



### Cloze Test

India's consumer internet market has (1) to be impossible to predict over the past decade. Unlike the far bigger internet markets such as US and China, which saw (2) expansion in their early years, the consumer internet market here has grown in (3) with periods of steep slowdown in between. From 2013 to 2015, there was a sudden boom in e-commerce and other sectors. Analysts published reports that characterized the internet space here as a gold (4). Those reports turned out to be wildly (5) very quickly.

- (a) proved (b) practiced  
(c) pardoned (d) paralleled
- (a) unwanted (b) unabated  
(c) unsolicited (d) unaware
- (a) periods (b) times  
(c) spurts (d) tracks
- (a) digger (b) run  
(c) smith (d) mine
- (a) inaccurate (b) appropriate  
(c) lucid (d) lucrative

### Passage

In the pre-dawn tranquillity of the Andaman Sea, a seismic tremor struck, momentarily agitating the ocean's placid surface. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands, an archipelago in the Bay of Bengal, felt the earth beneath them shudder at 5:50 a.m. on Friday. According to the National Centre for Seismology (NCS), a 4.2 magnitude earthquake occurred at a depth of 10km, its epicentre originating from a seismically active region beneath the sea. No casualties or damages have been reported. Earthquakes, like the one experienced in the Andaman Sea, are stark reminders of the Earth's ever-shifting tectonic plates. These seismic events result from the sudden release of energy in the Earth's crust, creating seismic waves that cause the ground to shake. The intensity and impact of an earthquake depends on various factors, including its magnitude, depth, and proximity to populated areas.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are located in a region where several tectonic plates converge, including the Indian Plate, the Burma Plate, and the Sunda Plate. The



interaction of these plates leads to frequent earthquakes and volcanic activity. With its 4.2 magnitude, the recent earthquake is considered moderate, but its occurrence in this seismically active region serves as a reminder of the unpredictable and potentially devastating nature of such events. The NCS, the nodal agency of the Government of India, is responsible for monitoring earthquake activity in the country. Using a network of seismographs, the NCS collects and analyses data from seismic events to provide accurate information to the public and relevant authorities. This data helps scientists understand patterns and trends, leading to a better understanding of earthquake behaviour and potential risks.

Earlier this week, Maharashtra's Satara district was also shaken by a 3.3 magnitude earthquake. While these events seem isolated, they form part of a broader pattern of seismic activity across the region. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands have experienced several significant earthquakes in the past, including a 5.8 magnitude earthquake in 2021. The potential

consequences of earthquakes can be devastating, causing loss of life and extensive damage to infrastructure. It is therefore vital to have effective early warning systems and disaster management strategies in place. While the 4.2 magnitude earthquake in the Andaman Sea did not result in any casualties or damages, it underscores the importance of continued investment in earthquake preparedness and resilience measures, particularly in seismically active regions like the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Which of the following is NOT one of the themes of the above passage?

1. Loss of life in Andaman and Nicobar
2. unannounced tremors and tangible risks
3. seismic tremors in Andaman Sea
4. tracking seismic activity

“it underscores the importance of continued investment in earthquake preparedness’ Here ‘underscores’ means

1. emphasises
2. mitigates
3. undermines
4. extenuate



3 When were the tremors felt in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

1. before the sunrise
2. in the afternoon
3. at night
4. after the sunset

Which of the following is an odd-man out regarding the tectonic plates in Andaman region?

1. Burma Plates
2. Satara Plates
3. Sunda Plates
4. India Plates

Which of the following is a necessity in Andaman and Nicobar region?

1. to make the people aware of the tectonic plates and their impact
2. to evacuate people from the islands
3. to collect and analyse data from seismic events
4. to install early warning systems and have disaster management strategies in place

1. A. The invention of the airplane was no exception.

B. However, the idea of flying an aircraft was quite repulsive to some people.

C. Many great inventions are initially greeted with ridicule and disbelief.

D. Most people who heard about the first powered flight on December 17, 1903 were excited and impressed.

1. DABC
2. DBCA
3. CDAB
4. CADB

2. A. In the course of my education at MIT, three teachers shaped my thinking.

B. Their combined contributions formed the foundation on which I later built my professional career.

C. Prof. Sponder taught me technical aerodynamics.

D. These three teachers were Prof. Sponder, Prof. KAV Pandalai and Prof. Narasingha Rao.

E. Each one of them had very distinct personalities, but they shared a common impulse—the capacity to feed their students' intellectual hunger by sheer brilliance and untiring zeal.



