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**CLOZE TEST**

**1. 2006 Q2 P1**

*Fill in each of the blank spaces in the passage below with the most appropriate word.*

There was time when telecommunication 1.....Africa was nearly non-existent. With the 2.....of one or two more developed nations, most African countries 3 ..... infrastructure and telephony was out of reach for 4..... of the population. But mobile telephony has 5..... a lot of that and has demonstrated Africa’s 6..... to leap-frog older technologies with new ones more 7..... to the environment.

Telecommunication in Africa is growing 8..... there is room for improvement and development. A number of new networks 9..... coming up all over the continent and the African telecommunication market is growing 10..... The driver of this growth? Mobile telephony.

*(Adapted from African Business, May 2004)*

**2. 2007 Q2 P1**

*Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word*

Good conversationalists are not born that way. They 1 ..... their skills through patience, preparation and practice 2..... a long period of time. Some people find it 3..... To talk than others, but do not confuse talk with conservation that is, good conversation.

There are all kinds of conversations, 4 ..... from poor to excellent. Unfortunately, some of the worst conversations come from those who find it easiest to talk. 5.....the very ease with which some people talk make them 6..... to what they say and unaware that they may say 7..... much.

It lies within the power of each one of us develop quality in our conversational ability. However, one has to take some 8..... you may need to force yourself to take part in conversations, even though you have 9..... to contribute at first. If you cannot talk listen. If you cannot talk, listen. If you don't understand, ask questions. Secondly, enlarge your storehouse of knowledge every day. Never let a day go 10..... without learning something new: talk more with people; read; listen to the radio; watch television; be more observant of everything and everybody around you; travel as much as you can; start a hobby or two develop common interests with friends and classmates.

**3. 2008 Q2 P 1**

***Fill each blank space in the following passage with the most appropriate word (10marks)***

By far the 1 \_\_\_\_\_ obstacle to success, in my view, is poor understanding of people. Most careers 2 \_\_\_\_\_ working with other people. You can have great academic intelligence 3 \_\_\_\_\_ still lack social intelligence the ability to be 4 \_\_\_\_\_ good listener, to be sensitive 5 \_\_\_\_\_ others, to give and take criticism well.

If people do not like you, they may help you fail. On the other hand, you can get 6 \_\_\_\_\_ with serious mistakes if you are socially intelligent. How are you when it comes to working with people? Are you genuine and authentic, or do you 7 \_\_\_\_\_ put up a front? Do you listen to 8 \_\_\_\_\_ or do you most of the talking? Do you expect everyone else to conform to your wishes, your schedule, and your agenda, or do you look for ways to meet people on their 9 \_\_\_\_\_? If you haven't learnt to get along with people, you will always be fighting a battle to succeed. 10 \_\_\_\_\_ making people-skill a strength will always be fighting a battle to succeed.

10 \_\_\_\_\_ making people –skills a strength will take you farther than any other skill you develop.

4. 2009 Q2 P1

*Read the passage and fill in each blank spaces with appropriate words. (10 marks)*

If our skins were to be complainant in a court of law, they would 1.....us of committing all manner of dermatological crimes 2.....them. And they would have legitimate grounds to do so.

They would, for instance, argue that some of us assault them with bleaching creams, all in an 3.....to make our complexions look much 4..... They would produce exhibits of ugly 5.....left behind by hazardous substances.

In addition, some would recount how they usually 6.....them to layers of irritating anti-aging creams without consulting them. They would insist that we allow them to age 7 .....and gracefully. Moreover, there would be 8 .....that would object to continually being plastered with choking substances meant to eliminate non-existent pimples.

In closing, our skins would submit that they have suffered gross skin abuse in our hands 9 ..... hope that the judge would find us 10..... as charged.

5. 2010 P1

*Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word. (10 marks)*

I met Frank as soon as he was 1 ..... from the hospital. He felt 2 ..... to be alive. His seat-belt had kept him from going 3 ..... the windscreen, and he had only a 4 ..... cheek and some double-vision to indicate he 5 ..... had a nearly fatal crash. In the weeks that followed, 6 ....., I began to notice strange after effects. Frank forgot to return phone calls. One afternoon, while writing out payroll cheques for his staff, he repeatedly asked me the date. I watched as his pen froze over the yellow cheque-book. He would 7 ..... flip the pages to check the spelling of a colleague's name. At the piano, he played the same note over and over again, seemingly 8 ..... to proceed to the next. It 9 ..... be months before any of us were willing to accept the painful 10 ..... that his music career was over.

6. 2011 P1

*Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word. (10 marks)*

As you think about the different aspects that go.....1..... your persona, it is important to .....2..... Your best traits and recognize the .....3..... You may have been taking for granted all .....4.....Doing this will provide a foundation a foundation of confidence that serves as a .....5..... to connect.

.....6..... your appearance is what makes people curious to get to know, your presence is what makes them respond to you. Your presence is your energy, your spirit and your aura. It includes.....7..... those qualities that help you bond with another human being. It starts with eye contact and moves into your listening skills as the extent to which you are engaged in a conversation. Some people are .....8..... there giving 100 percent; others give percent at .....9..... because their minds are elsewhere.

Eye contact is an .....10..... powerful tool. So long as you are making eye contact while talking, the topic is not likely to matter much

7. 2012 Q2 P2

**Read the passage below and fill in each blank space with an appropriate word**

**(10 marks)**

It is an indisputable fact that agriculture1 ..... the backbone of the economy. It is therefore 2.....that we stop over-relying on the rain-fed agriculture. Israel is a classic 3..... of a country that has reclaimed its deserts and put them 4..... use. Land which was 5..... 'useless' has been turned around and 6..... useful. Egypt which solely depends on 7..... River Nile is a leading exporter of fruits and cereals. For our country to 8..... self-sufficiency in food production and to get a 9..... for export, land should be utilised to the 10 ..... This is only possible with irrigation.