

Sentence Completion

In this section, a sentence is given with a blank space that can be filled with multiple options while giving same sense and intended meaning to the situation described in sentence. Student has to mark the option which has correct pair of words to suit the sentence out of five choices. Six option words are given for the blank.

Main requisite for doing well in this particular section requires a rich vocabulary. This knowledge of words should be more from the usage point of view. A student shall be able to recognize how some words, although not synonymous yet highly replaceable.

While reading a book, newspaper or magazine one should always try to find out certain combinations of words. Sometimes a particular word can be attached with only other specific verbs or adjectives.

See the word conclusion it can be used in a certain way with certain verbs only.

Conclusion- Reach a conclusion, draw a conclusion

One will find word 'conclusion' used in this way more often than not in all reading materials used by all.

Some logic also goes in for solving these questions.

See the other word License-

License can be allotted or sanctioned. There are no other verbs that fit so well with process of obtaining a license.

Now have a look at following examples of adjectives which you will find interesting and helpful to solve questions. Have a stock of these and it would work like a support system for you. A list of the combinations has to be formed and revised daily to strengthen the usage based vocabulary application.

See some of the combinations that are usually seen in reading materials.

Technology-current, existing, latest, obsolete, emerging, unmatchable, unbeatable, state of art.

Warning-dire, grim, ominous, stark.

Withdrawal-sudden, imminent, strategic, ignominious.

Slope- Precipitous, steep, gradual.

Recollection -Vivid, faint, hazy.

Shout- muffled, raucous, triumphant.

Suggestion-Constructive, Practical, Outrageous, Preposterous, tentative.

Proof -Conclusive, incontrovertible, irrefutable, tangible

Students should try to locate more of such combinations while reading and note them down in their diaries.

In this section of book such questions of exam level have been given for your practice. These are more or less daily usage words used in day today writings by bank officers, clerks and other professionals and similar words are expected to appear in exam.

EXERCISE

Directions (Qs. 1-50): The following questions consist of a single sentence with one blank only. You are given five or six words as answer choices you have to pick up correct pair in option, which will make the sentence meaningfully complete.

1. Despite slowing loan growth and Central Bank is taking steps to ensure liquidity, banks are borrowing record amounts of money from the central bank.

(1) Sufficient	(2) Abundant
(3) Unprecedented	(4) Enough
(5) Mandatory	(6) Redundant
(a) 1&4	(b) 1&2
(c) 5&3	(d) 5&4
(e) 1&3	
2. Many banks have decided not to mobilize high cost deposits and have therefore increased their on borrowings from the Central Bank.

(1) Dependency	(2) Reliance
(3) Faith	(4) Independence
(5) Future	(6) Trust
(a) 2 & 1	(b) 2&6
(c) 3&5	(d) 6&1
(e) 3&5	
3. Experts said Indian debt yields were high and could attract investors in developed Western markets, many of whom could borrow funds at low single digit rates.

(1) Unprecedentedly	(2) Illogically
(3) Irrationally	(4) Alluringly
(5) Fearfully	(6) Falsely
(a) 2 & 1	(b) 1&4
(c) 3&5	(d) 6&1
(e) 3&5	
4. IIM Calcutta, which its final placements on Monday, expects consulting to be strong.

(1) Kick starts	(2) Kicks off
(3) Announces	(4) Hosts
(5) Offers	(6) Pushes
(a) 2 & 1	(b) 1&4
(c) 3&5	(d) 2&3
(e) 3&5	
5. Supreme Court has cancelled many licenses by the previous Telecom Minister.

(1) Distributed	(2) Sanctioned
(3) Divided	(4) Granted
(5) Awarded	(6) Utilized
(a) 2 & 4	(b) 1&4
(c) 3&5	(d) 6&1
(e) 3&5	
6. The investigators are also not the possibility of a local, most likely a Shia trained terrorist group.

(1) Ruling out	(2) Pulling out
(3) Doubting	(4) Putting out
5. Leaving

(a) 2 & 1	(6) Kicking out
(c) 1&4	(b) 3&4
(e) 3&5	(d) 6&1
7. Our understanding is that elections would be held as early as considered by all concerned.

(1) unavoidable	(2) Needed
(3) Feasible	(4) Demanded
(5) Grilled	(6) Loathed
(a) 3 & 1	(b) 1&4
(c) 3&5	(d) 6&1
(e) 3&5	
8. The new management came out with a that could put back on growth trajectory.

