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**Vocabulary: Text Completion Part 2**

Good morning students. So, today I am going to do another variety of text completion exercises with you and this will be slightly more complex complicated we will be doing triple blank questions. Now here I expect you to read the whole paragraph before you read the options like always. Like for every exercise this is what you should do, this is what the practice should be read the whole paragraph before you read the options. Avoid making preconceived judgments about what should go where, your aim is to find the right word to fit in the right blank for which you need to know the context, so context comes first always. You can always expect unusual words as your choices and do not get scared because of that.

This section or this exercise that we are going to do today generally speaking you will find lot of such kinds of exercises in your competitive kinds of exams, this section test you are reading comprehension. So, you will have to decide the more suitable words to be placed within the given sentence reading your paragraph first will help you find the right word sometimes even without the options. So, let us look at the first example. Please look at the slide here.

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1. Miguel de Cervantes was a Spanish novelist and playwright. He wrote pastoral and adventure novels. His (i) ----, Don Quixote, is considered a founding classic of Western literature. The novel also works as a(n) (ii) ---- of the romances of Spanish(iii) ----.
- i. A) genre  
B) edifice  
C) masterpiece
- ii. A) satire  
B) recant  
C) itinerant
- iii. A) consensus  
B) negligence  
C) royalty

Miguel de Cervantes was a Spanish novelist and playwright. He wrote pastoral and adventure novels. His dash Don Quixote, is considered a founding classic of Western literature the novel also works as a or an of the romances of Spanish. Choice one genre, edifice, masterpiece; set two satires, recant, itinerant; third choice consensus, negligence, royalty.

Now one tip that I can give you is that many of these words may not be familiar to you. So, today you are just learning new words open your dictionaries and try to find out the meanings of every word. So, even if you know the exact answer for this particular blank do not get carried away just look at the other choices also and see if you do know the meanings of those words as well and try to find out the meanings. So, open your dictionaries and you have to work on your own also, see as teachers as course instructor we can give as much practice and exposure, but at the end of the day it is up to you, it is you who are going to decide what course your carrier is going to take, so you have to work hard. Much of the learning especially of this kind is self learning.

Reading a simple novel is not going to help you at all, you have to read as I keep telling you more complex novels. Start if you have not already done so, start with the novels of Charles De Cervantes who wrote Don Quixote is also a very popular writer and Don Quixote is a masterpiece read these novels as for starters and then will I will give you examples of more complex novels as well. So, the answers are first answer one is

masterpiece, Don Quixote is a masterpiece and the second one is satire it is an example of satire and the third choice is that you are given the novel, the novel also works as the or a dash romances, so negligence royalty of the romances of Spanish. So, consensus of the romances, so best choice would be royalty. So, answers are masterpiece, satire and royalty.

Focus on the clues in the paragraph, since founding classic refers to one work genre does not apply and masterpiece is more apt for literature than edifice. Similarly in the context of literature satire applies more than the other words, royalty follows the description or descriptors Spanish better than any other options. Now look at the second choice.

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2. For much of history and in many cultures, (i) ---- professional teachers was an option available only to a small elite. Thus, until (ii) ---- recently, the vast majority of people were educated by parents, especially during early childhood. The earliest (iii) ---- education in the West began in the late 17th century and early 18th century in some German States.

i. A) excruciating  
B) invigilating  
C) enlisting

ii. A) infinitesimally  
B) relatively  
C) inextricably

iii. A) compulsory  
B) intimate  
C) ridiculous

Look at the slide please for much of history and in many cultures excruciating invigilating enlisting professional teachers was an option available only to small elite. Thus until infinitesimally relatively and inextricably recently the vast majority of people were educated by parents especially during early childhood. The earliest compulsory intimate or ridiculous education in the west began in the late 17th century and early 18th century in some German states.

Now what should be the answers the first answer is enlisting professional teachers, but reuse the context, excruciating and invigilating these words do not apply to professional teachers. When you read, when you read the whole sentence the context does not make much sentence, so it has to be enlisting. What is the meaning of enlisting? Recruiting,

hiring. Does the rest of the paragraph becomes clear as well and then second answer is relatively recently this is the where we use it goes together is a word often and is a phrase often used and paragraph is not negative ridiculous education because it will give a different context does not apply, intimate also does not make sense. So, compulsory education relatively recently enlisting professional teachers.

