

Weekly English Quiz for High Court Assistant Exam 15th – 21st September 2024

Q1.
Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'No error'. Either of the two supervisors were supposed to be present at the site.

- (a)present at the site.
- (b)the two supervisors
- (c)No error
- (d)were supposed to be

Ans(d)

Sol.
Singular indefinite pronouns include the compounds of -body, -one and -thing, along with the words one, another, each, either, neither and much. A singular verb is used with these pronouns. Hence, replace 'were' with 'was' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Q2.
Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.
PERPETUATE

- (a)Cease
- (b)Preserve
- (c)Prevent

(d)Release

Ans(b)

Sol.

Perpetuate means to cause something to continue.
Release means allow (something) to move, act, or flow freely.
Preserve: maintain (something) in its original or existing state.

Q3.
Select the wrongly spelt word.

- (a)Eliminate
- (b)Gluton
- (c)Allergy
- (d)Reliant

Ans(b)

Sol.

Correct spelling is 'glutton' which means an excessively greedy eater.

Q4.
Select the most appropriate antonym of the given word.
REPUGNANT

- (a)Odious

(b)Pleasant

(c)Austere

(d)Somber

Ans(b)

Sol.

Repugnant means extremely distasteful; unacceptable.

Odious means extremely unpleasant; repulsive.

Austere means severe or strict in manner or attitude.

Somber means dark or dull in colour or tone.

Pleasant means giving a sense of happy satisfaction or enjoyment.

(b)bunker

(c)estuary

(d)sanctuary

Ans(d)

Sol.

Island is a piece of land surrounded by water.

Bunker is a reinforced underground shelter, typically for use in wartime.

Estuary is the tidal mouth of a large river, where the tide meets the stream.

Q5.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

Hitler believed that the Nordic Aryan race was superior _____ all other races.

(a)than

(b)to

(c)in

(d)from

Ans(b)

Sol.

In this sentence, we are comparing the superiority of the Nordic Aryan race with that of all other races. The word "superior" indicates a comparison, and in English, when comparing things, we often use the preposition "to" to indicate the standard or group being compared against.

So, in the context of the sentence, "to" is used to establish the comparison between the Nordic Aryan race and all other races. It's indicating that the Nordic Aryan race was considered to be above or of higher value than all the other races, according to Hitler's beliefs.

Q7.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

You are well prepared to handle the responsibilities bestowed _____ you.

(a)at

(b)for

(c)to

(d)upon

Ans(d)

Sol.

In this sentence, we're talking about responsibilities being given to someone. The word "bestowed" means to give or grant something, and in this case, it's responsibilities.

When we talk about giving or granting something to someone, we often use the preposition "upon" to indicate the action of giving.

So, in the context of the sentence, "upon" is used to show that the responsibilities are being given to the person. It's indicating the direction or action of the bestowing of responsibilities onto the individual.

Q6.

Select the option which is the most appropriate one word substitution for the given group of words.

A protected place for birds and animals

(a)island

Q8.

Select the most appropriate synonym of the given word.

DISCERN

(a)Neglect

(b)Disregard

(c)Daunt

(d)Perceive

Ans(d)

Sol.

Discern means to recognize or find out.
Perceive means become aware or conscious of (something); come to realize or understand.

Q9.

Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error. If there is no error, select 'No error'
We will have to walk now since we had missed the bus.

(a)since we had

(b)We will have to

(c)walk now

(d)No error

Ans(a)

Sol.

Here the error is in first part. "Had" will be replaced with "have" and the structure is as follows:
Future Tense + Since + Subject + Present Perfect Tense.

Q10.

Select the option which is the most appropriate one word substitution for the given group of words.
A shortened form of a word or phrase

(a)pseudonym

(b)abbreviation

(c)precis

(d)summary

Ans(b)

Sol.

Pseudonym means a fictitious name, especially one used by an author.
Précis is a summary or abstract of a text or speech.
Summary means a brief statement or account of the main points of something.



Q1.

Identify the most appropriate ANTONYM of the highlighted word in the given sentence.

The patient was happy that he was given **ancient** methods of treatment to cure her health condition.

(a)Multiple

(b)Modern

(c)Slow

(d)Primitive

Ans(b)

Sol.

The antonym of ancient is modern. Ancient refers to something belonging to a time long past, while modern refers to something current or recent.
Synonyms: old, antique, antiquated, archaic.
Antonyms: modern, contemporary, current, new.
Meanings of all options given are as follows:
· Multiple: numerous, or consisting of several parts or elements.
· Modern: characterized by or using the most up-to-date techniques, ideas, or equipment.
· Slow: moving or operating at a slow speed; not quick or fast.
· Primitive: relating to an early stage in the development of something.

Q2.

The following sentence has been split into four segments. Identify the segment that contains a grammatical error.

