

# READING SAMPLE

## PAPER - 5



# Fill In The Blanks (Reading And Writing)

## Passage 1:

Vinyl records, once thought obsolete, are making a dramatic comeback. Audiophiles argue that vinyl offers a warmer, richer sound that digital formats fail to \_\_\_\_\_. (1) Beyond sound quality, the large-scale album art and the physical experience of handling records contribute to their appeal. Vinyl also serves as a \_\_\_\_\_(2) link to the past, reconnecting listeners with older music traditions. Interestingly, younger generations are driving the resurgence, often valuing the tangible nature of vinyl in a world dominated by \_\_\_\_\_(3) media.

Retailers have responded by increasing production and creating exclusive editions to attract collectors. Nevertheless, some critics question the environmental impact of producing vinyl, as it involves plastic-based materials. Despite this, vinyl's rise points to a broader cultural trend of embracing nostalgia and authenticity in modern entertainment. The format's survival depends not only on passion but also on industry efforts to make its production more \_\_\_\_\_. (4) In any case, vinyl records demonstrate how technology does not always \_\_\_\_\_(5) older formats, but sometimes coexists with them.

## Options:

- (1) replicate, ignore, remove, distort, amplify
- (2) symbolic, harmful, brief, temporary, irrational
- (3) digital, printed, recycled, artificial, illegal
- (4) sustainable, decorative, unpredictable, affordable, isolated
- (5) replace, promote, damage, admire, synchronize

## Passage 2:

The aviation industry is actively exploring electric propulsion as a solution to reduce carbon emissions. Small aircraft powered entirely by electricity have already completed test flights, indicating a shift toward \_\_\_\_\_(1) aviation. The appeal lies in lower emissions, quieter engines, and reduced operational costs. However, battery technology remains a significant \_\_\_\_\_(2) to widespread adoption. Current batteries are heavy and offer limited energy density, which restricts flight time and payload capacity. Researchers are working to develop lighter and more efficient energy storage systems. In addition, airports and airlines must invest in new infrastructure to support electric fleets. Some experts believe that regional air travel will be the first to undergo this transformation, as it is more \_\_\_\_\_(3) with current technology. If successful, electric aviation could \_\_\_\_\_(4) a new era of cleaner and more efficient transportation. Nonetheless, regulatory frameworks and international cooperation will be essential to \_\_\_\_\_(5) the transition.

## Options:

- (1) sustainable, artificial, abstract, remote, disposable
- (2) barrier, substitute, outcome, shortcut, access
- (3) compatible, outdated, interrupted, enlarged, defensive
- (4) usher, resist, enforce, minimize, detect
- (5) facilitate, prevent, observe, hinder, delay

**Passage 3:**

Coral reefs are among the most biologically diverse ecosystems on the planet, yet they are increasingly under threat due to climate change. Rising ocean temperatures cause coral bleaching, a process that \_\_\_\_\_(1) the symbiotic algae living in coral tissue, leading to weakened and dying reefs. In addition to warming waters, increased ocean acidity further compromises coral health by reducing the availability of calcium carbonate, which corals need to \_\_\_\_\_(2) their skeletons. These combined stressors are causing reef ecosystems to collapse at an alarming rate. Coral reefs not only support marine biodiversity but also \_\_\_\_\_(3) food security and livelihoods for millions of people. Efforts to protect coral reefs include marine protected areas, coral farming, and reducing local pollution. However, these measures may not be sufficient without broader actions to mitigate climate change. The survival of coral reefs will likely depend on a \_\_\_\_\_(4) approach involving scientists, policymakers, and local communities. Public awareness and education also play a key role in \_\_\_\_\_(5) conservation efforts.

**Options:**

- (1) expels, invades, protects, attracts, evolves
- (2) build, examine, reverse, dissolve, trace
- (3) support, limit, forecast, abandon, disrupt
- (4) coordinated, repetitive, defensive, spontaneous, divided
- (5) enhancing, hiding, predicting, delaying, discouraging

**Passage 4:**

Time is perceived and valued differently across cultures. In Western societies, time is often seen as linear, with a strong emphasis on punctuality and future planning. By contrast, many Indigenous and Eastern cultures view time as cyclical or event-based, where the present moment \_\_\_\_\_(1) has greater significance. These cultural perspectives influence behaviors in workplaces, education, and interpersonal communication. For instance, in mono-chronic cultures, multitasking is discouraged, while in poly-chronic cultures, it is \_\_\_\_\_(2) accepted. Misunderstandings can arise when individuals from differing time orientations interact. Understanding these perceptions helps to build cultural intelligence and improve global cooperation. As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, being \_\_\_\_\_(3) of time diversity is essential for respectful interaction. Businesses and institutions must consider these differences when designing global strategies or conducting negotiations. Time, while constant in measurement, is highly \_\_\_\_\_(4) in meaning. Recognizing and adapting to these variations can enhance cross-cultural relationships and reduce potential \_\_\_\_\_(5).

