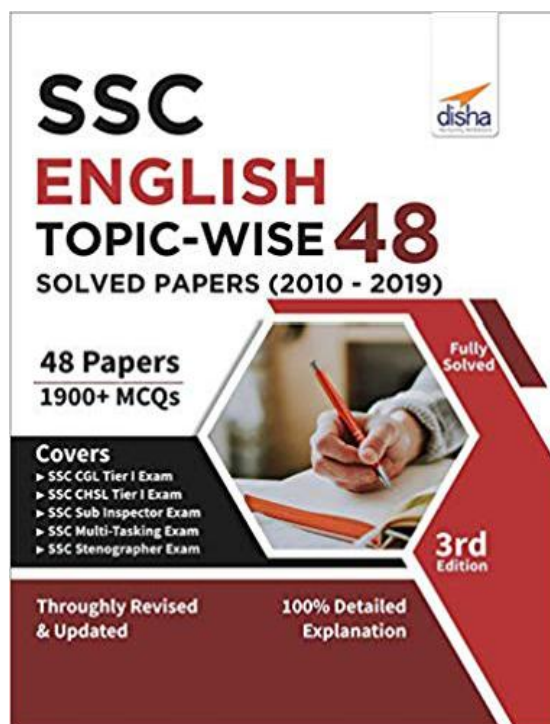


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CHAPTER
3

Fill in the Blanks & Cloze Test

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 1-5) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2010)

- The hotel was not too expensive, _____
(a) was it ? (b) wasn't it ?
(c) is it ? (d) isn't it ?
- Like humans, zoo animals must have a dentist _____ their teeth.
(a) fill (b) filled
(c) filling (d) to be filled
- It was very kind of you to do the washing-up, but you _____ it.
(a) didn't have to do (b) hadn't to do
(c) mightn't have done (d) mustn't have done
- He went _____ sea alone.
(a) in (b) to (c) into (d) on
- The _____ of our civilization from an agricultural society to today's complex industrial world was accompanied by war.
(a) adjustment (b) migration
(c) route (d) metamorphosis

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 6-10) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2010)

- The court _____ cognizance of the criminal's words.
(a) took (b) made
(c) gave (d) allowed
- _____ wins this civil war there will be little rejoicing at the victory.
(a) Whichever (b) Whoever
(c) Whatever (d) Wherever
- As he got older his belief in these principles did not _____.
(a) wither (b) shake
(c) waver (d) dither
- Everyone in this world is accountable to God _____ his actions.
(a) about (b) for
(c) to (d) over
- Your father used to be the principal of this college _____.
(a) did he ? (b) does he ?
(c) didn't he ? (d) doesn't he ?

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 11-15) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word. Our alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2011)

- The housewife _____ the cakes burning, and ran to switch off the oven.
(a) smell (b) smells
(c) smelt (d) smelling
- _____ an old legend, King Shirham lived in India.
(a) In the event of (b) Due to
(c) According to (d) In reference to
- _____ you leave now, you will be late.
(a) Until (b) Till
(c) Unless (d) Although
- The _____ were arrested for illegally hunting the bears.
(a) poachers (b) rangers
(c) soldiers (d) villagers
- If you had followed the rules, you _____ disqualified.
(a) will not be
(b) would not be
(c) will not have been
(d) would not have been

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 16-20) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four.

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2011)

- The company let me _____ time off work.
(a) take
(b) taking
(c) to take
(d) took
- I assume _____ with me.
(a) every one agreeing
(b) that every one agrees
(c) every one to agree
(d) that every one to agree
- _____ the rain forests is very important, if we do not want the flora and fauna found there to become extinct.
(a) Reserving
(b) Destroying
(c) Preserving
(d) Maintaining
- If I had helped him, he _____.
(a) will not be drowned
(b) would not be drowned
(c) will not have drowned
(d) would not have drowned
- When will you head _____ your assignment?
(a) in (b) back
(c) down (d) into

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 21–30) : In the following questions, some of the words have been left out. First read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

Passage (Q no. 21–30)

Almost every full moon night, the officials in Andaman and Nicobar Islands take part in a cautious ritual. The tribesmen watch from a safe distance as the officials 21 the island in a boat 22 gifts for them. The islanders come 23 hesitantly only after the officials 24 dumbbed the coconuts brought 25 them onto the beach and begin 26 away from their small island. On some nights the tribals even 27 up enough courage to swim upto a few feet 28 from the boat. The officials maintain that they do 29 want to interfere with the way of life of the tribals. The island 30 heavily on the mainland for most goods. (SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2011)

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| 21. (a) approach | (b) depart |
| (c) present | (d) absent |
| 22. (a) coming | (b) leaving |
| (c) carrying | (d) relieving |
| 23. (a) forward | (b) backward |
| (c) sides | (d) upward |
| 24. (a) has | (b) have |
| (c) had | (d) be |
| 25. (a) by | (b) to |
| (c) in | (d) for |
| 26. (a) watching | (b) seeing |
| (c) sailing | (d) stopping |
| 27. (a) leave | (b) muster |
| (c) come | (d) present |
| 28. (a) correctly | (b) distantly |
| (c) near | (d) away |
| 29. (a) no | (b) neither |
| (c) not | (d) nor |
| 30. (a) spy | (b) rely |
| (c) occupy | (d) reply |

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 31–40) : In the following passage, some of the words have been left out. First, read the passage over and try to understand what it is about. Then fill in the blanks with the help of the alternatives given.