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3. Fossils are the preserved (i) ---- or traces of animals, plants and other organisms. They vary in size from microscopic, such as single cells, to gigantic, such as dinosaurs. A fossil normally preserves only a portion of the (ii) ---- organism, usually that portion was partially mineralized during life. Fossils may also (iii) ---- of the marks left behind by the organism while it was alive.

i. A) remnants  
B) maledictions  
C) escorts

ii. A) incongruous  
B) deceased  
C) pretentious

iii. A) consist  
B) procrastinate  
C) insist

Look at the next exercise: fossils are the preserved remnants maledictions escorts or traces of animals, plants and other organisms. They vary in size from microscopic, such as single cells to gigantic such as dinosaurs. A fossil normally preserves only a portion of the incongruous deceased or pretentious organism usually that portion was partially mineralized during life. Fossils may also consist procrastinate insist of the marks left behind by the organism while it was alive.

Answers are remnants, deceased and consist. The first line is made easy because immediately after the blank is given all traces. So, the blank must be a word that is synonym of traces and remnants applies best. Since it is understood that fossil are the preserve parts of dead animal deceased is the obvious best answer to next blank and the last blank indicates that fossil includes or consist something else as well, so consist is the answer.

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4. Salmon live in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, (i) ---- great lakes and rivers. Typically, they live in the sea mostly but (ii) ---- in fresh water. They are born in fresh water; migrate to the ocean, then return to fresh water to reproduce. This means the fish return to the exact spot where they were born to (iii) ----.

i. A) as well as  
B) in addition  
C) just as

ii. A) devour  
B) segregate  
C) breed

iii. A) spawn  
B) modify  
C) reconcile

Now, look at the next choice. Salmon live in both the Atlantic and see this is the verity of fish and plural for salmon is also salmon, l is silent here. So, we do not say salmons live. Salmon live in both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans dash great lakes and rivers as well as in addition or just as. Typically they live in the sea mostly, but dash in fresh water. They are born in fresh water, migrate to the ocean then written to fresh water to reproduce. This means the fish return to the exact spot where they were born to spawn, modify or reconcile.

So, answer should be salmon live in both Atlantic and Pacific oceans as well as great lakes, it would be in addition to we do not have it here and just as great lakes and rivers really does not make a very good sentence. Typically they live in the sea mostly, but breed, we cannot say devour in fresh water segregate or breed in fresh water, they are born in fresh water, migrate to ocean and you can see next word is born. So, therefore, the blank or the choice breed makes much sense then return to fresh water to reproduce this means the fish return to the exact spot where they were born to spawn, modify, reconcile what should be the best answer? The best answer is to spawn s p a w n. So, breed and spawn they are quite similar synonym. So, therefore, make sense.

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5. Giant pandas are black-and-white Chinese bears that are on the verge of (i) ---- . These large, cuddly-looking mammals have a big head, a heavy body, rounded ears, and a short tail. Most bears' eyes have round pupils. The (ii) ---- is the giant panda, whose pupils are vertical slits, like cats' eyes, these unusual eyes (iii) ---- the Chinese to call the panda the "giant cat bear."

i.    A) indication  
      B) accommodation  
      C) extinction

ii.    A) dimension  
       B) exception  
       C) speculation

iii.    A) inspired  
       B) predicted  
       C) reversed

The next exercise: Giant pandas are black-and-white Chinese bears that are on the verge of dash indication, accommodation extinction. These large cuddly looking mammals have a big head, a heavy body, rounded ears and a short tail. Most bear's eyes have round pupils. The dash dimension, exception, speculation is the giant panda, whose pupils are vertical slits, like cat's eyes, these unusual eyes inspired the Chinese to call or predicted or preserved the Chinese to call the panda the giant cat bear.

