

ENGLISH (SBI PO CLASS 03 MAY 2019)

1. Economic growth figures for the first quarter of this financial year seem to support the claim that the worst for the Indian economy is over. The gradual revival is also an indication that the government's stimulus package is -----1 .

What could, however, upset the positive outlook is the drought that -----2 large parts of the country and its impact on overall growth. Even though the monsoon had picked up -----3, the rains received were grossly -----4. There are clear -----5 that farm output, particularly cereals, will fall drastically.

Insufficient rain is bound to -----6 up the prices of agricultural commodities and that would impact the economy as a whole. The drought would -----7 a reduction in rural employment and consumption besides inflation in the prices of food articles. Food prices have been -----8 since the past few months.

And lower agriculture production is likely to -----9 the situation. The government has said that food grain from the buffer stocks will be used to keep prices -----10.

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| 1. | A. Ambiguous | B. working | C. Impractical |
| | D. failing | E. dissatisfactory | |
| 2. | A. hit | B. effected | C. annihilate |
| | D. damaging | E. affect | |
| 3. | A. presently | B. meagre | C. later |
| | D. unfavorably | E. unseasonably | |
| 4. | A. missing | B. ample | C. atrocious |
| | D. enough | E. inadequate | |
| 5. | A. reason | B. results | C. indications |
| | D. advice | E. contradictions | |
| 6. | A. put | B. fasten | C. increase |
| | D. shoot | E. augmenting | |
| 7. | A. contribute | B. result | C. refer |
| | D. lead | E. trigger | |
| 8. | A. increasing | B. improving | C. stagnant |
| | D. unstable | E. volatile | |
| 9. | A. ease | B. smoothen | C. worsen |
| | D. aggravate | E. ratify | |

10. A. volatile B. afford C. lower
D. down E. unprofitable.

TREASURE OF IDIOMS

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| 1. | <u>A blessing in disguise</u> |
| | A. A hidden threat |
| | B. An unknown material |
| | C. Something good, first unknown |
| | D. Having two qualities at the same time |
| | E. None of the above |
| 2. | <u>A damp squib</u> |
| | A. Something of little importance |
| | B. A fool |
| | C. An unrealistic person |
| | D. Complete failure |
| | E. None of the above |
| 3. | <u>A piece of cake.</u> |
| | A. Familiar |
| | B. Easy or simple |
| | C. Something already done before |
| | D. Very informative |
| | E. Nothing important |
| 4. | <u>A mare's nest</u> |
| | A. A useful object |
| | B. A false invention |
| | C. Very common |
| | D. Everyday work |
| | E. A priceless article |
| 5. | <u>Above board</u> |
| | A. Very important |
| | B. Excessive pride |
| | C. Uncommon and rare |
| | D. Fair and honest |
| | E. Easy and simple |