PASSAGE (Q.Nos. 31–40)

The Solar System has been a complicated wonder for the astronomers. This is a (31) to which we may never have the exact answer. Man has wondered (32) the age of the Earth (33) ancient times. There were all kinds of (34) that seemed to have the (35). But man could not begin to (36) about the question scientifically until about 400 years (37). When it was proved that the (38) revolved round the Sun and the Earth was a (39) of our Solar System, then scientists knew where to (40).

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2011)

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| 31. (a) problem | (b) question |
| (c) matter | (d) query |
| 32. (a) around | (b) out |
| (c) about | (d) on |
| 33. (a) since | (b) during |
| (c) around | (d) from |
| 34. (a) ideas | (b) opinions |
| (c) stories | (d) matters |

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| 35. (a) solution | (b) novel |
| (c) book | (d) answer |
| 36. (a) read | (b) think |
| (c) open | (d) guess |
| 37. (a) now | (b) time |
| (c) then | (d) ago |
| 38. (a) Moon | (b) time |
| (c) Earth | (d) Mars |
| 39. (a) part | (b) division |
| (c) opening | (d) centre |
| 40. (a) end | (b) begin |
| (c) think | (d) work |

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 41–45) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative out of the four as your answer.

(SSC CGL 1st Sit. 2012)

41. The Union Budget is likely to be presented on February 26, two days ahead of the _____ date.
(a) critical (b) conventional
(c) suitable (d) convenient
42. I am sorry _____ the mistake.
(a) from (b) with
(c) for (d) at
43. He _____ her that she would pass.
(a) insured (b) ensured
(c) assumed (d) assured
44. Your father _____ worry. I'm a very careful driver.
(a) needn't (b) none
(c) can't (d) doesn't
45. The _____ chosen for construction of the building is in the heart of the city.
(a) cite (b) slight
(c) sight (d) site

DIRECTIONS (Qs. 46–50) : In the following questions, sentences are given with blanks to be filled in with an appropriate word(s). Four alternatives are suggested for each question. Choose the correct alternative.

(SSC CGL 2nd Sit. 2012)

46. The ladies black purse, which is on sale has a beautiful _____ carved on it.
(a) motif (b) patch
(c) layout (d) schematic
47. Who is the person you _____ at the cinema last night?
(a) were recognising (b) recognised
(c) have recognised (d) had recognised
48. As you sow _____ shall you reap.
(a) when (b) as
(c) like (d) so
49. He complimented her _____ new dress.
(a) for (b) of
(c) on (d) about
50. It took him a long time _____ the candidate's application.
(a) to considering
(b) to consider and weigh
(c) considering weighing
(d) to consider and to weigh

ANSWERS & EXPLANATIONS

1. (a) was it ? – is the correct question tag
2. (c) Must have a dentist filling is the correct use of tense.
3. (d) Correct use of tense in the given context
4. (c) Alone supports the preposition 'into'
5. (d) It means a striking alteration in appearance, character etc.
6. (a) Idiom **take cognizance of something** means: to understand or consider something to take notice of something.
7. (b) Whoever wins is the correct use
8. (a) The word **with** means : to become less or weaker.
9. (b) Accountable to God for his actions is the correct use.
10. (c) Didn't he? – is the correct question tag.
11. (c) Correct use of past tense
12. (c) Correct use for saying where information or ideas have come from.
13. (c) Unless the conjunction is correctly used here for saying that if something does not happen, something else will happen.
14. (a) Poachers are those people who catch and kill animals illegally and thus, it is the right option in the given context.
15. (d) Correct use of type 3 conditional.
16. (a) correct use of zero infinitive
17. (b) I assume that every one agrees is correct use.
18. (c) Preserving is the right option in the given context.
19. (d) Correct use of conditional
20. (a) Head in the phrasal verb here means to begin.
21. (a) 22. (c) 23. (a) 24. (b) 25. (d)
26. (c) 27. (b) 28. (d) 29. (c) 30. (b)
31. (b) 32. (c) 33. (a) 34. (c) 35. (d)
36. (b) 37. (d) 38. (c) 39. (a) 40. (b)
41. (b) Two days ahead of conventional date is correct use as the fixed date february 26 is given.
42. (c) Sorry for the correct prepositional use
43. (d) 'He assured' means 'He made sure' thus, he assured is the correct use.
44. (a) Needn't worry is correct
45. (d) Site which means location is the correct use.
46. (a) Motif means a pattern or design.
47. (d) had recognised is the correct tense
48. (d) so shall you reap is correct.
49. (c) On is the correct use of preposition
50. (b) correct use of to infinitive