

# Missing Sentence Completion

## Exercise

**Directions :** Following questions have the second sentence missing. Choose the "MOST APPROPRIATE" sentence from the given options to complete it.

1. A. I will not be able to see you tomorrow.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. There is only a simple laboratory test to be done.  
(1) At any rate I'll see you later in the week.  
(2) Once I know that the diagnosis is, I can contact the doctor.  
(3) However, if you like, you can phone me.  
(4) We will then follow his instructions.
2. A. James Watt used the power of steam to drive machines.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. His invention was used later by other clever men to give us the railway engine.  
(1) The jet engine is relatively more recent.  
(2) Then, many years later, the petrol engine was invented.  
(3) With petrol engines people were able to build motor cars and aeroplanes.  
(4) These provided quicker means of travelling.
3. A. The lion used to be very widely distributed in Africa and Asia.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. Indiscriminate killing by hunters has been the cause of this drastic fall in their numbers.  
(1) No hunting is permitted in such reserved areas.  
(2) There are special forest zones set aside for wildlife in various countries.  
(3) Today they are a relatively rare species.  
(4) If the species survives at all, it will be only in national parks.
4. A. A devastating earthquake had hit Mexico city.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. It was the world's most severe quake since the quake in Chile last March.  
(1) The condition of 1000 others was reported unsafe.  
(2) Fifty more were later judged dangerously close to falling.  
(3) In four chaotic minutes, an estimated 250 buildings collapsed in downtown Mexico city.  
(4) The quake's force was measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale.
5. A. When he joined the college, he was an adolescent and immature.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. He learnt a lot from his experiences at the college.  
(1) But his sagacity helped him get a good job.  
(2) Four years of study in the college changed him completely.  
(3) He had to get suitably employed.  
(4) When he left it he was ready to face the problems of life.
6. A. Your resources, like money are limited.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. Sooner or later you should learn to delegate your authority to others.  
(1) For that matter the need for a leader arises only in relation to other people.  
(2) You must invest them wisely.  
(3) Everything cannot be directly attended to by yourself.  
(4) You have to depend on others.
7. A. In ancient India the city of Ujjain was quite famous.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. Here lived at one time the poet Kalidas.  
(1) So one can see what a great love all who care for India must feel for this ancient city.  
(2) He was a famous learned astronomer.  
(3) And here also came and worked Raja Jai Singh of Jaipur.  
(4) It was always renowned as a seat of learning.
8. A. One of the odd-looking birds of the ocean is the penguin.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. Penguins cannot fly.  
(1) With the aid of flippers they can dive into the water.  
(2) It is found in the cold regions of the Antarctic circle.  
(3) Their wings have been change into swimming flippers.  
(4) They use them like oars.
9. A. Life is a gift of God to man.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
C. The other is time.  
(1) What an invaluable gift!  
(2) Oh Lord! What fools we mortals are?  
(3) Every morning he fills 24 hours in wallets of each of us and never asks questions.  
(4) Irrespective of these gifts, we grumble.

10. A. Arun suddenly found himself in the streets.  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 C. There was a little money in the bank and he had some stock on hand.
- (1) When he applied for the refund of his security, there was hardly anyone at the other end to receive his application.  
 (2) The prices were going down, and he could hardly realize a few hundred rupees.  
 (3) At first he could hardly understand the full significance of this collapse.  
 (4) But the stock moved out slowly.
11. A. Science has given up powers fit for the gods.  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 C. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines.
- (1) And we should remember that they are very stern masters.  
 (2) Yet we use them like small children.  
 (3) But in practice, they have become man's masters.  
 (4) Machines were made to be man's servants.
12. A. It is very warm and sticky today.  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 C. The paper here says its going to be fair and sunny.
- (1) A good rain would cool things off a little.  
 (2) That is a good idea.
- (3) I wonder what the weather is going to be like tomorrow.  
 (4) Let's listen to the weather report for tomorrow on the radio.
13. A. Todd borrowed this dollar last year on the 8th of April.  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 C. It happened quite simply and naturally.
- (1) And I said, 'certainly'.  
 (2) He needed a dollar to pay his taxi and I lent it to him.  
 (3) He merely said, 'Let me have a dollar, will you'!  
 (4) I hardly realised it till it was all over.
14. A. The cultural programme consisted of different tastes.  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 C. After the prayer, there was a dance item.
- (1) It began with an invocation.  
 (2) Finally the National Anthem was sung.  
 (3) When the skit ended there was a group dance.  
 (4) The dance was followed by a skit.
15. A. The accident occurred in just a moment.  
 B. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 C. The cyclist from the main road did not notice it.
- (1) The cyclist was thrown a few feet away.  
 (2) The cyclist was blinded by a bullockcart moving slowly in the opposite direction.  
 (3) The result was a head-on-collision.  
 (4) A speeding car came from a side road.

## Hints & SOLUTIONS

1. (3) A 'I will ..... you tomorrow', option (3) will be the most appropriate because its talking about "if you are unable to see kindly call me" completes the sentence.
2. (2) Option (2) logically follows sentence A, because after invention of steam engine by James watt, many years later, petrol engine was invented.
3. (3) From C, it is clear that B must talk about the fall in number of lions. See 'this dastic fall' in C which refers to the lion being a relatively ralre species.
4. (4) In first instance all options seems correct. But option (4) will be most correct because devastating earthquake measured at 7.8 on the Richter scale is the logically follows sentence A. All other options are consequences of earthquake.
5. (2) From sentence A and given options it is clear that option (2) will follow sentence A. We know that after joining the college, students studied there and get a lot of experience.
6. (2) Sentence A states that your resources are limited, you must invest them wisely; completes the sentence. So option (2) is the right answer.
7. (4) From sentence A, Uijjan was quite famous as a seat of learning make meaningfully correct. So, option (4) is the correct answer.
8. (2) Sentence 'A' talking about penguin. So, origin of species will be the second sentence i.e. B. Hence, option (2) is correct.
9. (1) From sentence 'A' we see that option (1) is most appropriate because life is a valuable gift of God to man completes the sentence.
10. (3)
11. (2) It is clear that option (2) will follow sentence A because science has given powers to us but we cannot using them wisely.
12. (3) Option (3) is the most appropriate answer to fill the sentence B, because sentence A is talking about warm & sticky weather so the prediction of weather is forcast for tomorrow on behalf of today's weather.
13. (2) Option (2) is correct because we see the logical sequence of sentences that Todd borrowed money to pay his taxi fare.
14. (1) Option (1) is logically follows sentence 'A' because the cultural programme began with an invocation.
15. (4) Option (4) is correct because the accident occurred due to a speeding car coming from a road side hit the cyclist.