- (c) barriers
- (d) amelioration
- (e) None of the above

**33. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (3)?**

- (a) abstruse
- (b) perishable
- (c) prodded
- (d) expunged
- (e) None of the above

**34. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (4)?**

- (a) succinct
- (b) stern
- (c) whittle
- (d) enhance
- (e) None of the above

**35. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (5)?**

- (a) challenge
- (b) subsidies
- (c) frenzy
- (d) buoyancy
- (e) None of the above

**36. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (6)?**

- (a) breach
- (b) plummet
- (c) observe
- (d) tout
- (e) None of the above

**SET – 2**

The government will soon start a short – term programme to train individuals as insolvency and bankruptcy associates who can help with work during a resolution process. The proposal for \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ the programme under the Pradhan Mantri kaushal Vikas Yojana also comes at a time when a large number of cases have been \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ for resolution under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy code. Officials said the programme, which is likely to be launched this month, would cover various aspects related to the code, \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ responsibilities and Companies act, among others. Graduates and those who have cleared the intermediate level of CA, cost accountants or CS courses would be \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ to apply for the programme.

**37. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (7)?**

- (a) launching
- (b) scrambling
- (c) tussling
- (d) heeding
- (e) None of the above

**38. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (8)?**

- (a) filling
- (b) admit
- (c) filled
- (d) admitted
- (e) None of the above

**39. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (9)?**

- (a) admission
- (b) advocating
- (c) procedural
- (d) resonant
- (e) None of the above

**40. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (10)?**

- (a) qualified
- (b) eligible
- (c) Either (a) or (b)
- (d) approachable
- (e) None of the above

**Directions (41-50):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each some alternatives are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the appropriate word is not given, then choose option (e) as your answer.

Mobile banking (M banking) involves the use of a mobile phone or any other mobile device to \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ financial transaction linked to a client's account. M-Banking is new in most countries and most mobile payment models even in developed countries, up to date operate on a \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ scale. A mobile network offers a \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ available technology platform onto which other services can be provided at low cost with effective results. For example, M-Banking services which use \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ such as SMS can be carried at a cost of less than one US cent per message. The low cost of using existing infrastructure makes such services more \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ to use by customers with lower purchasing power and opens up access to services which did not reach them earlier due to \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ cost of service delivery. Although M-Banking is one aspect in the wider \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ of e banking there are reasons to

single it out for focus especially because there are a lot more people with mobile phones than bank accounts in India. M-Banking could provide a (\_\_\_8\_\_\_) solution to bring more unbanked people to the financial mainstream. Without traditional credit, individuals are (\_\_\_9\_\_\_) to exploitation by abusive lenders offering very high interest rates on short term loans. Also of considerable importance are public safety implications for the unbanked they are often victims of crime because many operate on a cash only basis and end up carrying significant amounts of cash on their (\_\_\_10\_\_\_) or store cash in their homes.

**Q41. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (1)?**

- (a) disburse
- (b) undertake
- (c) subscribe
- (d) lure amass
- (e) none of the above

**Q42. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (2)?**

- (a) full
- (b) voluminous
- (c) substantial
- (d) limited
- (e) none of the above

**Q43. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (3)?**

- (a) readily
- (b) tangible
- (c) routine
- (d) unique
- (e) none of the above

**Q44. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (4)?**

- (a) process
- (b) waves
- (c) deliveries
- (d) channels
- (e) none of the above

**Q45. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (5)?**

- (a) valuable
- (b) answerable

- (c) amenable
- (d) exposed
- (e) none of the above

**Q46. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (6)?**

- (a) waning
- (b) stable
- (c) proportionate
- (d) high
- (e) none of the above

**Q47. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (7)?**

- (a) archive
- (b) domain
- (c) purpose
- (d) component
- (e) none of the above

**Q48. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (8)?**

- (a) law abiding
- (b) tried
- (c) reassuring
- (d) cost effective
- (e) none of the above

**Q49. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (9)?**

- (a) inclined
- (b) immune
- (c) vulnerable
- (d) surrendered
- (e) none of the above

**Q50. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (10)?**

- (a) person
- (b) own
- (c) relatives
- (d) purses
- (e) none of the above

**Directions (51-60):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each some alternatives are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the appropriate

word is not given, then choose option (e) as your answer.