I had walked for most of the day to Kanpur and then get on the train by Mumbai.

(a) I had walked

(b) to Kanpur and then

(c) get on the train by Mumbai

(d) for most of the day

Ans(c)

Sol.

The segment "get on the train by Mumbai" contains a grammatical error.

The correct verb tense should be "got on the train to Mumbai" to match the tense of the rest of the sentence.

Additionally, the preposition "by" should be replaced with "to" as it indicates the destination. The corrected sentence is: "I had walked for most of the day to Kanpur and then got on the train to Mumbai."

Q3.

Select the most appropriate option that can substitute the highlighted segment in the given sentence. If there is no need to substitute it, select 'No substitution required'.

Have you want me to come with you to the dentist?

(a) Has you wanted me

(b) No substitution required

(c) Had you want me

(d) Do you want me

Ans(d)

Sol.

The highlighted segment "Have you want me" is incorrect because it uses the wrong auxiliary verb and tense.

The correct auxiliary verb to be used is "do" in the present simple tense.

The corrected sentence is: "Do you want me to come with you to the dentist?"

The other options (a), (b), and (c) are not grammatically correct or appropriate replacements for the highlighted segment.

Q4.

Select the word which means the same as the group of words given.

Cease to resist an opponent or an unwelcome demand; yield.

(a) Postulate

(b) Capitulate

(c) Rejuvenate

(d) Ensemble

Ans(b)

Sol.

Capitulate means cease to resist an opponent or an unwelcome demand; yield.

Meaning of other words are as follows:
Postulate- suggest or assume the existence, fact, or truth of (something) as a basis for reasoning, discussion, or belief.

Rejuvenate- give new energy or vigour to; revitalize.

Ensemble- a group of musicians, actors, or dancers who perform together.

Q5.

Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word.

(a) Kernel

(b) Liaison

(c) Medieval

(d) Minuscule

Ans(b)

Sol.

The correct spelling is 'Liaison'.
Liaison- communication or cooperation which

facilitates a close working relationship between people or organizations. All other options are correctly spelled, their meanings are as follows-

Kernel- a softer, usually edible part of a nut, seed, or fruit stone contained within its shell.

Medieval- resembling or likened to the Middle Ages, especially in being cruel, uncivilized, or primitive.

Minuscule- extremely small, tiny.

Q6.

Select the most appropriate meaning of the idiom. Cat got your tongue?

- (a) Tease an introvert
- (b) Point out someone's silence
- (c) Show someone the reality
- (d) Lying about a fact

Ans(b)

Sol.

Cat got your tongue? – It is an idiomatic expression which means, 'point out someone's silence, compel someone to speak.

Use in a sentence- You're a bit quiet, cat got your tongue?

Q7.

The question below consists of a set of labeled sentences. Out of the four options given, select the most logical order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph.

P. the award is named after Alfred Nobel, the Swedish inventor of dynamite.

Q. A Nobel Prize is an award that is given to someone whose whose work has benefitted society.

R. This award is given in six categories, and medicine is one of those categories.

S. This year Professors David Julius and Ardem Petapoutian have won this prize for medicine.

- (a) SPQR
- (b) PQSR
- (c) SQRP

(d) QPRS

Ans(d)

Sol.

Sentence Q which explains the purpose of the Nobel Prize, which is to recognize individuals whose work has benefitted society.

· Sentence P talks about the Nobel Prize being named after Alfred Nobel who was a Swedish inventor of dynamite.

· Sentence R provides further information about the six categories in which the award is given.

· Sentence S talks about the two professors who won the Nobel Prize in medicine in a particular year.

· Therefore, the correct order of the sentences to form a coherent paragraph is: QPRS.

Q8.

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blank. They hired her to increase sales, but her strategies failed to _____.

- (a) move the needle
- (b) bum bridges
- (c) spill the beans
- (d) get a second wind

Ans(a)

Sol.

The phrase "move the needle" means to make a significant impact or to cause a noticeable change. In the given sentence, the company hired the person to increase sales.

· However, her strategies failed to produce the desired impact, i.e., they didn't cause a significant increase in sales. Therefore, the most appropriate option to fill in the blank is "move the needle."

· The other options are not appropriate for the given sentence.

· "Burn bridges" means to damage relationships, which is not relevant to the context of the sentence.

· "Spill the beans" means to reveal a secret or confidential information, which is not relevant to the context of the sentence.

· "Get a second wind" means to regain strength or energy after being tired, which is not relevant to the context of the sentence.

Q9.
Select the most appropriate synonym of the word Amend.

- (a) Rectify
- (b) Harm
- (c) Impair
- (d) Worsen

Ans(a)

Sol.
Rectify: To correct or put right.
Synonyms: fix, correct, amend, repair.
Antonyms: corrupt, spoil, damage, worsen.
Meanings of the given words:
Harm: To cause damage or injury.
Impair: To weaken or damage something.
Worsen: To make or become worse.
"Amend" means to make minor changes to improve or clarify something, so "rectify" is the most appropriate synonym as it also means to correct or put right.

