

- There was no major _____ between the two organisations which have _____ among themselves territories from which to operate.
1. dampened, trajectory
 2. conflict, demarcated
 3. leverage, scarce
 4. profit, industry
 5. innovative, explore

Ans: conflict (a serious disagreement or argument, clash), **demarcated** (set the boundaries or limits of, separate)

- Only a third in India are _____ saving for their retirement while just 33 per cent of working-age respondents globally are _____ anything aside for their later life.
1. constantly, setting
 2. hardly, saving
 3. regularly, putting
 4. continuously, debating
 5. diligently, meticulously

Ans: regularly, putting

- In our society, nice children are _____, and parents receive no special credit or praise for their children's behavior.
1. So far so good
 2. Speak of the devil
 3. Pull someone's leg
 4. A dime a dozen
 5. Cut somebody some slack

Ans: A dime dozen (very common and of no particular value)

- FCRA guidelines _____ that registered associations are required to submit an online annual report with _____ copies of income and expenditure statement, receipts and payment account, balance sheet among other documents for every financial year within nine months of the closure of the financial year.
1. Mandate, Scanned
 2. Warned, Million
 3. Presume, Hundreds
 4. Allow, Mutilated
 5. Haunted, Horrendous

Ans: Mandate (an official order or commission to do something), **Scanned** (look at all parts of (something) carefully in order to detect some feature)

- The judiciary needs to _____ the perception that its standing as the guardian of constitutional rights is _____.
1. flying, policies
 2. dispel, faltering
 3. partnership, affordable
 4. poised, growth
 5. changer, mechanism

Ans: dispel (make (a doubt, feeling, or belief) disappear), **faltering** (losing strength or momentum, moving unsteadily or hesitantly)

- Another area that needs _____ attention is the financial system, which must be _____ to lend more.
1. hassles, removal
 2. lost, simplify
 3. arrangement, profitability
 4. mixed, average
 5. immediate, activated

Ans: immediate, activated

- It's been 20 years since he took _____ from The Army at the age of 50 but he is _____ lapping up everything that comes his way in life.
1. foot, A piece of cake
 2. expired, Dead wood
 3. retirement, Fit as a fiddle
 4. break, Work like a charm
 5. tour, Get ducks in a row

Ans: retirement, fit as a fiddle (in very good health)

- Brokerage houses have given a mixed response to the consumer goods sector, with most saying GST taxes are neutral to positive, _____ that since many companies enjoy excise duty exemption, clarity is _____ on these in the excise-free zones under GST.
1. Speaking, demanded
 2. Saying, expected
 3. Separating, desired
 4. Separating, awaited
 5. Adding, awaited

Ans: adding, awaited

- **After having shown us three hours of instructional and safety videos, the inspector was simply _____ by telling us to buckle up as we got into the van.**
 1. A dime a dozen
 2. A blessing in disguise
 3. Easy does it
 4. Bite a bullet
 5. Beating a dead horse

Ans: Beating a dead horse (to keep talking about a subject that has already been discussed or decided, to waste time and effort)

- Fill the following banks with given words:

The decriminalisation of homosexuality in the *Navtej Johar* judgment holds special relevance for transgender rights. Not only was Section 377 used (a) _____ against transgender persons, but the (b) _____ battle also took a new and positive turn from 2014 after the Supreme Court recognised the right to gender identity in *NALSA v. Union of India*. Therefore, it is only (c) _____ that we (d) _____ some attention to the contributions of the trans community to this outcome and (e) _____ how the judgment takes transgender rights forward.

1. incessant
2. legal
3. disproportionately
4. fitting
5. judicial
6. bestow
7. lawful
8. constitutional
9. check
10. examine

Ans: The decriminalisation of homosexuality in the *Navtej Johar* judgment holds special relevance for transgender rights. Not only was Section 377 used **disproportionately** against transgender persons, but the **legal** battle also took a new and positive turn from 2014 after the Supreme Court recognised the right to gender identity in *NALSA v. Union of India*. Therefore, it is only **fitting** that we **bestow** some attention to the contributions of the trans community to this outcome and **examine** how the judgment takes transgender rights forward.

1. **disproportionately:** to an extent that is too large or too small in comparison with something else
2. **bestow:** confer or present (an honour, right, or gift)

- India had been _____ to adopt nationalism as a creed but is now tilting towards _____ nationalism.
1. slow, majoritarian
 2. basic, international
 3. approximation, interface
 4. betrayal malfunctioned
 5. percentile, distant

Ans: slow, majoritarian (governed by or believing in the decision by a majority)

- The malware is _____ as an MP4 media file and _____ a memory overflow to the buffer memory, which causes the app to lose control over itself for a short period.
1. Fabricated, Facilitates
 2. Converted, Works
 3. Narrated, Allows
 4. Disguised, Triggers
 5. a virus flows

Ans: Disguised (having changed one's appearance in order to conceal one's identity), **Triggers** (an event that is the cause of a particular action, process, or situation)

- Vivekananda was a _____ of a multicultural nation rooted in religious _____ and modernity
1. provide, purview
 2. adversely, impacted
 3. notional, offset
 4. proponent, tolerance
 5. increased, capital

Ans: proponent (a person who advocates a theory, proposal, or course of action), **tolerance** (the ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviour that one dislikes or disagrees with)