(1) Plan	(2) Road map
(3) Strategy	(4) Formula
(5) Logic	(6) Tool
(a) 2 & 3	(b) 1&2
(c) 3&5	(d) 6&1
(e) 3&5	
9. Timely delivery is a given in a courier company.

(1) Vice	(2) Specialty
(3) System	(4) Faith
(5) Virtue	(6) Feature
(a) 2 & 1	(b) 1&5
(c) 3&5	(d) 6&1
(e) 3&5	
10. Tata has urged the Supreme Court to order a investigation by an independent agency.

(1) New	(2) Fresh
(3) Vital	(4) Re
(5) Fulsome	(6) Secondary
(a) 2 & 1	(b) 1&4
(c) 3&5	(d) 2&1
(e) 3&5	
11. The two parties released a press statement in the evening.

(1) Combined	(2) Compromised
(3) Joint	(4) Single
(5) Fabricated	(6) Handpicked
(a) 2 & 1	(b) 1&4
(c) 3&5	(d) 6&1
(e) 3&1	
12. When the stock market is negative .Funding, a critical element for scale, becomes a prized commodity.

(1) Emotion	(2) Trend
(3) Sentiment	(4) Feeling
(5) Curve	(6) Figure
(a) 2 & 3	(b) 1&4
(c) 3&5	(d) 6&4
(e) 3&5	

13. The powers of Centre appear to be a/an on the powers of State Government.
 (1) Crouching (2) Infringement
 (3) Invading (4) Cutting
 (5) Brushing (6) Extension
 (a) 2 & 3 (b) 1 & 4
 (c) 1 & 2 (d) 6 & 1
 (e) 3 & 5
14. The economy has been roughly for about two years.
 (1) Inclined (2) Flat
 (3) Curved (4) Sphere
 (5) Round (6) Down
 (a) 2 & 1 (b) 1 & 4
 (c) 2 & 6 (d) 6 & 1
 (e) 3 & 5
15. The before the board is that if it accepts his demand or not.
 (1) Confusion (2) Dilemma
 (3) Fear (4) Threat
 (5) Opportunity (6) Interest
 (a) 2 & 6 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 3 & 5 (d) 6 & 1
 (e) 3 & 5
16. Building reputation in market should be seen as a agenda for growth.
 (1) Persistent (2) Continuous
 (3) Consistent (4) Urgent
 (5) Jaded (6) Final
 (a) 3 & 1 (b) 1 & 4
 (c) 3 & 5 (d) 6 & 1
 (e) 3 & 5
17. We seek a/an for our daughter who is a divorcee and 34 years of age.
 (1) Match (2) Interest
 (3) Alliance (4) Partner
 (5) Permanence (6) Joint
 (a) 3 & 1 (b) 2 & 4
 (c) 3 & 5 (d) 6 & 5
 (e) 3 & 2
18. India has moved a step to lifting the ban investments from Pakistan.
 (1) Away (2) Closer
 (3) Near (4) Further
 (5) Back (6) Positive
 (a) 2 & 3 (b) 1 & 4
 (c) 3 & 5 (d) 6 & 1
 (e) 3 & 5
19. As Finance Minister steps in, will the Economy?
 (1) Step in (2) Step up
 (3) Step ahead (4) Step down
 (5) Step off (6) Step on
 (a) 2 & 1 (b) 1 & 4
 (c) 3 & 5 (d) 2 & 3
 (e) 3 & 5
20. Lifting the ban from the investment from the long time enemy Pakistan will be a goodwill
 (1) Step (2) Virtue
 (3) Gesture (4) Offer
 (5) Move (6) Threat
- (a) 1 & 3 (b) 1 & 4
 (c) 3 & 5 (d) 6 & 1
 (e) 3 & 5
21. It will take at least five years for the electronic media sector to
 (1) Complete (2) Grow
 (3) Flourish (4) Propagate
 (5) Survive (6) Die
 (a) 2 & 3 (b) 1 & 4
 (c) 3 & 5 (d) 6 & 1
 (e) 3 & 5
22. Supreme Court took serious note of the on the protesters in Janpath ground done by police.
 (1) Tortures (2) Excesses
 (3) Beatings (4) Charges
 (5) Researches
 (a) 2 & 3 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 3 & 5 (d) 2 & 5
 (e) 2 & 4
23. Indian Army is a well army.
 (1) Equipped (2) Trained
 (3) Guided (4) Supported
 (5) Provided (6) Reached
 (a) 2 & 5 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 3 & 1 (d) 2 & 3
 (e) 2 & 4
24. Culprit Officers will the action after the decision of High Court.
 (1) See (2) Face
 (3) Read (4) Smell
 (5) Follow (6) Reap
 (a) 1 & 3 (b) 3 & 4
 (c) 4 & 5 (d) 1 & 2
 (e) 2 & 4
25. Manoj Tiwari with this century has his place in the Indian team for next tour.
 (1) Cemented (2) Stabilized
 (3) Plastered (4) Fixed
 (5) Approved
 (a) 1 & 2 (b) 1 & 3
 (c) 1 & 4 (d) 1 & 5
 (e) 2 & 4
26. Rare blue Eagle was after 90 years in Indian zoo.
 (1) Spotted (2) Discovered
 (3) Flown (4) Seen
 (5) Brought
 (a) 2 & 3 (b) 3 & 4
 (c) 1 & 2 (d) 1 & 5
 (e) 4 & 3
27. The bird is found between northeast Pakistan along the base of the Himalayas from Himachal to Bhutan.
 (1) Commonly (2) Usually
 (3) Rarely (4) Seldom
 (5) Often
 (a) 1 & 4 (b) 2 & 3
 (c) 3 & 4 (d) 2 & 1
 (e) 4 & 5

