

How to use this worksheet. Twenty-one questions across three passages, about 20 minutes, with the answer key at the end. Solve in two passes: read for sense first, then fill each blank using the tense and vocabulary already established around it.

Formula sheet

Read the whole passage once before filling any blank — the sense narrows every choice

A missing verb's tense is fixed by the tense already used nearby in the passage

Missing prepositions are usually part of a fixed expression — give a reason for, considerate towards

When grammar allows two options, meaning makes the final choice

Passage A · Kindness — Fill in each numbered blank

Passage A — from a real AAI ATC comprehension passage. Kindness (1) _____ as the ability to be (2) _____ everyone including one's enemies. It does not (3) _____ weakness; in fact it (4) _____ a kind of strength, since it is far (5) _____ to lash out in anger than to remain gentle under provocation. A society that (6) _____ kindness in its children builds habits that (7) _____ well into adult life.

1. Fill in blank (1). [PYQ 2021 · Shift 2]

(1) will be defined (2) can be defined (3) has been defined (4) is defined

2. Fill in blank (2). [PYQ 2021 · Shift 2]

(1) considerate to (2) considerate towards (3) consideration towards (4) considerate with

3. Fill in blank (3).

(1) mean (2) means (3) meant (4) meaning

4. Fill in blank (4).

(1) represent (2) represents (3) represented (4) representing

5. Fill in blank (5).

(1) easier (2) more easy (3) easiest (4) easy

6. Fill in blank (6).

(1) instil (2) instils (3) instilling (4) instilled

7. Fill in blank (7).

(1) carry (2) carries (3) carried (4) carrying

Working space — Questions 1 to 7

Write the formula before you substitute.

Passage B · The lottery player — Fill in each numbered blank

Passage B — from a real AAI ATC comprehension passage. When a man has a mind to venture his money in a lottery, every figure of the wheel (1) _____ him to imagine that some number will be more (2) _____ to him than another, and he therefore (3) _____ his fortune upon it, although he can give himself no reason (4) _____ his choice. Believing that bad men are the most fortunate in this world, he will (5) _____ two to one on the number 666 against any other number, as being the number of the beast in the Book of Revelation.

8. Fill in blank (1).

(1) tempt (2) tempts (3) tempted (4) tempting

9. Fill in blank (2).

(1) fortunate (2) fortune (3) fortunately (4) fortuneless

10. Fill in blank (3).

(1) venture (2) ventures (3) venturing (4) ventured

11. Fill in blank (4).

(1) of (2) for (3) with (4) about

12. Fill in blank (5). [PYQ 2023 · Morning]

(1) lay (2) lays (3) laid (4) laying

Working space — Questions 8 to 12

Write the formula before you substitute.

Passage C · The refugee camp — Fill in each numbered blank

Passage C. The lack of food among the refugees was (1) _____ when one looked closely in the faces of these people. Many had walked for days with (2) _____ nothing to eat, and their eyes (3) _____ a weariness no words could describe. Aid workers who (4) _____ at the camp each morning distributed what little they had, knowing it would not be (5) _____ for everyone.

13. Fill in blank (1).

(1) confirm (2) confirmed (3) confirming (4) confirms

14. Fill in blank (2).

(1) almost (2) most (3) nearly (4) hardly

15. Fill in blank (3).

(1) show (2) showed (3) shows (4) showing

16. Fill in blank (4).

(1) arrive (2) arrives (3) arrived (4) arriving

17. Fill in blank (5).

(1) enough (2) sufficiently (3) plenty (4) adequate

Working space — Questions 13 to 17

Write the formula before you substitute.

Section D · Cloze test technique — How to attack a cloze passage

Four questions on method rather than content.

18. The best first step in solving a cloze passage is to:

(1) Fill each blank as you meet it (2) Read the whole passage once to get the sense (3) Guess randomly (4)

Answer only the easy blanks

19. In a cloze test, the tense of a missing verb is usually fixed by:

(1) The blank itself (2) The surrounding sentences (3) The length of the passage (4) The topic

20. If a blank needs a preposition, the safest approach is to:

(1) Guess the most common preposition (2) Identify the fixed expression the sentence is using (3) Always choose 'of' (4) Skip the blank

21. When two options seem grammatically possible for the same blank, choose the one that:

(1) Is shorter (2) Fits the meaning of the whole sentence (3) Comes first (4) Uses easier words

Working space — Questions 18 to 21

Write the formula before you substitute.

Answer key

Check only after you have attempted every question. Full worked solutions for each one are on the worksheet page at aviatelearnings.com.

1. (2)	6. (2)	11. (2)	16. (3)	21. (2)
2. (2)	7. (1)	12. (1)	17. (1)	
3. (1)	8. (2)	13. (2)	18. (2)	
4. (2)	9. (1)	14. (1)	19. (2)	
5. (1)	10. (2)	15. (2)	20. (2)	

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