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Fill in the blanks type questions are to test your reading comprehension skills and vocabulary. In most fill in the blanks type questions, one or two words are omitted from the sentences. From among the options you have to choose the word or a pair of words that when inserted into the blanks, completes the sentence in such a way that it is clear, logical and literally and grammatically consistent.

Types of FILL IN THE BLANKS

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Logical fill in the Blanks

In these types of fill in the blanks you have to fill one blank in a given sentence. Usually the second part of sentence gives an indication about the intended meaning of the first part of the sentence.

Example:

He looked _____ when I narrated him about the accident.

- A. Elated
- B. lethargic
- C. Solemn
- D. dubious
- E. Unique

Ans: (c)



Explanation:

If news about accident is being narrated, then listener must obviously be concerned, serious, and gloomy or sad. While going through the answer choices, most appropriate word turns out to be (c) 'solemn'. Meaning of solemn is not happy and smiling. Hence, (c).



Paired logical fill in the blanks

In paired logical fill in the blanks you have two blanks and therefore both words of the option should fit into the sentence. It is not enough if first one word fits in.

Example:

It is extremely disconcerting that the media is giving _____ to wild allegations made by people totally _____ with the incident.

(a) credence; unconnected

(b) attention; taken

(c) encouragement; fed up with

(d) money; poverty
-struck

Ans: (a)



Explanation:

Options (a), (b) and (c) all have a first word which can meaningfully fit in the blank space. But one look at the Second word and we can cancel them out. If the media is giving encouragement or attention to wild allegations, it is not going to be people who are 'fed up with' or 'poverty struck'. 'Wild allegations' are likely to come from 'unconnected' people who have the least knowledge of the issue. Hence, (a)



Grammar based fill in the blanks

Sometimes a fill in the blanks question may appear to test your vocabulary but it is in fact checking your grammar. In this case, you must develop an eye to spot the grammatical links.

Example:

There once lived a valiant king who was _____ in war with the neighboring countries

(a) winning

(b) locking

(c) engaged

(d) defected

Ans:(a)



Explanation:

We can answer this question on the basis of grammar. The verbs 'win', 'lock' and 'engage' are transitive and require an object after blank. But there is no object after blank. Hence, the usage must be passive. Thus (a) and (b) are eliminated and we go for (c).



Strategies for Fill in the Blanks

- 1. Your selected answer must make logical sense.**
- 2. You should sense the tone of the sentence before fitting your selected option.**
- 3. When you understand the concept, choosing option becomes very easy as only the right options will express the idea.**
- 4. It is most important to read the whole sentence with blanks and get a feel of the message that it wants to convey.**
- 5. Once you get the tentative meaning, your search for the words becomes more focused as you have already formed '*shadow word/ words*' in your mind.**



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