28. Centre an alert about a plan by leader of an outlawed fundamentalist outfit.
 (1) Issued (2) Declared
 (3) Sounded (4) Cautioned
 (5) Doubted
 (a) Only (1) (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 1 & 2 & 3 (d) 1 & 3 & 4
 (e) All the options
29. Nina Gupta is a familiar in the fashion circles of city.
 (1) Personality (2) Leader
 (3) Figure (4) Protagonist
 (5) Name
 (a) 1 & 5 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 1 & 2 & 3 (d) 1 & 3 & 4
30. Company has demanded measures to tackle the problem.
 (1) Adequate (2) Substantial
 (3) Rational (4) Enough
 (5) Sure
 (a) Only (1) (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 1 & 3
 (e) 1 & 4
31. BBC representative said that their December episode the country's charm, beauty and wealth along with its idiosyncrasies.
 (1) Announced (2) Portrayed
 (3) Depicted (4) Pictured
 (5) Confirmed
 (a) 2 & 5 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 3 & 4
 (e) 1 & 4
32. Wikipedia access to its widely used, user generated, free source content. No one was able to use it.
 (1) allowed (2) Blocked
 (3) Blacked out (4) Increased
 (5) Stopped
 (a) 3 & 4 (b) 2 & 5
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 1 & 3
 (e) 3 & 5
33. Out of the 6.5 million abortions in 2010, 68% were performed by an unqualified person or in unsafe environment.
 (1) Recorded (2) Registered
 (3) Counted (4) Performed
 (5) Conducted
 (a) 4 & 5 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 1 & 2 (d) 1 & 3
 (e) 3 & 4
34. Mr. John has been for the top job at the ADB bank.
 (1) Shortlisted (2) Selected
 (3) Appointed (4) Questioned
 (5) Approved
 (a) 2 & 3 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 1 & 4 (d) 3 & 5
 (e) 1 & 2
35. The procedure adopted by the bank authorities was totally as they did not follow the principles of natural justice.
 (1) Miscalculated (2) Flawed
 (3) Irrational (4) Accurate
 (5) In place
 (a) Only (1) (b) 1 & 4
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 1 & 2
 (e) 3 & 5
36. Delhi High Court directed RBI to respond to the plea of commissioner of Income tax.
 (1) Appointed (2) Sacked
 (3) Removed (4) Selected
 (5) Responsible
 (a) 5 & 1 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 3 & 4
37. The High Court withdrew a approval that allowed him to make numerous trips to hospitals in last 4 years.
 (1) Ordered (2) Pending
 (3) Blanket (4) Prior
 (5) False
 (a) 3 & 4 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 1 & 3
 (e) 3 & 5
38. You may be to see that many people sleep on the footpaths of Delhi in the bone chilling nights as well.
 (1) Astonished (2) Surprised
 (3) Annoyed (4) Angry
 (5) Speech less
 (a) Only (1) (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 1 & 3
 (e) 2 & 5
39. The guard showed courage and helped police to nab the robbers.
 (1) Defending (2) Exemplary
 (3) Highest (4) Extreme
 (5) Collected (6) Unprecedented
 (a) 3 & 5 (b) 2 & 4
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 1 & 6
 (e) All of the options
40. I my felicitations to all officers and ranks of the National Disaster Relief Force and their families on the occasion of its Raising Day.
 (1) Show (2) Offer
 (3) Extend (4) Sign
 (5) Pay (6) Move
 (a) 2 & 5 (b) 1 & 2
 (c) 2 & 3 (d) 5 & 6
 (e) 4 & 5
41. Our Company reserves the right to accept/reject any tender without any reason thereof.
 (1) Claiming (2) Assigning
 (3) Notifying (4) Validating
 (5) Giving (6) Disclosing
 (a) 5 & 6 (b) 3 & 4
 (c) 2 & 5 (d) 2 & 4
 (e) 2 & 6

