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### SENTENCE COMPLETION

In a test of language, sentence completion plays a very important role. It has a significant role in the verbal section of the test. It is to test the ability of a student to logically connect the different parts of a sentence. It also tests the students' grammar skills and use of language. A sentence is the basis of a language. It is the means of communicating ideas and thoughts effectively. Thus, sentence completion questions are also basic to test the knowledge of the language of a student. Moreover, they test the reasoning abilities of a student to come to a conclusion.

In the sentence completion, a sentence is given with a few blanks that make it incomplete. This sentence is followed by options that contain the probable answers to the blanks. The answer option that makes the sentence most logical and grammatically correct is the best answer option.

#### TIPS AND STRATEGIES FOR SENTENCE COMPLETION

It might sound simple to fill in the blanks of an incomplete sentence. However, it needs careful reading and a backup of good language and grammatical skills to attempt it successfully. That is why a student should practice many sample questions on sentence completion. When you attempt the sample questions, it helps in bringing perfection as well as forming your own strategies to attempt the test.

The clue to the answer is in the sentence itself. The student should substitute the options in the blanks of the sentence and read it completely. The sentence formed should be logical and complete. It should also comply with the rules of grammar. Moreover, the sentence should be meaningful, without any scope of a loophole in it. This means that the sentence is a context in itself that helps you to arrive at the solution by referring to the context.

Example:

1. This spinach omelet makes for \_\_\_\_\_ breakfast; it has the vegetables and protein needed for a healthy diet.

A. delicious    B. filling    C. fortunate    D. an edible    E. **nutritious**

2. Jerry's grandfather's house is full of \_\_\_\_\_ technology such as rotary-dial phones and other devices that are no longer in use.

A. prehistoric    B. **obsolete**    C. current    D. broken    E. advanced

3. My younger brother constantly misbehaves and is always causing \_\_\_\_\_.

A. **hostility**    B. generosity    C. violence    D. courtesy    E. mischief

4. The teacher only has one copy of the worksheet right now, so she is going to \_\_\_\_\_ it and give the new copy to her student.

A. translate    B. multiply    C. **duplicate**    D. plagiarize    E. expand

5. Montero was \_\_\_\_\_ about the upcoming investigation, and he was only made more \_\_\_\_\_ by the newspaper accounts of it.

A. upset ... easygoing    B. angry ... frightened    C. relaxed ... stressed    D. **anxious ... nervous**  
E. aggressive ... calm

6. Almost no one actually believes that the god Zeus lives on top of Mount Olympus; most people understand that this is just a \_\_\_\_\_, not a reality.

A. poem                      B. lyric                      C. **myth**                      D. sonnet                      E. counterfeit

7. The carpenter ant is \_\_\_\_\_ critter and is not at all \_\_\_\_\_.

A. an immense ... gigantic    B. **an industrious ... lazy**                      C. a stupid ... ignorant  
D. an active ... energetic                      E. a tireless ... hardworking

8. The attorney suggested that the witness's testimony was \_\_\_\_\_ because the witness was a known liar.

A. sincere    B. amazing    C. insane    D. **unreliable**    E. innocent

### Exercise 1

1. When I was a child, I loved to play in the leaves, skip down the driveway, and \_\_\_\_\_ against the wind.

2. I still enjoy playing in the leaves, skipping down the driveway, and \_\_\_\_\_ against the wind.

3. Merdine danced a jig and then \_\_\_\_\_ a song that took my heart away.

4. Merdine said that she wanted to dance a jig and then \_\_\_\_\_ a song that would take my heart away.

5. The children spent the afternoon playing video games, watching TV, and \_\_\_\_\_ donuts.

6. If you want to learn how to play video games, watch TV, or \_\_\_\_\_ donuts, spend an afternoon with my children.

7. All that you need to make a great tomato sandwich is whole-wheat bread, a sliced sweet onion, two lettuce leaves, mustard or mayonnaise, and a juicy \_\_\_\_\_.

8. To make a great tomato sandwich, begin by toasting two pieces of whole-wheat bread and \_\_\_\_\_ a sweet onion.

9. Whatever you have, you must either use it or \_\_\_\_\_ it.
10. It is easier to build strong children than to \_\_\_\_\_ broken adults.
11. I divided my time between my music and my \_\_\_\_\_.
12. Giving is better than \_\_\_\_\_.
13. It is better to give than \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
14. People can hurt others not only by their actions but also by their \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Children cannot learn well if they lack adequate health care, nutrition, and \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Cheating can result in failing the assignment, failing the entire course, getting suspended, or \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ from college entirely.
17. Plagiarism or any other form of cheating can result in a failing grade for the paper or a \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for the course.
18. Examples of weight-bearing exercises include walking, jogging, hiking, and \_\_\_\_\_.
19. I look forward to graduating from high school in May and \_\_\_\_\_ college in the fall.
20. My favorite pastimes include napping, snacking, and \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.

