

# GAP FILLING/ CLOZE PASSAGES



## PASSAGE BASED MCQs

- I. Fill in any four of the following blanks given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your Answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers.

[CBSE Delhi/Outside Delhi Set I, 2020]

Communication 1. become very effective 2. instant due to smart phones. People are able 3. convey their messages all around the globe to 4. loved ones 5. spending hefty sums of money. [1 mark each]

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| 1. (A) is   | (B) has     | (C) have  | (D) had  |
| 2. (A) but  | (B) as      | (C) or    | (D) and  |
| 3. (A) for  | (B) in      | (C) to    | (D) of   |
| 4. (A) his  | (B) her     | (C) their | (D) your |
| 5. (A) with | (B) without | (C) and   | (D) to   |

- Ans. 1. (B) has                      2. (D) and  
3. (C) to                         4. (C) their  
5. (B) without

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2020]

### Explanation:

1. The Conjunction 'and' is used to define that communication has become effective as well as instant.
2. The Preposition 'to' is used to define an activity that is to be done.
3. 'Their' is used in Plural to define the belongingness of Plural 'people'.
4. 'Without' is used when part of the sentence defines work that has been done and the other part of the connected work has not been done.

- II. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers.

[CBSE Outside Delhi Set I, 2020]

Reading books 1. a good hobby. Books open 2. Vast New World to us. They increase 3. knowledge and change our outlook 4. the World. [1 mark each]

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| 1. (A) has     | (B) was   | (C) are | (D) is   |
| 2. (A) the     | (B) a     | (C) an  | (D) some |
| 3. (A) his     | (B) one's | (C) our | (D) your |
| 4. (A) towards | (B) for   | (C) by  | (D) from |

- Ans. 1. (B) is                      2. (D) a  
3. (C) our                        4. (A) towards

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2020]



**Explanation:**

1. 'Reading' here is an activity, a noun shown in simple present. So, 'is' the correct verb to be used.
2. The world of books is referred to a new thing but it is not unique. So, the article 'a' is used for without vowel sound word.
3. The later use of 'our' in the sentence indicates similar use of 'our' here.
4. 'Towards' here is used to indicate 'in the direction of'.

III. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note about the Wangala Festival of Meghalaya.

[CBSE SQP, 2020-21]

The Wangala 1. festival for the Garo in Meghalaya, Assam and Nagaland. It is a post harvest festival 2. the end of the Agricultural Year. It is popularly known as 'The Hundred Drums' Festival. During the Signature dance, the Leading Warrior 3. with Synchronised dance 4. and specific Hand-head Movements.

[1 mark each]

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|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. (A) is important                 | (B) are an important       | (C) was the important          | (D) is an important           |
| 2. (A) being celebrated for marking | (B) celebrated to mark     | (C) celebrated to marking      | (D) being celebrated for mark |
| 3. (A) leads the youngsters         | (B) is lead the youngsters | (C) was leading the youngsters | (D) had leads the youngsters  |
| 4. (A) step                         | (B) steps                  | (C) foot                       | (D) feet                      |

Ans. 1. (D) is an important 2. (B) celebrated to mark

3. (A) leads the youngsters 4. (B) steps

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2020]

**Explanation:**

1. Wangala is singular and article 'an' is used before 'important' (vowel sound). The passage is in present tense, so, 'is an important' is the correct option.
2. As it is an Annual event which takes place regularly, so, 'celebrated to mark' as simple present and gerund is correct option.
3. Singular lead warrior – so 'leads' is used, Simple present tense as it is a statement of fact.
4. 'Dance' is a synchronisation of the 'steps' taken. In dance, even hand and facial movements are referred to as 'steps'.

IV. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note about Delhi, the Capital of India.

[CBSE Delhi Set I, 2019 (Modified)]

Delhi 1. the Capital of India. People from all parts 2. the Country and World come to visit Delhi. There 3. many Historical Buildings here. Last year I, 4. Delhi. I also watched 5. Commonwealth Games 2010.