So, giant pandas are black-and-white Chinese bears that are on the verge of extinction, you generally use such words you know on the verge of extinction going to finish. These large cuddly etcetera in a most bears have round pupils. The dash is now what are we talking about? Speculation, dimension, exception is because it is different this verity is different from the previous one that you are talking about. Dash the Chinese to call the panda the giant cat bear. So, not predicted, but inspired, so extinction, exception and inspired. You have to also look at the grammatical correctness of the blanks, always go according to that.

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6. Although the population of England in the nineteenth century was rising at an (i) ---- rate, that of the cities was increasing by leaps. This was due to the effects of the industrial revolution; people were (ii) ---- into the towns and cities in search of employment; for some, it was also the call of the unknown, (iii) ---- and a better way of life. This period is known to be the beginning of many new things.

i. A) crepuscular  
B) unprecedented  
C) reprehensible

ii. A) flocking  
B) abrogating  
C) ensconcing

iii. A) adventure  
B) pliable  
C) abstruse

Next exercise although the population of England in the nineteenth century was rising at an dash rate. So, crepuscular, unprecedented, reprehensible - that of the cities were increasing by leaps. This was due to the effects of the industrial revolution; people were dash flocking, abrogating, ensconcing - into the towns and cities in search of employment; for some, it was also the call of the unknown adventure pliable abstruse and a better way of life. This period is known to be the beginning of many new things.

So, answer a unprecedented, flocking and adventure. Remember where growth is mention reprehensible can apply, but it is evident that the author is talking about a large spurt of growth here therefore, unprecedented is the better choice. Large groups of people moving indicates flocking you know the people were flocking to the cities and the third case the other option do not fit in the grammatically. So, it has to be adventure.

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7. The Basset Hound appeared in France in the first part of the 16th century. The breed got its name from a French word "bas," which means "low." The rich, who had a strong (i) ---- for hunting, developed a breed (ii) ---- animals in dense brush. The breed was recognized in 1885. However, it did not enter the ten top widely spread dogs in the US. No sooner than in the second half of the 20th century did Basset Hounds acquired popularity. Now, the breed is loved for its appearance and (iii) ---- personality.

i.    A) predilection  
      B) collaboration  
      C) temperance

ii.    A) guilty of violating  
       B) capable of pursuing  
       C) power of entitlement

iii.    A) amiable  
       B) despondent  
       C) mischievous

Look at the next exercise: The basset hound appeared in France in the first part of the 16th century. The breed got its name from a French word "bas," which means low. The rich who had a strong predilection, collaboration, temperance - for hunting developed a breed guilty of violating, capable of pursuing, power of entitlement. So, developed a breed animals in dense brush. The breed was recognized in 1885; however, it did not enter the ten top widely spread dogs in the US. No sooner than in the second half of the 20th century did Basset Hounds acquired popularity. Now the breed is loved for its appearance and its amiable, despondent, mischievous personality.

Now, let us discuss the answers. See the first is predilection why? Look at the slide again the rich who had a strong predilection for hunting that is a strong tendency for hunting, it is a hobby or activity. So, it make sense and Basset Hounds suitability is discussed with reference to hunting with respect to hunting. It can only be because it is capable of persuade, next choice is capable of pursuing and the last one is its amiable personality dog's amiable personality. So, correct answers are predilection, capable of pursuing and amiable.



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8. Before outsiders first visited their land they knew nothing about the (i) ---- of others or the government or the modern life. However in the 1980s miners found gold in the region and soon thousands of miners rushed into the area which resulted in the (ii) ---- of the Yanomamis' homeland. During that time 20 % of them died due to many reasons. Today they try hard to (iii) ---- their land and traditions, which doesn't seem so easy to do.

i.    A) existence  
      B) effrontery  
      C) submissiveness

ii.    A) extolment  
       B) palatability  
       C) exploitation

iii.    A) maintain  
       B) sequester  
       C) ensue

We will move on to the next exercise: Before outsiders first visited their land they knew nothing about the existence, effrontery, submissiveness - of others or the government or the modern life. However, in the 1980s miners found gold in the region and soon thousands of miners rushed into the area which resulted in the extolment, palatability, exploitation of the Yanomamis' homeland. During that time 20 percent of them died due to many reasons. Today they try hard to maintain sequester and ensue the land and traditions which does not seem so easy to do.