F. He was an Austrian with rich practical experience in aeronautical engineering.

- 1. CBED
- 2. BCED
- 3. BDEC
- 4. ECDB

3. A. The first hour passed off quietly.

B. In the second, they had Arithmetic.

C. Swaminathan was terribly bored.

D. Vedanayagam went out and returned in a few minutes in the role of an Arithmetic teacher.

E. He droned on monotonously.

F. His teacher's voice was beginning to get on his nerves.

- 1. BCDE
- 2. ECDB
- 3. BDEC
- 4. CBED

4. A. She was a busy person and had no time to visit her mother.

B. It was Mothers' Day.

C. She thought her mother would be pleased to receive the flowers.

D. A woman stopped at a flower shop to order some flowers to be sent to her mother.

- 1. BCDA
- 2. BDAC

3. DABC

4. CADB

5. A. The month was January.

B. On the first morning of the festival the mejhi would be set alight invoking the blessings of Agni, the god of fire.

C. There would be much feasting and merriment during the festival.

D. Each household would build a mejhi - a pile of firewood stacked neatly together in their backyard.

E. The Bihu festival was fast approaching.

F. "Let's build a champion mejhi this year." Ricky suggested a few days before the festival.

- 1. CBDE
- 2. CBED
- 3. ECDB
- 4. EDBC

### Sentence Improvement

1. She **has given** a brilliant dance performance last week.

1. had been given

2. was giving

3. No improvement required

4. gave



2. Passengers traveling by air **are prohibited to carry** sharp objects in cabin baggage.

1. No improvement
2. are prohibit to be carrying
3. are prohibit for carrying
4. are prohibited from carrying

3. Sherpas have prospered and **come along the way from** being just porters to becoming mountaineers.

1. come all along
  2. are coming along
  3. No improvement
  4. come a long way
4. You have a lot of coconut trees in your village, **do you?**

1. have you?
  2. don't you?
  3. No improvement required
  4. don't they?
5. The pollution level **ought to keep** under control.
1. ought to be kept
  2. ought to have kept
  3. No improvement required
  4. ought to be keeping

6. Some students think that if they cram a few chapters, they can **pass in the exam.**

1. pass the exam
  2. No improvement
  3. be passed in the exam
  4. pass in an exam
7. My sister **resembles to** my mother a lot in looks and in temperament.

1. No improvement
  2. resembles
  3. has resemblance to
  4. is resembling to
8. When he was falsely accused of embezzlement, **he was beside himself** in anger.

1. No improvement
  2. he were beside himself
  3. he was besides himself
  4. he went beside himself
9. As bombs keep falling on Gaza, hundreds of thousands of children **have been order to flee** their homes.
1. has been ordered to flee
  2. have been ordered to flee
  3. have been ordered fleeing
  4. No improvement required



10. He felt like a fish out of water as he was not **accustomed for** living in a large city.

1. accustom for
2. accustomed by
3. accustomed to
4. No improvement

11. I **would love fly** a fighter jet one day.

1. No improvement required
2. would love to flying
3. would to love fly
4. would love to fly

12. Tomorrow, they **will be take a flight** to their dream vacation destination.

1. be taking a flight
2. will be taking a flight
3. will taking a flight
4. No improvement required

13. It seems that these walls **have not been painted since years.**

1. have not been paint since years.
2. have not being painted for years.
3. have not been painted for years.
4. No improvement required

14. The captain as well as the entire crew **have reached** the harbour safely.

1. has reached

2. have been reaching

3. are reaching

4. No improvement

15. I will definitely **return your notes at** Saturday evening.

1. return your notes by
2. returned your notes on
3. returning your notes at
4. No improvement required

16. The shopping mall is **more farther** from my house than from my office.

1. farther
2. more far
3. far
4. No improvement

17. She **is married with** a rich businessman and has enough money to splurge on luxuries.

1. No improvement
2. is married to
3. has marriage with
4. has married with

18. He refrained from visiting his friend as he **had the urgent** assignment to complete.

1. has urgent
2. No improvement



3. had an urgent

4. had a urgent

19. We have received no information **so far to** the main island.

1. so farther from

2. No improvement required

3. such far from

4. so far from

20. **Scarcely** he see his opponent than he went numb with fear.

1. No improvement

2. As soon as

3. Hardly did

4. No sooner did

21. Effective communication is a skill **that can significant enhance** your personal and professional life.

1. which can significant enhanced

2. which can significantly enhancing

3. No improvement required

4. which can significantly enhance

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Cloze test 1	1. 4	10. 3
1. A	2. 3	11. 4
2. B	3. 3	12. 2
3. C	4. 2	13. 3
4. D	5. 3	14. 1
5. A	Sentence improvement	15. 1
	1. 4	16. 1
Passage	2. 4	17. 2
1. 1	3. 4	18. 3
2. 1	4. 2	19. 4
3. 1	5. 1	20. 4
4. 2	6. 1	21. 4
5. 4	7. 2	
	8. 1	