

CLOZE PASSAGES

Cloze Test primarily meant to test a candidate's knowledge of comprehension with regard to grammar, usage and vocabulary. The examinees are required to make a choice from multiple alternatives for each word to be filled in the blank, not in a sentence but in a passage. The blanks are numbered which are to be filled in with the most suitable alternatives.

Directions:

In the following passage there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and one of which fills the blanks appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Cloze Test:

Jill was walking to her class slowly. She was worried ___1___ the History test she would have to ___2___ that morning. As she was reaching the classroom, a piece of paper suddenly fluttered down and ___3___ near her feet. As Jill glanced down at the paper, her heart nearly ___4___ a beat. It was the History test paper complete ___5___ answers !

Jill's very first thought was not to ___6___ anyone about what she had found. She would memorize ___7___ the answers and do extremely ___8___ in the test. After some hard thinking, however, she knew that it would be a very ___9___ thing to do. Besides, it would not be ___10___ to her classmates. In the ___11___, Jill returned the paper to her History teacher, Miss James.

"Thanks, Jill. I have been searching high and ___12___ for it," said the teacher.

"I...I've read all the questions ___13___, Miss James," Jill confessed.

Miss James ___14___ her not to worry as she would think of new questions for the test. Jill's ___15___ sank. She was half hoping that the test ___16___ be cancelled. Nevertheless, she did her best in the new test later that day.

A few days later, the test papers were ___17___ to the class. To her pleasant surprise, Jill discovered that she had ___18___ eighty marks.

"You know something," she told her friends. "I could easily have scored ___19___ marks if I had cheated on this test. But I wouldn't be as pleased as I am ___20___ with the eighty marks I obtained."

Answers

1. about 2. take 3. landed 4. missed 5. with 6. tell 7. all 8. well 9. dishonest 10. fair 11. end 12. low 13. already 14. told 15. heart 16. would 17. returned 18. scored 19. full 20. now

Cloze Test:

"Would you like to buy a box of matchsticks, mister?" the little girl asked. The man ___1___ she approached did not even ___2___ to answer her. He shuffled ___3___ in his great coat, eager to get home ___4___ his cosy fireplace.

The girl was shivering ___5___ the cold. It had been ___6___ continuously for the past two days. The girl's shoes, ___7___ were already thin were thoroughly soaked. Yet, her sweet, angelic ___8___ did not lose ___9___ innocent smile. It only made her ___10___ more pathetic when she knitted her brows sometimes. Her feet ___11___ sore with painful chilblains.

Someone shouted, "Watch ___12___, girl!"

It was too ___13___! The coach was going too fast and the ___14___ had not seen her earlier. There was barely enough ___15___ for the little girl to take a step back. In her hurry to get to ___16___, the basket of matchsticks fell ___17___ the snow.

She ___18___ them up, wet and dirty from a puddle of melted snow. The matchstick couldn't be used now. As she began to make her way ___19___, she realised that she had lost ___20___ of her shoes in the snow.

Answers

1. whom 2. stop/bother 3. away 4. to 5. in 6. snowing 7. which 8. face 9. its 10. look 11. were 12. out 13. late 14. driver 15. time 16. safety 17. onto 18. picked 19. home 20. one

Cloze Test:

It was a Saturday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs Kerugesu were window shopping at a shopping centre. As they stood outside a boutique, Mr. Kerugesu spotted a shiny new 1 machine.

"Look ! It's 2 of those modern computerized machines that tells your weight and gives you your fortune at the 3 time. I think I shall try it," he told his 4.

Mrs Kerugesu, however, was not too keen 5 the idea.

"Let's 6 bother. I don't 7 in fortune telling," she said.

Mr. Kerugesu, however, insisted 8 trying the machine. He was very curious to 9 out his 'fortune'. He stepped on the machine and 10 a fifty cent coin. There was a soft buzzing 11 from the machine. A few seconds 12 , a slip of paper emerged. Mrs. Kerugesu took the slip and 13 it out to her husband :

"Your fortune : You are a clever and 14 person. If you are working, you will become an employee that 15 boss would be proud of. You will become a good leader 16 men. Everyone will listen to you 17 you speak. 18 you lead, everyone will follow."

Mrs. Kerugesu paused 19 breath.

"It's got your weight 20 too," she added.

Answers

1. weighing 2. one 3. same 4. wife 5. about/on 6. not 7. believe 8. on 9. find 10. inserted 11. sound 12. later 13. read 14. talented 15. every 16. of 17. when 18. Wherever 19. for 20. wrong

Cloze Test:

"I will never forgive her," Anne muttered as she walked away ___1___ the class. Panting and running ___2___ her, Lilian came up ___3___ her and apologised profusely ___4___ accidentally spilling chocolate milk all ___5___ Anne's new bag. Anne ___6___ to listen to Lilian. She cupped her ___7___ over her ears, glared at Lilian ___8___ screamed.

"I'll never talk to you ___9___ !" Then she ran away.

Anne was ___10___ angry when she reached home. She banged the door hard ___11___ her and woke Granny from her afternoon ___12___ . She was rude to Mother when Mother asked her what she ___13___ for dinner. She ___14___ little Tony when she found that he had messed ___15___ her room again. Tony ran howling ___16___ Mother. His poor arm was red ___17___ Anne's pinching.

"What's the matter ___18___ you today, Anne ?" Mother came into the room and asked. "You've made everybody upset ___19___ you stepped into the house. Did something ___20___ in school ?"

Answers

1. from 2. after 3. to 4. for 5. over 6. refused 7. hands 8. and 9. again 10. still 11. behind/after 12. nap/sleep 13. wanted 14. pinched 15. up 16. to 17. from 18. with 19. since 20. happen

Cloze Test:

Once upon a time, there was a man called Rip Van Winkle. He was a likeable ___1___ lazy man who never did an ounce of ___2___ in his life. His wife was always nagging ___3___ him for being so lazy.

One day, to ___4___ his wife's nagging, Rip Van Winkle took a stroll in the woods. In these mysterious woods, he encountered a ___5___ of old men with long beards. ___6___ they saw Rip Van Winkle, they offered him a drink from a flask. Rip Van Winkle took a ___7___ and found the drink delicious. As he was very thirsty, he drank to his heart's ___8___. Immediately after the drink, he felt his eyelids becoming heavy. Before he knew it, he had ___9___ into a deep sleep.

When he ___10___ up, the sun was shining brightly.

"I must have slept the whole night," he thought to ___11___.

As Rip Van Winkle ___12___ his way home, he discovered, to his astonishment, that the landscape around him had changed. As he approached his village, he was even ___13___ dumbfounded. He found that he could not recognise ___14___ in the village ! Not only ___15___ the people look different, they were also ___16___ in a different fashion. Everyone was staring at his chin. As Rip Van Winkle looked ___17___ at his own chin, he realised, to his surprise, that he had ___18___ a very long beard.

After ___19___ some enquiries, Rip Van Winkle realised that one hundred years had passed from the time he drank the liquid ___20___ the time he woke up. This meant that he had been asleep for one hundred years !

Answers

1. but 2. work 3. at 4. escape/avoid 5. group 6. When 7. sip 8. content 9. fallen 10. woke 11. himself 12. made 13. more 14. anyone 15. did 16. dressed 17. down 18. grown 19. making 20. to