The more we learn about how people really think, the more we must rethink economic theory. Changes in \_\_\_(1)\_\_\_ beliefs play a major role in the fluctuations of the economy. That's the implication of two \_\_\_(2)\_\_\_ new studies that show how people systematically change their \_\_\_(3)\_\_\_ in thinking about the financial future. At the moment, the knowledge that economists have \_\_\_(4)\_\_\_ about this subject suggests that we should have a high degree of humility — not only in \_\_\_(5)\_\_\_ where we are going, but in describing where we have been. Before financial tremors began to be felt in 2006, practically no one \_\_\_(6)\_\_\_ a crisis of the magnitude of the Great Depression as being remotely possible, these authors say. The financial crisis changed that \_\_\_(7)\_\_\_, and people have continued to worry about this newly discovered threat, with the result that risk-taking has been \_\_\_(8)\_\_\_ and government-controlled interest rates — so-called riskless rates — have \_\_\_(9)\_\_\_ relatively low. The scholars show that after an outlier event like the 2008 financial crisis occurs, standard statistical techniques show a sudden and persistent increase in the \_\_\_(10)\_\_\_ that such an event will occur again.

**51. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (1)?**

- (a) vigorous
- (b) rigorous
- (c) amazing
- (d) fundamental
- (e) None of the above

**52. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (2)?**

- (a) signs
- (b) fascinating
- (c) facts
- (d) aspects
- (e) None of the above

**53. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (3)?**

- (a) decisions
- (b) implications
- (c) beliefs
- (d) mission

- (e) None of the above

**54. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (4)?**

- (a) gathered
- (b) minded
- (c) accumulated
- (d) compelled
- (e) Both (a) and (c)

**55. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (5)?**

- (a) forecasting
- (b) suggesting
- (c) remembering
- (d) forgetting
- (e) None of the above

**56. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (6)?**

- (a) viewed
- (b) see
- (c) admired
- (d) adored
- (e) None of the above

**57. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (7)?**

- (a) mindset
- (b) outlook
- (c) perspective
- (d) standpoint
- (e) All of the above

**58. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (8)?**

- (a) major
- (b) inhibited
- (c) minor
- (d) awful
- (e) None of the above

**59. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (9)?**

- (a) remains
- (b) remaining
- (c) be remained
- (d) remained
- (e) None of the above



**60. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (10)?**

- (a) anticipate
- (b) participation
- (c) probability
- (d) arrogance
- (e) None of the above

**Directions (61-70):** In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each some alternatives are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the appropriate word is not given, then choose option (d) as your answer.

The Wholesale Price \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ as a measure of price gains is back in the national spotlight. The latest data, which show a sharp surge in wholesale inflation in June, to a 54-month high of 5.77%, are a cause for \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_. While the WPI is no longer the primary focus in the Reserve Bank of India's inflation-targeting \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ to monetary policy formulation — having ceded that role to the Consumer Price Index — the gauge remains economically significant nevertheless. The measure of wholesale price gains is the key deflator in computing the Index of \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ Production and is also used to \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ Gross Domestic Product at current prices. A \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ look at WPI data for June reveals several pressure points warranting closer macro-economic scrutiny. Not only have \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ crude oil prices persistently fanned inflation — by contributing significantly to a 214 basis-points month-on-month jump in June for the primary articles group — they have also led to rapidly \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ double-digit price gains in the fuel and power group. Inflation in the fuel and power group has quickened every month since February's 4.55% print, to 16.18% in June. Food articles are another source of \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_\_, especially the prices of vegetables and the politically sensitive duo of potatoes and onions. While inflation in vegetable prices more than tripled in pace from May's 2.51% to 8.12% in June, the annual gains in potato prices have been in a steep upward spiral for five straight months and exceeded 99% in June. And while inflation in onion prices at the wholesale level has cooled

\_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ from January's 194% level, at 18.25% the rate is still far from reassuring.