Q10.
Select the INCORRECTLY spelt word in the following sentence.
Sudhir's harrassment is not only perceivable and occasional but also has become a matter of humorous incident before his colleague.

- (a) colleague
- (b) harrassment
- (c) Humorous
- (d) perceivable

Ans(b)

Sol.
The correct spelling of the word is "harassment" which means 'aggressive pressure or intimidation.' The other words are spelled correctly:
Colleague: A person with whom one works, especially in a profession or business

Humorous: Causing amusement or laughter
Perceivable: Able to be perceived, seen, or noticed.



Q1.
Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 1.
In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four options are given. Find the word which fits the blank most appropriately.

In recent weeks, the Supreme Court of India's collegium has been busy. New judges have been _____ (1) to the Court on its advice and long _____ (2) vacancies have been filled up. Now, after a meeting held on September 16, the body has made proposals to alter the existing _____ (3) of various High Courts. When these recommendations are notified, new Chief Justices will be appointed to as many as eight different courts, five existing Chief Justices will _____ (4) positions with others, and a slew of puisne judges will be moved to new courts. These recommendations are seen as reflective of a new and proactive collegium. A resolve for _____ (5) is fine as far as it goes; clearing up vacancies is a minimal requirement of a functioning system.

- (a) appointed
- (b) spiked
- (c) nudged
- (d) latticed

Ans(a)

Sol.
The above passage is talking about the appointment of judges on vacancies and the swapping of existing Chief Justices.

Therefore, the correct option to fill in the blank is 'appointed' which means to choose somebody for a job or position hence correct choice is option (a).

Meaning of the other given words:

Spike means a thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, or another rigid material.

Nudge means prod (someone) gently with one's elbow in order to attract attention.

Latticed means decorated with or in the form of a lattice.

Q2.

Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 2. In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four options are given. Find the word which fits the blank most appropriately.

In recent weeks, the Supreme Court of India's collegium has been busy. New judges have been _____ (1) to the Court on its advice and long _____ (2) vacancies have been filled up. Now, after a meeting held on September 16, the body has made proposals to alter the existing _____ (3) of various High Courts. When these recommendations are notified, new Chief Justices will be appointed to as many as eight different courts, five existing Chief Justices will _____ (4) positions with others, and a slew of puisne judges will be moved to new courts. These recommendations are seen as reflective of a new and proactive collegium. A resolve for _____ (5) is fine as far as it goes; clearing up vacancies is a minimal requirement of a functioning system.

(a)moot

(b)dispassionate

(c)overdue

(d)rampant

Ans(c)

Sol.

The above passage is talking about the appointment of judges on vacancies and the swapping of existing Chief Justices.

Therefore, the correct option to fill in the blank is 'overdue' which means late in arriving, happening, being paid, returned, etc., hence the correct choice is option (c).

Meaning of the other given words:

Moot means subject to debate, dispute, or uncertainty.

Dispassionate means not influenced by strong emotion, and so able to be rational and impartial.

Rampant means flourishing or spreading unchecked.

Q3.

Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 3.

In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four options are given. Find the word which fits the blank most appropriately.

In recent weeks, the Supreme Court of India's collegium has been busy. New judges have been _____ (1) to the Court on its advice and long _____ (2) vacancies have been filled up. Now, after a meeting held on September 16, the body has made proposals to alter the existing _____ (3) of various High Courts. When these recommendations are notified, new Chief Justices will be appointed to as many as eight different courts, five existing Chief Justices will _____ (4) positions with others, and a slew of puisne judges will be moved to new courts. These recommendations are seen as reflective of a new and proactive collegium. A resolve for _____ (5) is fine as far as it goes; clearing up vacancies is a minimal requirement of a functioning system.

(a)diverse

(b)composition

(c)rancour

(d)resilient

Ans(b)

Sol.

The above passage is talking about the appointment of judges on vacancies and the swapping of existing Chief Justices.

Therefore, the correct option to fill in the blank is 'composition' which means the parts that form something; the way in which the parts of something are arranged, hence the correct choice is option (b). Meaning of the other given words: Diverse means showing a great deal of variety; very different.

Rancour means bitterness or resentfulness, especially when long standing.

Resilient means able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.

Q4.

Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 4. In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four options are given. Find the word which fits the blank most appropriately.