[1 mark each]

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. (A) was   | (B) is       | (C) are     | (D) being      |
| 2. (A) of    | (B) from     | (C) for     | (D) at         |
| 3. (A) being | (B) are      | (C) been    | (D) were       |
| 4. (A) visit | (B) visiting | (C) visited | (D) will visit |
| 5. (A) a     | (B) an       | (C) the     | (D) some       |

Ans. 1. (B) is 2. (A) of  
3. (B) are 4. (C) visited  
5. (C) the

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2019]

**Explanation:**

1. Delhi is singular and is a statement of fact. So, simple present tense verb – 'is' – is the correct option.
2. Preposition 'of' tells the relationship between the Country and its parts.
3. Buildings is plural and is a statement of fact. So, simple present tense verb – 'are' – is the correct option.
4. Last year indicates, it is past tense, so 'visited' is the correct option.



- V. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. [CBSE Delhi Set II, 2019 (Modified)]  
 Birds and animals live in the lap 1. nature and can predict the likely changes accurately. Swallows usually fly high 2. the sky. But during a Storm, they come down 3. fly close to the ground. If they fly low you 4. be sure of strong winds. Even a Toad can be 5. reliable Weatherman. [1 mark each]

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|--------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. (A) in    | (B) of     | (C) on    | (D) for   |
| 2. (A) in    | (B) of     | (C) on    | (D) to    |
| 3. (A) nor   | (B) or     | (C) but   | (D) and   |
| 4. (A) would | (B) should | (C) might | (D) could |
| 5. (A) a     | (B) an     | (C) the   | (D) some  |

- Ans. 1. (B) of      2. (A) in  
 3. (B) and      4. (C) could  
 5. (C) a

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2019]

**Explanation:**

- Preposition 'of' defines the relationship between lap and nature – that the lap belongs to the nature.
- Conjunction 'and' is used to state that two events – 'come down' as well as 'fly close to the ground' happen simultaneously.
- It is a general fact about swallows, so, 'could' is the correct choice.
- Singular form, not unique, no vowel sound, so, use of article 'a' is correct.

- VI. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. [CBSE Delhi Set III, 2019 (Modified)]  
 He will fly 1. Madras 2. 7<sup>th</sup> December. The plane 3. reach Madras 4. 11.00 am. He 5. stay at Hotel Plaza. [1 mark each]

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|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. (A) in    | (B) on   | (C) to    | (D) after |
| 2. (A) on    | (B) in   | (C) for   | (D) from  |
| 3. (A) may   | (B) can  | (C) will  | (D) could |
| 4. (A) for   | (B) at   | (C) on    | (D) by    |
| 5. (A) could | (B) will | (C) shall | (D) must  |

- Ans. 1. (C) to      2. (A) on  
 3. (C) will      4. (B) at  
 5. (B) will

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2019]

**Explanation:**

- Preposition 'to' is used to define destination.
- Preposition 'on' is used to express date.
- As the event is scheduled for future, so, simple future tense verb – 'will' – is the correct option.
- Preposition 'at' is used to express time.

- VII. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Attempt any four. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. [CBSE Outside Delhi Set I, 2019 (Modified)]

The Caves of Ajanta and Ellora 1. the Magnificent Works of Sculpture. Whoever 2. there 3. spellbound. Thousands 4. Tourists visit these places every year. One can stay 5. the Guest Houses. [1 mark each]

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|----------------|------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1. (A) is      | (B) are    | (C) was      | (D) were       |
| 2. (A) go      | (B) going  | (C) goes     | (D) went       |
| 3. (A) becomes | (B) become | (C) becoming | (D) has become |
| 4. (A) for     | (B) of     | (C) from     | (D) at         |
| 5. (A) on      | (B) over   | (C) upon     | (D) in         |





- Ans.** 1. (B) are      2. (C) goes  
3. (A) becomes    4. (B) of  
5. (D) in

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2019]

**Explanation:**

1. Caves are in plural and is a statement of fact, so simple present tense verb – 'are' – is the correct option.
2. Whoever refers to each individual that goes – singular – and simple present tense fact – so, 'goes' is correct choice.
3. Whoever refers to each individual that goes – singular – and simple present tense fact – so, 'becomes' is correct choice.
5. Relation between the person and nature of stay at Guest House is expressed using the preposition 'in'.