## Exercise 2

1. In scientific studies, supporting evidence is much more satisfying to report than are discredited hypotheses, but, in fact, the \_\_\_\_\_ of errors is more likely to be \_\_\_\_\_ than is the establishment of probable truth.
  - A. formulation . . permitted
  - B. correction . . ignored
  - C. detection . . useful
  - D. accumulation . . agreeable
  - E. refinement . . conditional
2. Although skeptics say financial problems will probably \_\_\_\_\_ our establishing a base on the Moon, supporters of the project remain \_\_\_\_\_, saying that human curiosity should overcome such pragmatic constraints.
  - A. beset . . disillusioned
  - B. hasten . . hopeful
  - C. postpone . . pessimistic

- D. prevent . . enthusiastic
- E. allow . . unconvinced

3. The state of a nation's science determines its prosperity and political power, and scientists should not \_\_\_\_\_ this relationship even if their own interest in science is of a less practical nature.

- A. overlook
- B. consider
- C. overestimate
- D. rely on
- E. notice

4. All \_\_\_\_\_ biological traits fall into one of two categories: those giving their possessors greater \_\_\_\_\_ the environment and those rendering them more independent of it.

- A. widespread . . detachment from
- B. beneficial . . control over
- C. successful . . freedom from
- D. neutral . . compatibility with
- E. harmful . . advantage in

5. Most histories of science are success stories that conclude on \_\_\_\_\_ note with the final \_\_\_\_\_ of a theory that is the basis of subsequent inquiries by later researchers.

- A. a retrospective . . extrapolation
- B. an analytic . . rebuttal
- C. an objective . . rationalization
- D. a positive . . refutation
- E. a triumphal . . ascendancy

6. Whereas the Elizabethans struggled with the transition from a medieval \_\_\_\_\_ experience to modern individualism, we confront an electronic technology that seems likely to reverse the trend, rendering individualism obsolete and interdependence mandatory.

- A. literary
- B. intuitive
- C. corporate
- D. heroic
- E. spiritual

7. The attempt to breed suitable varieties of jojoba by using hybridization to \_\_\_\_\_ favorable traits was finally abandoned in favor of a simpler and much faster \_\_\_\_\_: the domestication of flourishing wild strains.

- A. eliminate . . alternative
- B. reinforce . . method
- C. allow . . creation
- D. reduce . . idea
- E. concentrate . . theory

8. In spite of the increasing \_\_\_\_\_ of their opinions, the group knew they had to arrive at a consensus so that the award could be presented.

- A. impartiality
- B. consistency
- C. judiciousness
- D. incisiveness
- E. polarity

9. Supporters praised the mayor's action as speedy and judicious, but critics condemned it as \_\_\_\_\_ and unfairly influenced by recent events.

- A. innocuous
- B. fortuitous
- C. beguiling
- D. discreet
- E. premature

10. Although frequent air travelers remain unconvinced, researchers have found that, paradoxically, the \_\_\_\_\_ orientation inherent in jet lag also may yield some mental health \_\_\_\_\_

- A. temporal . . benefits
- B. acquired . . hazards
- C. somatic . . disorders
- D. random . . deficiencies
- E. typical . . standards

### Exercise 3

**Fill in the blanks of the given below with the options provided for each:-**

1. The recipe only has three ingredients. The recipe is \_\_\_\_
  - a. Simple
  - b. Sweet
  - c. Complicated
  - d. Fast
2. This book is \_\_\_\_\_. It is not fun. It is not entertaining. I am sleepy.
  - a. Boring
  - b. Interesting
  - c. Nice

- d. Great.
3. The kid's were \_\_\_\_\_ of the haunted house. They wanted to run away and hide!
- Hurt
  - Lost
  - Scared
  - First
4. I wake up before the sun rises. I wake up at 5.00 AM. I wake up \_\_\_\_\_.
- Early
  - At Night
  - Now
  - Late
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ woman has many wrinkles and grey hair. She was born in 1926.
- Nice
  - Strong
  - Young
  - Old
6. To ride the roller coaster, you must be at \_\_\_\_\_ four feet tall.
- Most
  - Least
  - More
  - Rest
7. The dog plays outside every day. The dog plays in the mud every day. The dog is always \_\_\_\_\_.
- Fun
  - Slow
  - Dirty
  - Smart
8. The dog has mud on its face. It looks \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pretty
  - Fast
  - Ugly
  - Nice
9. Robert takes a long time to get dressed. Robert takes a long time to eat breakfast. Robert takes a long time to walk to school. Robert is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Good
  - Slow
  - Happy
  - Hungry
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ man is the only one who can lift the heavy rock.
- Friendly
  - Mad
  - Strong
  - Silly