

Cloze Test

Read Instructions carefully

In this changing scenario of banking examinations, never assume the pattern of any question to be the same or general. Always read instructions carefully so that you can get what examiner exactly wants you to do. Remember changes introduced in the question types are minor so you should not get panic if you find some changes in the pattern. The pattern introduced in IBPS PO Mains 2017 is:

Directions

Identify the option in which a pair of words can appropriately replace a given fill up. Over four months into the troubled(1) of the goods and services tax, the Centre has operationalised a provision in the GST law that has been worrying industry.

- A. implementation, execution
- B. performance, apply
- C. significance, problem
- D. plan, imposition
- E. prosecution, failure

In this new pattern, two words were given instead of one in each option and both the words of the option should correctly fit in the given fill-up. So, there was no major change and way of solving these questions is similar to an old pattern.

Analyze the theme by reading the passage first

- Do not directly jump to the questions and do not read the given option first. Read the given passage first and try to figure out the theme as well as the tone of the passage. However, do not waste too much time in reading only. Reading should be done quickly just to get an idea of the passage.

Try to guess an answer before looking at options

- Some answers can be guessed before looking at options and in this case looking at options only increase confusion. So, try to have some answer in your mind before going through answers. There are chances that you can exactly find that answer or its synonym in options. This can be done by paying attention towards words that are preceding and following fill up.
- Example: Where the consumers are difficult to trace individually, the **amount** (4) **by the authority** to be the extent of undue benefit will be **deposited** in a consumer **welfare fund**.
- So, we just need to connect amount by the authority and authority is going to deposit that amount in the fund. The possible answers coming to the mind are collected, raised etc.

Now look at the given options:

- A. earned, collect
- B. constructed, raised
- C. specified, dismantled

D. annihilated, gathered

E. assembled, taken

In option, A collect is there but we need collected (Past participle). So, Option B is the possible option as other options are out of extent.

Eliminate options by deciding Positive/Negative words

While reading, try to figure out that whether given fill-up should have some positive word or negative. For example, the government is working for the welfare of people by ensuring that of the scheme should be passed to consumers.

From the above example, it is clear that answer should be something positive as the government is working for the welfare of people. Now go through the options

A. issues

B. benefits

C. difficulties

D. rules

We can infer B as the possible answer.

Check the tense/grammar

Some options can be directly eliminated as they do not follow the tense used in the passage. So, do check the tense used and eliminate options accordingly. For example, while he was walking, he a single currency coin on the road.

A. noticed

B. observe

C. find

D. put

Only option A grammatically fits in the context.

Pay attention towards connectors

Connectors either support or contradict the previous information. Connectors provide a great help in deciding an answer.

For example, his income kept on **increasing** continuously till the first quarter. **However**, in the second quarter, his income followed trend.

Connector "however" contradicts the information and used somewhat like "but". So, we can guess due to use of however an answer should be opposite of increasing.