**Options:**

- (1) holds, loses, follows, contradicts, avoids
- (2) widely, barely, secretly, rarely, tightly
- (3) aware, ignorant, skeptical, fearful, careless
- (4) variable, inevitable, limited, strategic, durable
- (5) conflict, planning, advantages, savings, repetition

**Passage 5:**

The gig economy has transformed traditional employment by offering flexible work arrangements through digital platforms. While it provides autonomy and income opportunities, it also raises concerns about labor rights. Gig workers often lack access to benefits like healthcare, paid leave, and job security, making them more\_\_\_\_\_ (1) to economic fluctuations. In some countries, legislation is being proposed to reclassify gig workers as employees rather than independent contractors, a move that could significantly\_\_\_\_\_ (2) labor laws. However, platform companies argue that such regulations may reduce flexibility and increase operational costs. The debate centers on how to strike a balance between innovation and fairness. Transparency in pay structures and algorithmic decisions is another\_\_\_\_\_ (3) issue. As gig work becomes more prevalent, stakeholders must develop\_\_\_\_\_ (4) solutions that protect workers without stifling digital progress. The future of labor will likely involve ongoing negotiation and\_\_\_\_\_ (5) among governments, corporations, and workers.

**Options:**

- (1) vulnerable, dedicated, equal, attracted, essential
- (2) reshape, imitate, justify, measure, reverse
- (3) pressing, invisible, temporary, generous, confident
- (4) equitable, delayed, impulsive, repetitive, assumed
- (5) collaboration, division, secrecy, dependency, comparison

**Multiple Choice – Multiple Answers****Passage 1:**

Crowd sourcing in science has allowed researchers to harness the collective intelligence and efforts of non-professionals through online platforms. Citizen scientists have contributed to tasks such as classifying galaxies, monitoring wildlife, and even discovering new exoplanets. These projects not only accelerate data analysis but also engage the public with real scientific research. However, some critics argue that reliance on untrained volunteers may compromise data accuracy. Others point out ethical concerns about unpaid labor and whether contributors are adequately credited. Despite these concerns, crowd sourcing continues to expand, demonstrating its potential to democratize science and bridge the gap between professionals and the public. As technology continues to evolve, the scope and sophistication of citizen science projects are expected to grow. Mobile apps, machine learning tools, and interactive platforms are making it easier than ever for volunteers to participate meaningfully. Educational institutions are also beginning to integrate these projects into curricula, fostering scientific literacy from an early age. Furthermore, many researchers are developing improved validation methods to ensure data quality. Transparency in contributor recognition is also gaining importance, with more projects offering co-authorship or acknowledgment in publications. As long as ethical concerns are addressed thoughtfully, the benefits of crowd sourcing are substantial. Ultimately, this collaborative model has the potential to reshape how science is conducted and shared.

**Question: Which of the following statements are supported by the passage?****Options:**

- A. Crowd sourcing accelerates scientific tasks
- B. It eliminates the need for professional researchers
- C. Ethical concerns exist around unpaid contributions
- D. Citizen scientists receive financial rewards
- E. Public involvement improves access to science

**Passage 2:**

Historical monuments offerin sight into the past, serving as tangible connections to earlier civilizations. These structures can foster cultural identity and promote tourism, often becoming national symbols. However, they are vulnerable to neglect, vandalism, and urban development. Some argue that resources used to preserve monuments could be redirected toward modern infrastructure. Others stress the importance of preservation, claiming that once lost, heritage cannot be recovered. The debate reflects broader tensions between modernization and tradition. Efforts to safeguard historical monuments often involve complex coordination between governments, conservationists, and local communities. Technological advances, such as 3D scanning and digital archiving, are increasingly being used to document and restore deteriorating sites. Public awareness campaigns and educational programs also play a crucial role in promoting preservation. In some regions, adaptive reuse has emerged as a solution, giving old structures new functions while retaining their historical essence. International organizations like UNESCO help protect sites of global significance through designation and funding. Despite ongoing challenges, preserving these monuments remains a vital link to humanity's shared history.Their continued survival depends on both policy and public engagement.

**Question: Which of the following statements can be inferred from the passage?****Options:**

- A. Vandalism poses no real threat to heritage sites
- B. Historical monuments help shape cultur alidentity
- C. Preservation efforts are sometimes debated
- D. Modernization always respect shistorical structures
- E. Once heritage is lost, it cannot be regained

**Reorder Paragraphs****Passage 1:**

- A. In the 1980s, the invention of the TCP/IP protocol enabled diverse networks to interconnect.
- B. The internet has become a cornerstone of global communication and information exchange.
- C. Originally developed asa military project, it waslater adapted for academic and public use.
- D. This breakthrough laid the groundwork for what would become the modern internet.

