

ENGLISH (IBPS CLERK MAINS 14 JANUARY 2018)

Stock markets across the world had very little reason to -----1 in 2018. They witnessed the return of extreme volatility after many years, and most of them recorded their worst performance in a decade. Much of this -----2 has to do with the rise in fears that global economic growth could come to a grinding halt in the near future. The economic expansion in the United States, which began after the 2008 recession, is now the second-longest in history.

3 Many believing that a recession is overreach now. China is another major concern as the People's Bank of China's earlier -----4 to rein in a massive credit-fuelled bubble have been dampening momentum with a lagged effect. The country's private manufacturing sector contracted in December for the first time in 19 months and the official manufacturing PMI (purchasing managers' index) number -----5 dropped 50% for the first time since mid-2016.

6 Other major economies such as Europe and Japan have also shown signs of a potential slowdown with growth. Global stocks have been pricing in these very real risks, particularly with major -----7 central banks such as the U.S. Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank remaining on the path to normalise interest rates from near-historic lows.

The -----8 steep fall in the price of oil is another indicator of faltering demand for commodities as the global economy -----9 cools down. The tightening of monetary policy has often been followed by a -----10 slowdown in economic growth, and this time may be no different.

1. Find out which pair of words would fit in the blank.

1. recommend, praise
2. celebrate, relish
3. condemn, criticize
4. expectation, profit
5. invest, think

2. Find out the word that would not fit in the blank.

1. gloom
2. Pessimism
3. depression
4. glee
5. annoyance

3. Replace the underlined sentence with the correct one.

1. Believes that a recession is overreached.
2. Believe that a recession is overriding.
3. Believe that a recession is overdue.
4. Believe that a recession is overruled.
5. No improvement required.

4. Find out the correct word to fill in the blank.

1. Moves
2. Economy
3. Expansion
4. Investment
5. Market

5. Find out the sentence in which the use of the given word is not correct, grammatically or contextually.

- i. Helicopters dropped leaflets over the city about the live show of the musician.
- ii. There was a sudden drop in temperature in Delhi yesterday due to snowfall.
- iii. There were little drops of paint on the kitchen floor.

1. Only iii
2. i and iii
3. ii and iii
4. only ii
5. All are correct.

6. Find out error in the sentence if there is any.

1. Other major economies such as
2. Europe and Japan have also
3. shown signs of a potential
4. slowdown with growth
5. No correction required

7. Find out the word that fits in the blank.

1. Stock market
2. Economy
3. Countries
4. Financial institutions
5. Central Bank

8. Find out the word that can replace the word in bracket. In case of no replacement, mark E as your answer.

1. sudden
2. measuring
3. nosedive
4. inexplicable
5. No correction required

9. Find out the word that can best replace the expression in an opposite sense.

1. aggravate
2. gratifying
3. endorse
4. intensifying
5. beatify

10. Find the pair synonym and antonym that can suitably fill in the blank.

1. pace, sluggishness
2. poverty, affluence
3. stability, stumbling
4. slowdown, aggrandize
5. obstacle, ubiquitous

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Censure निंदा करना, condemn
solemn गंभीर, serious
infringe उल्लंघन करना, violate
coalesce संगठित होना, unite, comine
dogged सख्त, हठी, orthodox,

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