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Fill in the blanks Questions for SBI Clerk Mains, IBPS Clerk Mains, SBI PO Pre, IBPS PO Pre, Canara Bank PO, Syndicate Bank PO, and LIC AAO Pre Exams.

Fill in the blanks Quiz 39

Directions: The following question has two blanks. In each blank a preposition has been omitted. Choose the set of prepositions for each blank that best fits in the context of the sentence.

Questions:

- Tuesday's multi-city police raids leading _____ the arrests of five people _____ alleged Maoist links has once again brought the debate on the concept of Urban Naxalism.

A. for, about
D. despite, against

B. to, with
E. with, in

C. in, in
- This idea is also the explanation of his government's policy _____ Jammu and Kashmir, as reflected _____ his own pronouncements.

A. for, at
D. on, in

B. to, with
E. on, about

C. about, from
- Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's bluster _____ Kashmir and the implied threat of a nuclear war were irresponsible and _____ the top.

A. among, from
D. on, among

B. on, over
E. to, from

C. at, above
- The global financial institution has advocated _____ reforms that favour agribusiness and ignore peasants and indigenous peoples whose livelihoods depend _____ traditional land use.

A. for, about
D. despite, against

B. to, with
E. with, in

C. for, on
- The company hopes that its initiative will provide a major source of revenue, _____ fears over the impact of placing thousands of satellites _____ orbit.

A. despite, in
D. in spite of, for

B. about, at
E. with, within

C. over, of

6. A slew _____ new problems emerged directly _____ the government policies.
- A. at, of
D. from, in
- B. of, at
E. of, in
- C. of, from
7. Farmers played a role in the loss of the NDA government in 2004, and the first UPA regime sought to meet some of their concerns _____ an increase in public spending in rural areas, _____ through agricultural plans in each state, a focus on agricultural credit and enhanced extension activities, and the rural employment guarantee scheme.
- A. through, excluding
D. towards, including
- B. through, including
E. with, towards
- C. including, towards
8. Kylian Mbappe, who _____ 19 became the youngest to score in the World Cup final since Pele, showed glimpses of his extraordinary potential; he now looks set _____ greater things.
- A. on, of
D. at, for
- B. in, for
E. at, in
- C. at, off
9. For Croatia, marshalled _____ the excellent Luka Modric, there is no disgrace _____ defeat.
- A. through, of
D. with, for
- B. by, of
E. through, in
- C. by, in
10. China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) already has contracts of _____ \$1 trillion covering _____ 60 countries.
- A. over, over
D. above, of
- B. over, across
E. beyond, across
- C. including, over

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Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
B	D	B	C	A	C	B	D	C	A

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Explanations:

1. Tuesday's multi-city police raids leading _____ the arrests of five people _____ alleged Maoist links has once again brought the debate on the concept of Urban Naxalism.

We know that the verb 'lead' is followed by the preposition 'to'. Therefore, the preposition 'to' should be filled in the blank 1.

Lead (Verb):

To culminate or result in (a particular event or consequence).

Ex. Closing the plant will **lead to** 300 job losses.

Now, if we observe we can find that there is no other option in which 'to' is given as a choice for the blank 1. Thus, all other options can get eliminated.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

2. This idea is also the explanation of his government's policy _____ Jammu and Kashmir, as reflected _____ his own pronouncements.

The noun 'policy' in general is followed by the preposition 'on'.

Ex. The government is to introduce new liquor **policy on** October 1 in Vijayawada.

This confirms 'on' as the preposition for the blank 1.

For the blank 2 the only choice that seems most appropriate among all is 'in'.

This confirms option D as the correct answer.

3. Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan's bluster _____ Kashmir and the implied threat of a nuclear war were irresponsible and _____ the top.

'Bluster' means 'loudly boastful or threatening speech' and the only preposition that should follow it is 'on'. This eliminates options A, C and E.

For the blank 2, the preposition 'over' is the most appropriate choice as the phrase 'over the top' must have been used here in the given context of the sentence.

Over the top (Adverbial phrase):

to an excessive or exaggerated degree.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

4. The global financial institution has advocated _____ reforms that favour agribusiness and ignore peasants and indigenous peoples whose livelihoods depend _____ traditional land use.

In the context of the sentence, the preposition following the verb 'advocated' must be 'for'.

Advocate (Verb):

to speak in support of an idea or course of action.

Ex. The organization **advocates for** human rights.

Now, as we know that the verb 'depend' is followed by the preposition 'on', 'on' is the perfect choice for the blank 2.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

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5. The company hopes that its initiative will provide a major source of revenue, _____ fears over the impact of placing thousands of satellites _____ orbit.

If we read the sentence carefully, we can infer that the company is positive about its initiative though there are fears over the impact of an action. Evidently, the preposition that best suits for the blank 1 is 'despite' or 'in spite of'. This eliminates options B, C and E.

For the blank 2, the most appropriate preposition is 'in' as satellites are placed 'in' orbit.

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. A slew _____ new problems emerged directly _____ the government policies.

In the given sentence, '**slew**' means '**a large number or quantity of something**'.

Evidently, the preposition that makes perfect sense in blank 1 is 'of'.

This eliminates options A and D.

The sentence talks of **problems arising out of** government policies.

Hence, 'from' is the most appropriate preposition for blank 2.

So, option C is the correct answer.

7. Farmers played a role in the loss of the NDA government in 2004, and the first UPA regime sought to meet some of their concerns _____ an increase in public spending in rural areas, _____ through agricultural plans in each state, a focus on agricultural credit and enhanced extension activities, and the rural employment guarantee scheme.

The sentence talks about agrarian crisis and the government initiatives to tackle this crisis. It talks about **a process through which the problems will be addressed.**

Evidently, the preposition that best suits for the blank 1 is 'through'.

This eliminates options C, D and E.

After the first blank, the sentence talks of different government schemes.

Evidently, 'excluding' cannot fill the 2nd blank.

'Including' perfectly fits the 2nd blank.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.



8. Kylian Mbappe, who _____ 19 became the youngest to score in the World Cup final since Pele, showed glimpses of his extraordinary potential; he now looks set _____ greater things.

The first blank is right before a number that denotes age.

The preposition 'at' perfectly fits the blank. **The preposition 'at' is always used before age.**

This eliminates A and B.

'For' aptly fills the 2nd blank.

"Set off" and "set in" does not make any sense here.

'Set off' means= begin a journey/ to put in action an event or a series of events

'Set in' means= (of something unpleasant or unwelcome) begin and seem likely to continue

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

9. For Croatia, marshalled _____ the excellent Luka Modric, there is no disgrace _____ defeat.

From the sentence it is clear that the Croatian team was marshalled(=directed) **by** Luka Modric.

Evidently, the preposition that makes perfect sense in blank 1 is **'by'**.

This eliminates option A, D and E.

"Of" is inappropriate in the 2nd blank.

"In" aptly fills this 2nd blank.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

10. China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) already has contracts of _____ \$1 trillion covering _____ 60 countries.

"Across" and "of" are grossly inappropriate in the 2nd blank.

This eliminates options B, D and E.

Between 'over' and 'including', 'over' is the appropriate answer.

"Including" does not make any sense here.

Both the blanks will be filled by the preposition 'over'.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

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