**VIII.** Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Attempt any four. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

[CBSE Outside Delhi Set II, 2019 (Modified)]

Television 1. become very popular in our Country. People spend a lot 2. time watching a variety of Programmes. Some of the Programmes 3. are telecast these days are of a very poor quality. We should remember that television is 4. effective in Educating 5. Nation. [1 mark each]

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|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. (A) is    | (B) was  | (C) has  | (D) had  |
| 2. (A) of    | (B) for  | (C) at   | (D) by   |
| 3. (A) those | (B) when | (C) here | (D) that |
| 4. (A) so    | (B) many | (C) very | (D) some |
| 5. (A) a     | (B) an   | (C) the  | (D) some |

- Ans.** 1. (C) has      2. (A) of  
3. (D) that      4. (C) very  
5. (A) a

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2019]

**Explanation:**

2. Preposition 'of' is used as a phrasal adjective with 'a lot'.
3. 'That' can be used to refer to Programmes being telecasted.
4. 'Very' can be used with 'effective' to show that it is more than effective than what is thought about in general.
5. Nation is singular and no particular nation is referred to. So, article 'a' is the correct choice.

**IX.** Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follows. Attempt any four. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

[CBSE Outside Delhi Set III, 2019 (Modified)]

Belgium is considered to 1. a Country 2. Chocolates. It is a big Business 3. Employs nearly 72,000 people. Most Belgian Chocolate Makers 4. their Craft at Vocational Schools. Then they set up 5. Own Business. [1 mark each]

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|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------|
| 1. (A) been         | (B) be          | (C) as         | (D) for   |
| 2. (A) of           | (B) for         | (C) from       | (D) to    |
| 3. (A) also         | (B) or          | (C) but        | (D) and   |
| 4. (A) are learning | (B) have learnt | (C) will learn | (D) learn |
| 5. (A) that         | (B) those       | (C) their      | (D) our   |

- Ans.** 1. (B) be      2. (A) of  
3. (D) and      4. (D) learn  
5. (C) their

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2019]



**Explanation:**

- Preposition 'of' is used when something is deemed to be made up of.
- Conjunction 'and' is used to connect two or more sentences which are both positive and correct.
- Simple statement of fact makes its use as plural simple present tense, so, 'learn' is the correct choice.
- 'Their' is used to define the relationship between chocolate makers and the businesses started by them.

- X. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Attempt any four. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

[CBSE Delhi, 2019]

Karthik has penned 1. book Titled, 'The Ashes of the Prey', a thriller 2. a lawyer 3. runs 4. a lot 5. trouble after an accident. [1 mark each]

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|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. (A) the   | (B) an   | (C) a     | (D) one   |
| 2. (A) about | (B) with | (C) as    | (D) or    |
| 3. (A) which | (B) whom | (C) who   | (D) whose |
| 4. (A) on    | (B) into | (C) under | (D) upon  |
| 5. (A) to    | (B) from | (C) for   | (D) of    |

- Ans. 1. (a) ~~(i) a~~ (ii) a      2. (b) (i) about  
 3. (c) (ii) who      4. (d) (ii) into  
 5. (D) of

(Any Four) [Topper's Answer, 2019]

**Explanation:**

- It is a single book and not unique. The word 'book' does not start with a vowel sound. So, article 'a' is used.
- To express what is covered in the novel, preposition 'about' is the correct choice.
- Preposition 'into' is used as a phrasal verb with 'runs'.
- Preposition 'of' is used as a phrasal adjective with 'a lot'.

- XI. Fill in any four of the blanks in the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow :

[CBSE Delhi/Outside Delhi Set I, 2018]

The Modern Student 1. the importance 2. physical exercise. He spends one to two hours in open air 3. he takes part in different Sports. However, care should 4. not to overstrain 5. body. [1 mark each]

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|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1. (A) understood | (B) understand | (C) have understand | (D) understands |
| 2. (A) of         | (B) by         | (C) from            | (D) with        |
| 3. (A) how        | (B) which      | (C) where           | (D) why         |
| 4. (A) be taken   | (B) took       | (C) takes           | (D) has taken   |
| 5. (A) a          | (B) an         | (C) the             | (D) some        |

- Ans. 1. (D) understands      2. (A) of  
 3. (C) where      4. (A) be taken  
 5. (C) the

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2018]

**Explanation:**

- Student is singular and is a statement of fact – simple present tense is used.
- Relationship between importance and exercise is explained using preposition 'of'.
- Adjective of place 'where' is used to tell the place at which the modern student takes part in different sports.
- Every individual has got one unique body, so, article 'the' is used here.