42. Hence you are requested to appearin court on the desired date.
- (1) Physically (2) In person
(3) In self (4) As yourself
(5) In front (6) In Proxy
(a) 3&5 (b) 2&4
(c) 1&2 (d) 3&4
(e) 5&6
43. The Passengers are advised to not to try toenter/exit/obstruct the doors of metro trains.
- (1) Forcefully (2) Intentionally
(3) Vehemently (4) Trespass
(5) Unintentionally (6) Thrust fully
(a) 1&6 (b) 2 &5
(c) 1&4 (d) 6&3
(e) 2&3
44. Railways has made itfor all passengers travelling in AC classes to carry an identity proof during journey to stop misuse of tickets.
- (1) Mandatory (2) Optional
(3) Compulsory (4) Advisable
(5) Urgent (6) Implied
(a) 3 &4 (b) 1&3
(c) 2&3 (d) 4 &6
(e) 5&4
45. A competitive environment isfor growth.
- (1) Desired (2) Necessary
(3) Mandatory (4) Must
(5) Requisite (6) Required
(a) 2 &1 (b) 2&6
(c) 3&5 (d) 6&1
(e) 3&5
46. Growth in the second quarter willto announcement in the Budget regarding the subsidies, tax cuts and new initiatives.
- (1) Subject (2) Amount
(3) Revolve around (4) Yield
(5) Prosper (6) Reliable
(a) 2 &1 (b) 1&4
(c) 3&5 (d) 6&1
(e) 3&1
47. To achieve this, one of thepolicy measures would be to reduce our tariff barriers.
- (1) Major (2) Preeminent
(3) Prominent (4) Foremost
(5) Leading (6) Serious
(a) 2 &1 (b) 1&4
(c) 3&5 (d) 3&1
(e) 3&5
48.of competition in product markets would enable India reap both static efficiency gains and dynamic efficiency gains.
- (1) Promotion (2) Enhancement
(3) Increment (4) Stimulation
(5) Simulation (6) Prevention
(a) 2 &1 (b) 1&4
(c) 1&4 (d) 6&1
(e) 3&5
49. All these conclusionsfrom the unit level data in National Statistical Surveys done in last year.
- (1) Draw (2) Emerge
(3) Arise (4) Follow
(5) Inject (6) Reach
(a) 2 &3 (b) 1&4
(c) 3&5 (d) 6&1
(e) 3&5
50. Most of this increase has come due toin corporate and public savings.
- (1) Change (2) Improvement
(3) Amalgamation (4) Turnaround
(5) Circumspection (6) Speculation
(a) 2 &4 (b) 6&4
(c) 3&5 (d) 4&1
(e) 3&6

ANSWER KEY

1	(a)	6	(c)	11	(e)	16	(a)	21	(a)	26	(b)	31	(d)	36	(c)	41	(c)	46	(e)
2	(a)	7	(a)	12	(a)	17	(a)	22	(e)	27	(d)	32	(b)	37	(a)	42	(c)	47	(d)
3	(b)	8	(b)	13	(c)	18	(e)	23	(b)	28	(d)	33	(a)	38	(d)	43	(a)	48	(c)
4	(d)	9	(b)	14	(c)	19	(d)	24	(d)	29	(a)	34	(e)	39	(b)	44	(b)	49	(a)
5	(a)	10	(d)	15	(b)	20	(a)	25	(c)	30	(c)	35	(d)	40	(c)	45	(b)	50	(d)

