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Sectional Test: English Language for CLAT UG [Difficulty: Moderate]

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Test your English skills with this 10-question CLAT UG-style sectional test. From reading comprehension to grammar and vocabulary, this set will help you sharpen the exact skills tested in the exam with detailed answers and explanations at the end.

Passage 1 (Questions 1–4)

Source: Adapted from a public opinion editorial.

Over the past decade, the conversation around climate change has moved from scientific journals to the streets, boardrooms, and parliaments. While this visibility is welcome, it has also created a false sense of progress. Public declarations, social media hashtags, and sustainability pledges often mask the lack of substantial action. The real challenge lies not in awareness but in policy implementation, economic restructuring, and genuine behavioral change.

Q1. What is the primary concern expressed by the author?

A. Climate change is not receiving enough media coverage
B. People lack awareness about climate issues
C. Symbolic gestures are being mistaken for real progress
D. Scientific journals do not influence public policy

Q2. According to the author, which of the following is not part of the real challenge?

A. Economic restructuring
B. Behavioral change
C. Awareness campaigns
D. Policy implementation

Q3. What does the phrase “false sense of progress” imply in this context?

A. People are deliberately misleading the public

B. Visible actions give the illusion of real change

C. Scientific data is being manipulated

D. Environmental change is not occurring fast enough

Q4. The tone of the passage can best be described as:

A. Celebratory

B. Informative

C. Cautionary

D. Sarcastic

Standalone Language & Reasoning Questions (5–10)

Q5. Choose the word closest in meaning to the word “pledge” as used in the passage.

A. Debt

B. Promise

C. Guarantee

D. Condition

Q6. Identify the grammatically correct sentence:

A. The board, along with the managers, are meeting tomorrow.

B. Neither the team nor the coach are ready.

C. Each of the candidates was given a chance to speak.

D. The committee have decided to postpone the meeting.

Q7. Fill in the blank:

The students were _____ to find their test results had been leaked online.

A. ecstatic

B. apathetic

C. dismayed

D. indifferent

Q8. Choose the correct rearrangement of the following jumbled sentence parts:

A. may cause misunderstandings

B. without proper punctuation

C. reading long sentences

D. and confusion

A. C – B – A – D

B. B – A – D – C

C. A – D – C – B

D. C – D – A – B

Q9. What can be inferred from the sentence:

“Though he spoke at length, he said little of value.”

A. He gave a meaningful speech

B. He was brief but insightful

C. His speech lacked substance despite being long

D. He delivered a useful but short talk

Q10. Choose the correct spelling:

A. Embarras

B. Embarrass

C. Embarass

D. Embarrasment

Answer Key with Explanations

Q. No.	Answer	Explanation
1	C	The passage critiques symbolic gestures like hashtags as insufficient, giving a false sense of progress.

2	C	The author says awareness exists; the challenge lies in action (implementation, restructuring, change).
3	B	A “false sense of progress” means appearances are deceptive — it looks like progress, but isn’t real.
4	C	The author warns against complacency — the tone is cautionary, not sarcastic or celebratory.
5	B	“Pledge” means a solemn promise or commitment, especially in public declarations.
6	C	The subject “Each of the candidates” is singular → “was” is correct.
7	C	“Dismayed” means shocked or distressed — fits the negative context of leaked results.
8	A	Logical sequence: C (subject) – B (qualifier) – A (effect) – D (result).
9	C	The sentence suggests verbosity but little meaningful content.
10	B	Correct spelling is “Embarrass” — double “r” and double “s”.