XII. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options that follow :

[CBSE Delhi Set I, 2017 (Modified)]

I met a smart young person 1. wanted a 'Selfie' 2. me. So we 3. on top 4. a boundary wall.  
[1 mark each]

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|--------------|----------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. (A) which | (B) who  | (C) whose | (D) whom    |
| 2. (A) with  | (B) on   | (C) for   | (D) to      |
| 3. (A) sit   | (B) sits | (C) sat   | (D) sitting |
| 4. (A) on    | (B) in   | (C) of    | (D) at      |

**Ans. Objective:** To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately.

**Marking :** 1 mark for each correct answer.

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|------------|-------------|
| 1. (B) who | 2. (A) with |
| 3. (C) sat | 4. (C) of   |

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2017]

**Explanation:**

- 'Which' is used with non-living things. Whose and Whom are used to express belongingness of someone or something is to be conveyed. So, 'Who' is the correct option.
- Preposition 'with' is used to define relation between the narrator (I), the young persona and the Selfie.
- The event already took place in the past, so, past tense form of verb – sat – is used.
- Preposition 'of' is used to express position of the wall where the selfie was taken.

XIII. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options that follows :

[CBSE Delhi Set II, 2017 (Modified)]

Everyone is not in a position to 1. the Family and start living in a 2. Room 3. the Banks 4. the Ganga.  
[1 mark each]

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|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. (A) leave | (B) leaver  | (C) tell     | (D) leaving |
| 2. (A) small | (B) smaller | (C) smallest | (D) little  |
| 3. (A) on    | (B) in      | (C) of       | (D) off     |
| 4. (A) in    | (B) of      | (C) on       | (D) off     |

**Ans. Objective:** To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately.

**Marking :** 1 mark for each correct answer.

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|--------------|--------------|
| 1. (A) leave | 2. (A) small |
| 3. (A) on    | 4. (B) of    |

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2017]

**Explanation:**

- First form of the verb is used with gerund 'to'.
- No comparisons are there, so, smaller and smallest cannot be used. Room is referred to as small if used as a place where someone can live, but referred to as little when referred to in context of scope.
- Preposition 'on' is used when referring to the Banks of a River.
- Preposition 'of' is used to explain relationship between the Banks and River Ganga.

XIV. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options that follows :

[CBSE Outside Delhi Set I, 2017 (Modified)]

Very few people 1. loneliness. It seems to me that most people 2. scared of 3. left on their 4..  
[1 mark each]

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|--------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 1. (A) enjoy | (B) enjoys    | (C) enjoyed | (D) enjoying |
| 2. (A) is    | (B) am        | (C) are     | (D) was      |
| 3. (A) be    | (B) being     | (C) been    | (D) having   |
| 4. (A) kids  | (B) relatives | (C) home    | (D) own      |



**Ans. Objective:** To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately.

**Marking :** 1 mark for each correct answer.

[1 × 4 = 4 Marks]

1. (A) enjoy      2. (C) are
3. (B) being      4. (D) own

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2017]

**Explanation:**

1. People is a plural noun. So – enjoy – is correct to explain a simple present tense fact.
2. People is a plural noun. So, 'are' is used as plural form of the verb 'be'.
4. Belongingness to self is referred to as 'own'.