Hints & Explanations

1. (a) Sentence indicates that central bank is taking steps to increase liquidity to a certain level. In the blank - enough, sufficient or abundant can fit. But the correct combination is given only in option (a).
2. (a) Reliance/faith can fit in the blank as sentence discusses dependence on a bank. Other options are not valid with reference to the sentence.
3. (b) This blank is followed by word 'high' which is logical with all the options. But debts cannot be false. Illogical or irrational is also not appropriate as experts must have some base for statement. Only unprecedentedly and alluringly fit as attraction to investors is also discussed in later part of sentence.
4. (d) Kicks off and announces are appropriate fillers for the blank space in reference to a college starting its placement seasons difference.
Kick start to do sth to help a process or project start more quickly. The Govt's attempt to kick start the economy has failed.
5. (a) Licenses are granted or sanctioned not distributed or divided. Utilized is out of context. Awarded also fits with license. But it has no valid pair with it.
6. (c) Sentence says that the possibility of a particular terrorist group cannot be ruled out or put out.
7. (a) Elections can be unavoidable or related to feasibility but not grilled/loathed or held on demand.
8. (b) Management is related to planning or a strategy or a road map. Even formula can fit. So we have to search for an option with right combination.
9. (b) Timely delivery is a virtue or specialty that can be linked with a courier company.
10. (d) Investigation can be started with fresh outlook hence can be new or fresh. Other options do not have valid pair.
11. (e) Joint statement by two parties is right expression. 'Combined' can also replace the 'joint'.
12. (a) Stock market has sentiment of investment. But not emotions. Trends in stock markets are also scaled or measured. Feelings can also fit.
13. (c) Conflict of powers between two authorities is discussed where one is infringing/ crouching on the powers of other.
14. (c) Low economic activity is synonym to flat/down.
15. (b) Board is at a point of making a decision but is in dilemma/confusion. Fear or threats do not adjust.
16. (a) Consistent or persistent both give same sense to the sentence.
17. (a) For marriage advertisement - match or alliance are perfect words.
18. (e) Sentence hints for improvement of relationships so closer or near are correct fillers for the blank space.
19. (d) Sentence asks a question that intervention by Finance minister will bring what results for economy. Hence 'step up' or 'step ahead' are correct. Other options are not correct as the meaning differs completely.
20. (a) 'Lifting the ban' is a step /gesture/move.
21. (a) Sentence is about the growth and future of media.
22. (e) Grammatically with 'On' only Excesses and Charge fits in.
23. (b) With ARMY - equipped and trained are appropriate. Other word which can be correct is 'reached' but no proper pair is given.
24. (d) Other words do not fit in context. Smell, reap are out of context cannot be used for the officers.
25. (c) For next tour - is being stated so fix can come in blank and cemented means to strengthen' so it can also fit in the blank space of sentence referring to a player's selection in team.
26. (b) This pair best represents the idea best as words like 'rare' and '90 years' goes in line with this pair of words. Discovered and invented are wrong. Flown or brought do not fit in either.
27. (d) This pair is appropriate in grammar and context as gives proper sense to the sentence referring to a bird found in a specific area.
28. (d) With alert -sounded and cautioned fit best from the options.
29. (a) A well known 'name' is treated as 'figure'.
30. (c) Problem can be tackled with only 'adequate' measures in 'enough' quantity.
31. (d) Episode is portrayed to 'depict' and 'pictured' for the same purpose.
32. (b) As access is prevented so blocked /stopped can fit.
33. (a) Illegal thing is not recorded or registered. It can be performed or conducted.
34. (e) For a post through different processes - selection or short listing is done.

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| <p>35. (d) Procedure can only be flawed or miscalculated. Other options raise a conflict in first and second part of the sentence.</p> <p>36. (c) All options can fit. Only proper option with proper combination has to be selected.</p> <p>37. (a) Prior /Blanket fits in grammatically and goes well with sentence.</p> <p>38. (d) By seeing people sleeping on road in winter is annoying or make angry or render someone speechless or surprise so all the options can fit. But the best combination is this.</p> <p>39. (b) With courage exemplary and extreme are correct. 'Unprecedented' is also good with 'courage' but is not given in the options with correct pair.</p> <p>40. (c) Felicitations are offered or extended or paid.</p> <p>41. (c) With 'reason' - 'assign' /notifying/giving/disclosing all are appropriate.</p> <p>42. (c) Other options are not right in context and do not give desired meaning to the sentence.</p> | <p>43. (a) Forcefully and Thrust fully both carry similar meaning.</p> <p>44. (b) Railways is authority and has made it mandatory/ compulsory to carry the identity proof with it.</p> <p>45. (b) In competitive environment growth prospers. So It is necessary/requisite/required. Must is impelling and doubtful.</p> <p>46. (e) Only subject and revolve around fit in. Other options are out of sync.</p> <p>47. (d) Major and prominent both carry same sense and gives proper meaning to sentence.</p> <p>48. (c) Sentence advocates the promotion of or stimulation of the competition.</p> <p>49. (a) With conclusion - arise or emerge is suitable replacements.</p> <p>50. (d) Sentence is in positive sense and change /turnaround is in sync with the situation of sentence.</p> |
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