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**In the following passage there are blanks each of which has been numbered as well as filled with a word which may be appropriate in context of the passage or maybe not. If the word highlighted is incorrect and needs improvement then choose any one option suggested given below. But if the given word is correct and requires no change then mark (5) i.e. no change required as your answer.**

Delhi, according to a recent study, has the world's seventh highest rental of premium office space. **\_(1) some\_** Indian city, Mumbai, also features in the top 20 (it ranks 16<sup>th</sup>). This ranking is a stark reminder of **\_(2) defend\_** in India's urban land market and the adverse **\_(3) impact\_** it has on economic activity and jobs. To put Delhi's ranking in perspective, it's less expensive to rent premium office space in developed world cities such as Frankfurt, Singapore and Los Angeles. Policy makers must treat this ranking as an **\_(4) forsake\_** call to action.

One of the primary causes of distortion in urban land markets is policy that **\_(5) appear\_** to disregard finite supply of land. The **\_(6) affectionate\_** solution is to ease Floor Space Index (FSI), or the ratio of a building's total floor area to the size of the piece of land on **\_(7) hazard\_** it is built. Cities need to grow vertically as it offsets land shortage and makes mass public transport more viable. Shanghai provides a good example of the positive spinoff that comes from easing FSI. Over the last 30 years, Shanghai has **\_(8) create\_** its available space per person to 34 sq m compared to less than five in Mumbai.

India needs to reform its land market, a key factor of production. Government can build political capital for it by beginning the reform at home. Government and public sector companies are not only **\_(9) during\_** the largest owners of scarce urban land but also perhaps the most inefficient users. Therefore, government land can be quickly released to mitigate supply scarcity and a liberal FSI regime can dampen construction costs and rentals. **\_(10) Simultaneously\_**, a new legislative framework must unfreeze land markets. If investments are to take off and India to approach China in global competitiveness, the first requirement is affordable office space.

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| 1. (1) all         | (2) other      | (3) Another     | (4) few          | (5) No change required |
| 2. (1) clarity     | (2) separation | (3) formation   | (4) distortions  | (5) No change required |
| 3. (1) output      | (2) surety     | (3) condition   | (4) circumstance | (5) No change required |
| 4. (1) urgent      | (2) need       | (3) importance  | (4) immediate    | (5) No change required |
| 5. (1) seems       | (2) allows     | (3) prevent     | (4) manages      | (5) No change required |
| 6. (1) calculate   | (2) profound   | (3) immediate   | (4) slave        | (5) No change required |
| 7. (1) whom        | (2) which      | (3) who         | (4) where        | (5) No change required |
| 8. (1) enhanced    | (2) improve    | (3) augment     | (4) switch       | (5) No change required |
| 9. (1) through     | (2) between    | (3) among       | (4) into         | (5) No change required |
| 10. (1) Similarity | (2) Adding     | (3) Beautifully | (4) Creatively   | (5) No change required |

Answer- 1. (3) 2. (4) 3. (5) 4. (1) 5. (1) 6. (3) 7. (2) 8. (1) 9. (3) 10. (5)

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