XV. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options that follows :

[CBSE Outside Delhi Set II, 2017 (Modified)]

Last year I visited the same spot 1. I was not 2. a cycle. I saw that many buildings 3. been built on 4. Banks of the Ganga. [1 mark each]

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|-------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1. (A) as   | (B) for   | (C) even if | (D) but    |
| 2. (A) ride | (B) rides | (C) rode    | (D) riding |
| 3. (A) has  | (B) have  | (C) had     | (D) having |
| 4. (A) a    | (B) an    | (C) the     | (D) some   |

**Ans. Objective:** To use grammatical items accurately and appropriately.

**Marking :** 1 mark for each correct answer.

[1 × 4 = 4 Marks]

1. (C) even if      2. (D) riding
3. (C) had      4. (C) the

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2017]

**Explanation:**

1. The second part of the sentence is negative (use of 'not'), so contradicting preposition 'even if' is the correct choice.
2. 'Was not' indicates use of past continuous tense. So, riding is the correct form of verb to be used.
3. Buildings are plural, so, 'have' is the correct option.
4. River Ganga is unique, so, use of article 'The' with Banks of Ganga is the correct option.

XVI. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks with the help of options that follows :

[CBSE Outside Delhi Set III, 2017 (Modified)]

A young person 1. a picture 2. both of us with 'Selfie'. I could 3. say 'no' 4. him.

[1 mark each]

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|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. (A) want | (B) wants  | (C) wanted  | (D) wanting |
| 2. (A) on   | (B) of     | (C) in      | (D) for     |
| 3. (A) hard | (B) harder | (C) hardest | (D) hardly  |
| 4. (A) for  | (B) with   | (C) to      | (D) at      |

**Ans. Objective:** To use Grammatical items accurately and appropriately.

**Marking :** 1 mark for each correct answer.

[1 × 4 = 4 Marks]

1. (C) wanted      2. (B) of
3. (D) hardly      4. (C) to

(Any Four) [CBSE Marking Scheme, 2017 (Modified)]

**Explanation:**

1. The event appears to happen in the past. So, past form of the verb – wanted – is suitable.
2. Relationship between 'picture' and 'both' is explained using preposition 'of'.
3. The sentence indicates that neither found difficulty in saying no to the person, so, preposition 'hardly' is used here.



**XVII.** Read the sentence given below and fill in the blanks in it by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow: [CBSE Delhi Set I, 2016 (Modified)]

He was 1. at the News 2. the success of a Poor Candidate 3. got the highest number of Votes 4. the Bihar Election. [1 mark each]

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|-------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1. (A) surprising | (B) surprise | (C) surprised | (D) having surprised |
| 2. (A) of         | (B) for      | (C) to        | (D) by               |
| 3. (A) which      | (B) whose    | (C) whom      | (D) who              |
| 4. (A) on         | (B) in       | (C) at        | (D) for              |

**Ans.** 1. (C) surprised 2. (A) of  
3. (D) who 4. (B) in

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

**Explanation:**

1. Past form of the verb is used with 'was' in simple past tense.
2. Preposition 'of' explains about whom the News is.
3. 'Which' is used with non-living things. Whose and Whom are used to express belongingness of someone or something is to be conveyed. So, 'Who' is the correct option.
4. Elections is an event where activity of casting votes is done. So, preposition 'in' is used.

**XVIII.** Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow :

[CBSE Delhi Set II, 2016 (Modified)]

The Vichitra Veena as 1. name suggests 2. a rare instrument and there are not 3. Artists who can Play 4. Instrument. [1 mark each]

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| 1. (A) a    | (B) an   | (C) the  | (D) some      |
| 2. (A) is   | (B) am   | (C) are  | (D) have been |
| 3. (A) much | (B) many | (C) more | (D) most      |
| 4. (A) his  | (B) the  | (C) this | (D) that      |

**Ans.** 1. (C) the 2. (A) is  
3. (B) many 4. (C) this

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

**Explanation:**

1. Here, a particular name is talked about. So, article 'the' is to be used.
2. As name is singular and in third person, so, 'is' is the correct form of 'be' verb here.
3. Artists refers to countable plural noun, so, 'many' is to be used here.
4. Earlier reference to the musical instrument is invoked using 'this'.