In recent weeks, the Supreme Court of India's collegium has been busy. New judges have been _____ (1) to the Court on its advice and long _____ (2) vacancies have been filled up. Now, after a meeting held on September 16, the body has made proposals to alter the existing _____ (3) of various High Courts. When these recommendations are notified, new Chief Justices will be appointed to as many as eight different courts, five existing Chief Justices will _____ (4) positions with others, and a slew of puisne judges will be moved to new courts. These recommendations are seen as reflective of a new and proactive collegium. A resolve for _____ (5) is fine as far as it goes; clearing up vacancies is a minimal requirement of a functioning system.

(a)overrun

(b)reclusive

(c)swap

(d)rebel

Ans(c)

Sol.

The above passage is talking about the appointment of judges on vacancies and the swapping of existing Chief Justices.

Therefore, the correct option to fill in the blank is 'swap' which means to give something for something else; to exchange, hence the correct choice is option (c).

Meaning of the other given words:
Overrun means spread over or occupy (a place) in large numbers.

Rebel means a person who rises in opposition or armed resistance against an established government or leader.

Reclusive means avoiding the company of other people; solitary.

Q5.

Select the most appropriate option for blank no. 5. In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four

options are given. Find the word which fits the blank most appropriately.

In recent weeks, the Supreme Court of India's collegium has been busy. New judges have been _____ (1) to the Court on its advice and long _____ (2) vacancies have been filled up. Now, after a meeting held on September 16, the body has made proposals to alter the existing _____ (3) of various High Courts. When these recommendations are notified, new Chief Justices will be appointed to as many as eight different courts, five existing Chief Justices will _____ (4) positions with others, and a slew of puisne judges will be moved to new courts. These recommendations are seen as reflective of a new and proactive collegium. A resolve for _____ (5) is fine as far as it goes; clearing up vacancies is a minimal requirement of a functioning system.

(a)imposter

(b)punitive

(c)haven

(d)swiftness

Ans(d)

Sol.

The above passage is talking about the appointment of judges on vacancies and the swapping of existing Chief Justices.

Therefore, the correct option to fill in the blank is 'swiftness' which means lack of delay; promptness, hence correct choice is option (d).

Meaning of the other given words:
Imposter means a person who pretends to be someone else in order to deceive others, especially for fraudulent gain.

Punitive means inflicting or intended as punishment.

Haven means a place of safety or refuge.

Q6.

The toys were so _____ my dog destroyed them within minutes.

In each question, a word is omitted and replaced with a blank. Choose a word from the given options that can be the best fit for the given blank.

(a)Sturdy

(b)robust

(c)fragile

(d)shaggy

Ans(c)

Sol.

The word that can fit into the given blank grammatically and logically is "fragile"

Sturdy: strongly and solidly built.

Robust: strong and healthy; vigorous.

Fragile: easily broken or damaged

Shaggy: long, thick, and unkempt

Tragic: causing or characterized by extreme distress or sorrow

Q7.

When a person's temperature gets too high, he or she may not be _____ and may have difficulty in thinking.

Fill in the blank with the correct word.

(a)lucrative

(b)grinned

(c)discarded

(d)lucid

Ans(d)

Sol.

The word that can fit into the given blank grammatically and logically is "lucid"

Lucrative: allowing somebody to earn a lot of money

Grinned: smile broadly.

Discarded: get rid of (someone or something) as no longer useful or desirable.

Lucid: showing or having the ability to think clearly

Q8.

There's only one way to become _____ at anything is practice.

In each question, a word is omitted and replaced with a blank. Choose a word from the given options that can be the best fit for the given blank.

(a)proficient

(b)clustered

(c)habitat

(d)sufficient

Ans(a)

Sol.

The word that can fit into the given blank grammatically and logically is "proficient"
Proficient: competent or skilled in doing or using something.

Clustered: to form a group, sometimes by surrounding something

Habitat: the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism

Sufficient: enough; adequate

Dominance: having power and influence over others.

Q9.

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has recommended a _____ of the higher education scene in India.

In each question a word is omitted. You have to choose the correct word from the provided options that can fit into the given blank appropriately and meaningfully.

(a)rejuvenation

(b)renovate

(c)revamp

(d)re-establish

Ans(c)

Sol.

"revamp" is the correct choice for the given blank.

Revamp: to change something in order to make it more attractive or more modern

Rejuvenation: to restore to an original or new state

Renovate: to repair an old building and put it back into good condition

Reestablish: again, creating something

Q10.

It is important to look at the budgetary _____ for agriculture from the perspective of farmers' growth.

In each question a word is omitted. You have to choose the correct word from the provided options that can fit into the given blank appropriately and meaningfully.

(a)affirmation

(b)allocation

(c)speculation

(d)stipulation

Ans(b)

Sol.

“allocation” is the correct choice for the given blank.

Affirmation: a statement or sign that something is true

Allocation: to apportion for a specific purpose or to particular persons or things

Speculation: the forming of a theory or conjecture without firm evidence.

Stipulation: a condition or requirement that is specified or demanded as part of an agreement.

