

CLOZE TESTS AND PARAJUMBLES

CLOZE TESTS

A **cloze test** (also **cloze** deletion **test** or occlusion **test**) is an exercise, **test**, or assessment

It consists of a portion of language with certain items, words, or signs removed

the participant is asked to replace the missing language item.

Example 1

- ▶ Martin Luther King was an important 1 of black people in American. He believed that black people and white people should have equal rights. In 1963, Dr King led a march in Washington D.C. A lot of Americans went there to take part in the 2 . They wanted the government to 3 the laws that were unfair to black people. Dr King believed in 4 equal rights for all people through peace and not force. When he was killed in 1968, the United States 5 a great leader.
- ▶ 1) A. runner B. singer C. leader D. teacher
- ▶ 2) A. crowd B. war C. group D. march
- ▶ 3) A. sign B sell C. pass D. change
- ▶ 4) A. gaining B. turning C. finding D .freeing
- ▶ 5) A. lost B. found C. bought D. died

Example 2

Every American knows the Mayflower. The Mayflower was the name of the famous _1_ that _2_ from England to the new world in 1620. There were 102 pilgrims on board. It was a dangerous trip for one small ship to make, and it _3_ more than 66 days . The pilgrims were very _4_ when they finally saw land. In this New World , there were no homes or towns. They had to build their own _5_. This became Known as Plymouth, Massachusetts.

- 1) A. flower B. ship C. film D. place
- 2) A. flew B. sailed C. planted D. grew
- 3) A. made B. took C. spent D. cost
- 4) A. painful B. fearful C. powerful D. thankful
- 5) A. ship B. house C. fields D. city

Example 3

- ▶ Tess was eight years old when her parents talking about her little brother, Andrew. All she knew was that he was very sick and they had no money. Only a very costly ___1___ could save him now and no one wanted to ___2___ them the money. She heard Daddy say to her Mother ___3___ Only a miracle can save him now. Tess got all the change she had and ___4___ her way to Rexalls Drug Store.
- ▶ 1. A. surgeon B. companion C. protection D.operation
- ▶ 2. A. borrow B. lend C. make D.leave
- ▶ 3. A. happily B. proudly C. angrily D.sadly
- ▶ 4. A. made B. took C. sailed D. passed

PARAJUMBLES

- ▶ **Parajumbles** are jumbled paragraphs.
- ▶ Basically, you are given a paragraph –
- ▶ But the sentences are not in the right order.
- ▶ You have to rearrange the sentences so that they logically make sense.

Tips to do the parajumbles

- ▶ **1) Try to find out clues that will help us to locate qualifier**
- ▶ **Clues** include pronouns, like he, she, it, this, that, these, those; adverbs like formally, really; article a, an and the; definers like actually, finally, another; connectors like but, yet, both, also and neither nor, or, however, nevertheless.
- ▶ These can help us to find out the qualifiers.



▶ **2) Locate a Qualifier**

- ▶ **Qualifier** is a sentence that will tell us something about the following sentence.
- ▶ Now, with the help of clues, try to find out qualifier and qualified sentences, so that we can make pairs of qualified and qualifier sentences to eliminate the wrong choices given in the question.



▶ **3) Eliminate alternatives**

- ▶ After making pairs, start eliminating the wrong choices or options given in the question.

▶ **4) Read and try to follow the sequence**

- ▶ In case there is more than one choice, try to follow the sequence of sentences according to the occurrence of the events.

Example 1

- ▶ A. People can get infected by handling reptiles and then touching their mouths or an open cut.
 - B. At first, they look the perfect pets: exotic, quiet and tidy.
 - C. A study estimates that in 1995, there were as many as 6,700 reptile-caused salmonella infections.
 - D. But lizards and other pets can harbour a salmonella bacterium that makes people sick.
- A) BCAD B) BCDA C) ACDB D) BDCA

- ▶ Right Answer: Option D

Example 2

1. These enormous “rivers” – quite inconstant, sometimes shifting, often branching and eddying in manners that defy explanation and prediction – occasionally cause disastrous results.

A. One example is El Nino, the periodic catastrophe that plagues the West Coast of America.

B. It is rich in life.

C. This coast is normally caressed by the cold, rich Humboldt Current.

D. Usually, the Humboldt hugs the shore and extends 200 to 300 miles out to sea.

5. It fosters the largest commercial fishery in the world and is the home of one of the mightiest game fish on record, the black marlin.

▶ A) ABCD

B) DCAB

C) ACDB

D) CBAD

▶ Right Answer- Option C