**XIX.** Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow :

[CBSE Delhi Set III, 2016 (Modified)]

Kanishka, the ruler of the Kushanas embraced Buddhism. He 1. invited to a Buddhist Meeting 2. Kashmir during 3. reign. It was during his time that Buddhism 4. to Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Java. [1 mark each]

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|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. (A) is     | (B) was     | (C) had       | (D) has       |
| 2. (A) at     | (B) of      | (C) in        | (D) on        |
| 3. (A) her    | (B) his     | (C) their     | (D) that      |
| 4. (A) spread | (B) spreads | (C) spreading | (D) is spread |

**Ans.** 1. (B) was 2. (C) in  
3. (B) his 4. (A) spread

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]





**Explanation:**

1. The event happened in the past and is a statement of fact, so, 'was' is the correct option.
2. Preposition of place 'in' is used with the name of the state where meeting was organised.
3. The reign of Kanishka – reference of belongingness – in singular, masculine gender is made – using 'his' determiner.
4. A simple statement of fact about 'spread' of Buddhism to different Countries.

XX. Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage. **[CBSE Delhi Set III, 2016 (Modified)]**

Kingfisher is 1. beautiful bird with attractive colours. It 2. found near lakes, rivers, canals 3. ponds. Kingfisher 4. omnivores. **[1 mark each]**

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|------------|---------|---------|------------|
| 1. (A) a   | (B) an  | (C) the | (D) such a |
| 2. (A) are | (B) am  | (C) is  | (D) has    |
| 3. (A) and | (B) but | (C) so  | (D) or     |
| 4. (A) are | (B) is  | (C) was | (D) have   |

Ans. 1. (A) a      2. (C) is  
3. (A) and      4. (A) are

**[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]**

**Explanation:**

1. Reference to any singular Kingfisher bird is made using article 'a'.
2. Simple statement of facts in present tense using the 'is' form of verb 'be'.
3. Conjunction 'and' is used indicate multiple nouns.
4. Reference to all Kingfisher birds is made as a general statement of facts – use of 'are' form of verb.

XXI. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow :

**[CBSE Outside Delhi Set II, 2016 (Modified)]**

Recent heavy rains lashed Chennai City throwing normal life out of gear. The City 1. severe water logging and people wading through knee-deep water. Many Volunteers in their respective areas 2. out the Relief activities. In Annai Satya Nagar, Food packets 3. distributed to the 4. **[1 mark each]**

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|--------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1. (A) seen  | (B) saw      | (C) see     | (D) sees        |
| 2. (A) carry | (B) carrying | (C) carried | (D) had carried |
| 3. (A) were  | (B) was      | (C) did     | (D) have        |
| 4. (A) poors | (B) people   | (C) victims | (D) needy       |

Ans. 1. (B) saw      2. (C) carried  
3. (A) were      4. (C) victims

**[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]**

**Explanation:**

1. A past is narrated in the paragraph. So, 'saw' is used to explain the incident seen by people living in the City at that time.
2. A past is narrated in the paragraph. So, 'carried' is used to explain the rescue work done by the Volunteers at that time.
3. Food packets indicate to plural noun and the paragraph is about a past event. So, 'were' is to be used while referring to a plural noun.
4. 'People' is used to refer to any group of people. 'Poor' refers to those who are in need of funds or are unfortunate and 'Needy' is used to those who are in need of something but all of these may or may not be affected by some disaster or calamity. The people who are affected by a calamity are referred to as 'Victims'.

XXII. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow :

**[CBSE Outside Delhi Set III, 2016 (Modified)]**

Most Indian schools fail to ensure their students adequate Playtime and Fitness Regime. Two out of every five School Going Children 1. have a healthy Body Mass Index (BMI) and 50% of Children 2. adequate lower body strength. Some Schools 3. found to offer three or 4. Physical Education Periods Per Week. **[1 mark each]**



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|-------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. (A) does | (B) does not | (C) don't       | (D) do         |
| 2. (A) lack | (B) lacked   | (C) have lacked | (D) had lacked |
| 3. (A) was  | (B) are      | (C) is          | (D) have       |
| 4. (A) much | (B) many     | (C) more        | (D) less       |

- Ans.** 1. (C) don't      2. (A) lack  
3. (B) are      4. (C) more

[CBSE Marking Scheme, 2016]

**Explanation:**

1. As the paragraph starts with a negative tone and is in plural about the students, so 'do not' or 'don't' is to be used here.
2. Being a statement of fact, first form of verb – lack – is to be used.
4. As the paragraph is in negative tone, three or 'less' periods are referred to indicate the poor condition of Physical Education in the Country.

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