**61. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (1)?**

- (a) Company
- (b) Index
- (c) Organization
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

**62. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (2)?**

- (a) concern
- (b) glory
- (c) honour
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

**63. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (3)?**

- (a) effect
- (b) affect
- (c) approach
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

**64. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (4)?**

- (a) Official
- (b) Industrious
- (c) Industrial
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

**65. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (5)?**

- (a) emphasize
- (b) deflate
- (c) inflate
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

**66. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (6)?**

- (a) detailed
- (b) detailing
- (c) glaring
- (d) None of the above

**67. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (7)?**

- (a) rising
- (b) increasing
- (c) Both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

**68. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (8)?**

- (a) expanding
- (b) accelerating
- (c) sterling
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

**69. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (9)?**

- (a) privy
- (b) nabbing
- (c) worry
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

**70. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (10)?**

- (a) appreciably
- (b) scarcely
- (c) harshly
- (d) None of the above
- (e) None of the above

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A day after announcing US\$ 20 billion \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ in India's largest online retailer ABC, XYZ Inc. on Monday said it will continue to grow its wholesale cash-and-carry \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_, adding 100 new stores in the next five - six years. "We currently have 50 stores and plan to open 100 stores in five to six years. Plans are on track," XYZ India President and CEO Ashish Iyer said at a select media roundtable called to explain the ABC deal. XYZ Chief Executive Doug McMillon said ABC, in which the US \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ is acquiring 77 per cent stake, would continue to operate as a separate

board-managed company with co-founder Binny Bansal as the CEO. ABC gives XYZ an online presence. So far it had been handicapped by India's retail policy that does not allow \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ companies to sell directly to consumers (except in wholesale cash-and-carry segment). Companies like ABC and Snapdeal operate as e-commerce marketplaces -- a segment where 100 per cent \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ direct investment (FDI) is allowed. "As we speak, we have a pipeline of 50 stores and we expect to open five stores in the current year and then pick up pace and eventually start opening 15-20 stores a year," Iyer said. For the cash-and-carry business, XYZ currently \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ in nine states and 19 cities and the future expansion is focused on more or less the same geographies. "We are not spreading thin. We are continuing in same geographies but primarily focus is on Punjab, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana," he said. At its 21 \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ Price wholesale stores, XYZ sells everything from fast-moving consumer goods to furniture to other retailers and institutions. It could potentially use these Best Price stores as pickup and delivery points to service online sales made on ABC. \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ believe that XYZ's investment in ABC, whose 34 per cent market share in India's online sales is ahead of rival ABC's 27 per cent, will boost the Indian e-commerce company's logistical \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ and help it move into new areas such as online groceries. XYZ is buying 77 per cent of ABC from existing shareholders, including Japan's SoftBank, for US\$ 14 billion and investing US\$ 2bn of fresh equity. XYZ India is a wholly-owned \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ of XYZ Stores Inc and offers close to 5,000 items through its cash-and-carry wholesale format.

**71. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (1)?**

- (a) Demand
- (b) Flexibility
- (c) Investment
- (d) Operation
- (e) Equity

**72. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (2)?**

- (a) Business
- (b) Sales

- (c) Wholesale
- (d) Company
- (e) Potential

**73. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (3)?**

- (a) Marketplace
- (b) Retailer
- (c) Expansion
- (d) Format
- (e) Delivery

**74. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (4)?**

- (a) Venture
- (b) Starving
- (c) Gigantic
- (d) Overseas
- (e) Expansion

**75. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (5)?**

- (a) Foreign
- (b) Extinct
- (c) Affluent
- (d) Trivial
- (e) Institution

**76. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (6)?**

- (a) Working
- (b) Deploying
- (c) Operates
- (d) Penetrating
- (e) Existing

**77. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (7)?**

- (a) Worse
- (b) Best
- (c) Better
- (d) Well
- (e) Good

**78. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (8)?**

- (a) Experts
- (b) Doctrine
- (c) Implications
- (d) Analysts

- (e) Commerce

**79. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (9)?**

- (a) Activities
- (b) Investment
- (c) Operations
- (d) Shareholding
- (e) Potentially

**80. Which of the following words will appropriately fill the blank (10)?**

- (a) Subsidiary
- (b) Company
- (c) Bolster
- (d) Holding
- (e) Directly

**Directions(81-90):** In the following passage some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph grammatically and meaningfully complete.