**Passage 2:**

- A. The rapid spread of printed material increased literacy and democratized knowledge.
- B. Gutenberg's invention of the printing press in the 15th century revolutionized communication.
- C. It marked the transition from hand-copied manuscripts to mass production of books.
- D. As a result, ideas and information could be disseminated to a much wider audience than ever before.

**Reading: Fill in the Blanks****Passage 1:**

Urban farming is the practice of cultivating, processing, and distributing food in or around urban areas. It can involve growing vegetables on rooftops, rearing animals, or even vertical farming in doors. As cities grow, urban farming helps address issues like food security, waste management, and\_\_\_\_\_ (1). These practices often utilize space efficiently and make food systems more\_\_\_\_\_ (2) to disruptions. Additionally, urban farms can promote local economies and foster community engagement. However, there are\_\_\_\_\_ (3) such as land access, policy constraints, and funding limitations. Despite these, urban farming offers a\_\_\_\_\_ (4) solution to sustainability and a healthier urban lifestyle.

**Options:** pollution, resistance, resilient, cost-effective, benefits, challenges, promising

**Passage 2:**

Streaming services have transformed how people consume media. Unlike traditional television, streaming platforms offer content on demand, giving users\_\_\_\_\_ (1) over what and when they watch. This convenience has contributed to the decline of cable subscriptions. Moreover, streaming services invest heavily in\_\_\_\_\_ (2) content, attracting viewers globally. However, market saturation has led to increased\_\_\_\_\_ (3) among platforms. As a result, consumers face subscription fatigue and must decide which services to keep. The industry's future may rely on\_\_\_\_ (4), bundling, or technological innovation.

**Options:** control, balance, original, free, competition, loyalty, cooperation, complaints, mergers,

**Passage 3:**

Memory tends to decline with age, but not all types of memory are equally\_\_\_\_\_ (1). While short-term memory may worsen, procedural memory—such as remembering how to ride a bicycle—remains intact. Cognitive training and mental exercises may help improve memory\_\_\_\_\_ (2). Additionally, a healthy lifestyle, including proper sleep and diet, plays a critical role. Studies suggest that older adults who remain\_\_\_\_\_ (3) in social and intellectual activities may experience slower memory decline. It is also important to distinguish between normal aging and pathological conditions such as\_\_\_\_\_ (4).

**Options:** vulnerable, identical, performance, recall, engaged, removed, passive, dementia,

**Passage 4:**

Minimalism is more than an aesthetic; it is a lifestyle philosophy emphasizing \_\_\_\_\_ (1) over excess.

Advocates argue that decluttering possessions leads to mental clarity and financial freedom. While minimalism is often associated with art and design, it also extends to digital consumption, relationships, and

\_\_\_\_\_ (2). The minimalist approach promotes intentional choices, encouraging people to prioritize what truly adds \_\_\_\_\_ (3) to their lives. Although critics claim it can be restrictive, supporters view it as \_\_\_\_\_ (4).

**Options:** simplicity, sustainability, habits, value, liberating, primitive, isolating

**Multiple Choice – Single Answer**

**Passage 1:**

Modern research shows that sleep plays a critical role in productivity. Individuals who sleep fewer than six hours a night tend to have reduced concentration and increased errors. While some professionals claim to thrive on little sleep, studies suggest their performance often suffers. Prioritizing quality sleep may, in fact, be one of the most effective ways to boost work output.

**Question: What is the main conclusion of the passage?**

**Options:**

- A. Productivity is linked to consistent sleep habits.
- B. Sleep-deprived people perform better under pressure.
- C. Everyone needs exactly eight hours of sleep.
- D. Professionals who sleep less always succeed.

**Passage 2:**

Wildlife corridors are protected areas that allow animals to move freely between habitats. These corridors are essential for species that migrate seasonally or require large territories. By connecting fragmented habitats, corridors help maintain genetic diversity and reduce the risk of extinction caused by isolation.

**Question: What is the purpose of wildlife corridors?**

**Options:**

- A. To increase tourism in natural reserves.
- B. To isolate endangered species.
- C. To allow animals to migrate and access habitats.
- D. To limit genetic mixing among species.



## Correct Answers

### Reading & Writing: Fill in the Blanks

1. replicate, symbolic, digital, sustainable, replace
2. sustainable, barrier, compatible, usher, facilitate
3. expels, build, support, coordinated, enhancing
4. holds, widely, aware, variable, conflict
5. vulnerable, reshape, pressing, equitable, collaboration

### Multiple Choice – Multiple Answers

1. A, C, E
2. B, C, E

### Reorder Paragraph

1. C - A - D - B
2. B - C - A -D

### Reading: Fill in the Blanks

1. pollution, resilient, challenges, promising
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### Multiple Choice – Single Answer

1. A
2. C