Answers are existence, exploitation and maintain. Remember the phrase outsiders first visited indicates that existence is the right answer, the second blank should be exploitation since land and the start of mining is mention and the third is maintain, as it is obvious that the author is indicating the communities troubles in keeping their way of life intact. So, existence, exploitation and maintain.

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9. Insects do not have (i) ---- as sharp as that of mammals or birds. The insect compound eye is more familiar to movement and so it cannot (ii) ---- position distant objects. So, insects tend to take a rather unsteady flight path to navigate to a particular object. For example, in order to locate the caterpillar, the wasp needs to balance the odor signals (iii) ---- by its two antennae.

i.    A) wings  
      B) vision  
      C) absorption

ii.   A) hilariously  
      B) precisely  
      C) tangibly

iii.  A) sacrificed  
      B) accompanied  
      C) received

Next exercise, please look at the slides: Insects do not have dash as sharp as that of mammals or birds. The insect compound eye is more familiar to movement and. So, it cannot hilariously precisely tangibly position distant objects. So, insects tend to take a rather unsteady flight path to navigate to a particular object. For example, in order to look at the caterpillar, the wasp needs to balance the odor signals sacrificed accompanied and received by its two antennae. So, insects do not have it could, wings as sharp, vision as sharp or absorption - the best choice is vision we always talk about vision as sharp. The insect compound eye is more familiar to movement and so it cannot precisely position distant object. For example in order to look at the caterpillar the wasp needs to balance the odor signals received by its two antennae. So, correct answer vision, precisely and received.

As we have been talking about the first answer is vision as the insects eye is mentioned in the next slide, it fallows that the second is precisely because precise vision is what we talked about and then received how we received the signals. So, that is the more appropriate context.

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10. A last attempt is being made to move the beetles to a specially designed pile of rubble that (i) ---- their existing habitat. But experts stress that there is only a slim chance that the (ii) ---- will succeed.

i. A) succumb  
B) replicates  
C) resonate

ii. A) formation  
B) migration  
C) translocation

Next exercise, please look at the slide. A last attempt is being made to move the beetles to a specially designed pile of rubble that succumb replicates resonate their existing habitat, but expert stress that there is only a slim chance that the formation, migration, translocation will succeed. Answers are resonate and translocation. The two blanks closely connected to each other here the author talks about moving the beetles and about them surviving. So, replicating the habitat seems likely, since this is an artificial move translocation is better choice than migration.

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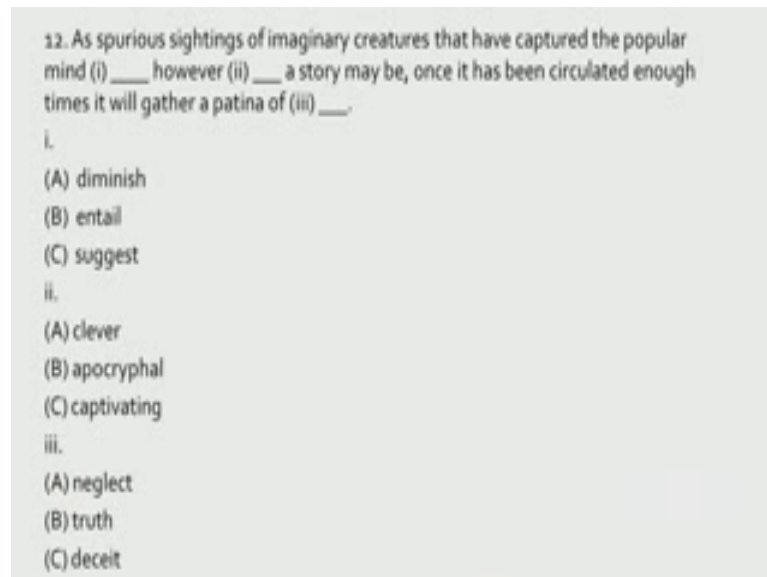
11. The Gobi is the largest desert region in Asia. It covers an area in China and southern Mongolia. It is famous for its (i) ---- weather conditions. The desert (ii) ---- of Gobi are bounded by the Altai Mountains on the north and by the Tibetan Plateau to the southwest.

i. A) subtle  
B) irrevocable  
C) inhospitable

ii. A) blazes  
B) basins  
C) ponds

Let us look at the next text or exercise. The Gobi is the largest desert region in Asia. It covers an area in China and southern Mongolia. It is famous for its subtle, irrevocable or inhospitable weather conditions. The desert basins and ponds of Gobi are bounded by the Altai Mountains on the north and by the Tibetan Plateau to the southwest. Answers are inhospitable and basins; inhospitable is an easy guess it is a desert and deserts are not terribly salubrious places to live in. So, inhospitable there harsh conditions and second is basin because basins and ponds are not very common in deserts.