Almost three decades after the \_\_\_\_ (1) \_\_\_\_ of economic reforms, India's mainstream political parties are increasingly speaking the same language on welfare. The new political positioning of the BJP stands in \_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_ to its earlier belief that growth is the best \_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_ to poverty. This apparent shift may be born out of \_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_ and the fear of ceding space to its challengers. Whatever be the reason, the kind of competing welfarism that is now on show is certain to \_\_\_\_ (5) \_\_\_\_ sections of economic policy-makers, industry and investors. But it is also a \_\_\_\_ (6) \_\_\_\_ of India's political economy at work and a reflection of the \_\_\_\_ (7) \_\_\_\_ fact that irrespective of the colour and stability of the regime, the direction of reform \_\_\_\_ (8) \_\_\_\_ on political will. Sure, there have been \_\_\_\_ (9) \_\_\_\_ reforms over the last decade or more across governments. But there is also a clear Laxman rekha that the mainstream national parties \_\_\_\_ (10) \_\_\_\_ to have drawn.

**81. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (1)?**

- (a) operation
- (b) management

- (c) unveiling
- (d) revival
- (e) Both (a) and (b)

**82. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (2)?**

- (a) contrast
- (b) position
- (c) aggression
- (d) opposition
- (e) none of the above

**83. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (3)?**

- (a) trail
- (b) antidote
- (c) fluke
- (d) virulent
- (e) none of the above

**84. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (4)?**

- (a) system
- (b) mechanism
- (c) pragmatism
- (d) both (a) and (b)
- (e) none of the above

**85. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (5)?**

- (a) enliven
- (b) animate
- (c) progress
- (d) dismay
- (e) none of the above

**86. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (6)?**

- (a) signpost
- (b) gesture
- (c) both (a) and (b)
- (d) nature
- (e) none of the above

**87. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (7)?**

- (a) skeptical
- (b) sobering
- (c) desiccate
- (d) ameliorating
- (e) none of the above

**88. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (8)?**

- (a) pattern
- (b) organizer
- (c) credence
- (d) hinges
- (e) none of the above

**89. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (9)?**

- (a) nominal
- (b) obvious
- (c) structural
- (d) both (b) and (c)
- (e) none of the above

**90. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (10)?**

- (a) sought
- (b) seem
- (c) ought
- (d) used
- (e) none of the above

**Directions (91-100):** In the following passage there are words highlighted in bold, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case. If the word highlighted in bold does not require any replacement, choose (E) as your answer.

For centuries, women around the world have struggled for even the most basic rights. The fight for equality has been an uphill climb – one that is far from over. This is certainly the case in the Middle East, where the challenges women face are typically (1) [eradicable] in social norms, cultural systems, and religious doctrine, and can be (2) [profane] in law. In some Middle Eastern countries, women may not travel, work, or register to vote without permission from a man in her family. Even if it is not (3) [effectually] prohibited, joining the workforce is often very difficult for women, not least because of widespread resistance among the men who dominate these societies. Any woman who has (4) [acquire] to apply for a job knows just how vehement that opposition can be. The result of these norms and structures is that women in the Middle East are often subject to discrimination, isolation,

and frustration. They are unable to participate freely in their societies or (5)[withhold] to their countries' economic development. But the world is changing fast. At a time of ever-deepening interconnectedness, people are more aware than ever of what is possible, and more motivated than ever to seek reforms – whether educational, economic, or political – that improve their lives. So which reforms are needed to advance gender equality? A central area of focus must be education. First and (6)[foremost], schools give girls the knowledge they need to fulfill their potential in the future. But it is also vital to (7)[instill] in both girls and boys an understanding of the need for social and economic equality, to reflect the fundamental equality of opportunity that all deserve. Advancing gender equality also requires changes to policies and regulations. Beyond ensuring equal rights under the law, countries should work to boost the representation of women in politics and government. Women need to know that they can reach positions of genuine authority, even in domains from which they have historically been excluded – and they need encouragement to get there. The same is true for the economy. Women need opportunities and support to develop and run their own businesses, to (8)[create] , and to become financially independent. This would benefit not only women, but also their families, communities, and the economy as a whole. Even women who do not own or run businesses would have much to offer, if given the chance to enter the workforce and earn their own living. To this end, training is crucial. Women need access to guidance, workshops, and longer-term training programs that prepare them to participate in the labor market, while (9)[ensuring] that they know – and can (10)[append] – their rights.

**91. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (1)?**

- (a) rooted
- (b) intermittent
- (c) erratic
- (d) occasional
- (e) no correction required

**92. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (2)?**

- (a) enshrined

- (b) ungoldy
- (c) unsanctified
- (d) desecrated
- (e) no correction required

**93. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (3)?**

- (a) fundamentally
- (b) explicitly
- (c) upwards
- (d) guesstimate
- (e) No correction required

**94. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (4)?**

- (a) sought
- (b) in effect
- (c) implicitly
- (d) practically
- (e) no correction required

**95. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (5)?**

- (a) contribute
- (b) oppose
- (c) shun
- (d) intents
- (e) no correction required

**96. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (6)?**

- (a) not actually
- (b) subtract
- (c) in essence
- (d) lowest
- (e) no correction required

**97. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (7)?**

- (a) inferior
- (b) neglect
- (c) withdraw
- (d) essentially
- (e) no correction required

**98. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (8)?**

- (a) purposes
- (b) basically
- (c) unimportant



- (d) innovate  
(e) no correction required

**99. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (9)?**

- (a) praising  
(b) absolutely  
(c) take a little  
(d) in substance  
(e) no correction required

**100. Which of the following fits in the blank labelled (10)?**

- (a) defend  
(b) abandon  
(c) relinquish  
(d) annex  
(e) no correction required

## **ANSWER KEY:**

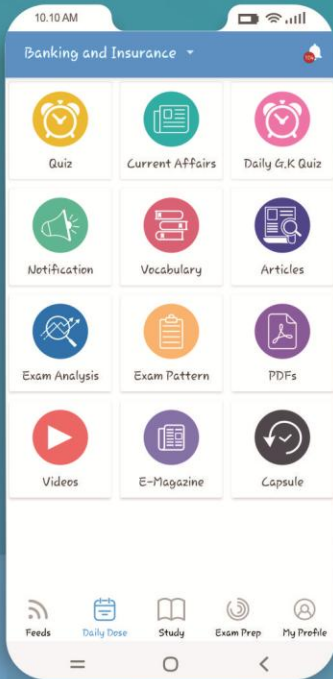
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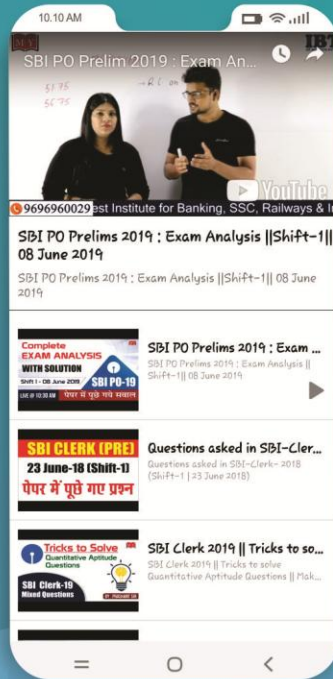
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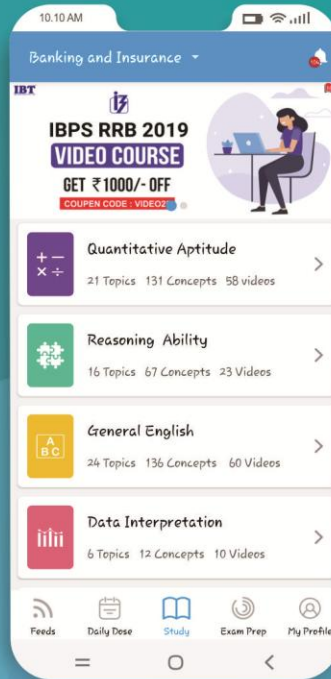
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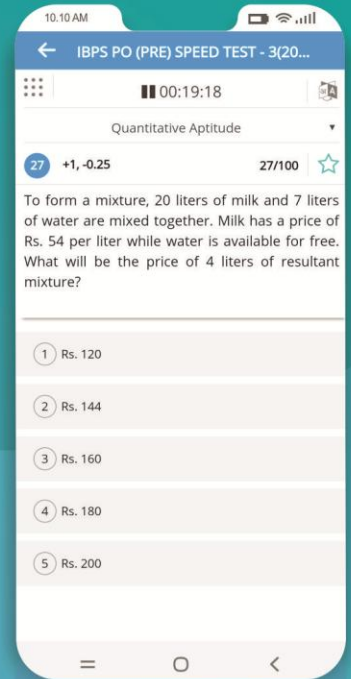
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