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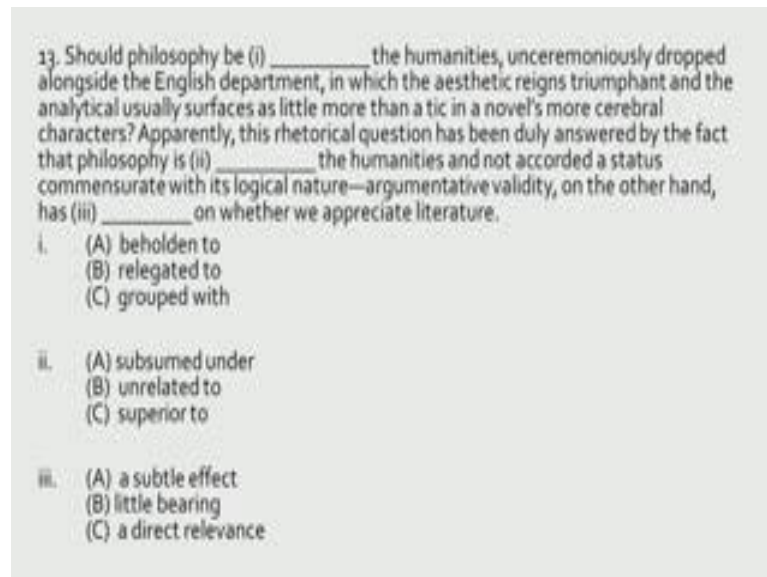


Next exercise: As spurious sightings, please look up the meanings of this spurious also; sightings of imaginary creatures that have captured the popular mind – diminish, entail, suggest; however, a story may be once it has been circulated enough times it will gather a patina of neglect, truth or deceit.

So, spurious sightings of imaginary creatures that have been captured the popular mind, entail or suggest, what do you think? So, the best answer is suggest here it is a tricky question I understand that you need to read and figure out what is more likely to be true and not just depend on grammar clues. One clue is the word is spurious with establishes that the authors opinion or pop on, popular creatures mythological creatures. So, apocryphal is the more likely word the author would therefore using in the second blank and then if it is exist for a while then it will come to become truth. So, truth is the right answer. Suggest apocryphal, truth.

Let us look at the slide again as spurious sightings of imaginary creatures that have captured the popular mind suggest however, apocryphal a story may be, once it has been circulated enough times it will gather a patina of truth. So, that is the way you have to write it.

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Now, let us move on to the next slide. Should philosophy be dash the humanities - beholden to relegated to grouped with, unceremoniously dropped alongside the English department in which the aesthetic reigns triumphant and the analytical usually surfaces little more than a tic in a novel's more cerebral characters? Apparently, this rhetorical question has been duly answered by the fact that philosophy is - subsumed under, unrelated to, superior to, the humanities are not accorded a status commensurate with its logical nature-argumentative validity, on the others hand, has - a subtle effect, little bearing, a direct relevance, on whether we appreciate literature.

Answers are relegated to, subsumed under and direct relevance. Remember the author is discussing the fact that philosophy is included under the humanities. So, relegated to, but to it fits in, relegated to fits in with the authors opinion which can be (Refer Time: 40:16) when you read the whole paragraph which is that it should not be. So, unceremoniously is the word here which gives you the clue.

In the second case the author points that philosophy is not accorded a state it deserves and subsumed under and then it does not have a direct the last choice shows that

literature is enjoyed spite logical flaws thus illustrating the authors opinion that humanities and philosophy do not go together.

Thank you very much and we will continue with more exercises in our next class.