

Unit 1: The Tenses and their Uses

Below are some exercises on question one which requires students to fill-in the blanks of the given passage with correct form of verbs using appropriate tense. Students are instructed to read the passage carefully and fill-in the banks with correct forms of the verbs to make meaningful sentences.

Exercise A

Rewrite the following passage using correct forms of verbs in brackets.

Justice Dhananjaya Yashwant Chandrachud on Wednesday, November, 9, 2022 _____(**take**) oath as the 50th Chief Justice of India. President of India Draupadi Murmu _____(**administer**) the oath to the newly sworn-in Chief Justice at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The previous CJI UU Lalit _____(**recommend**) the name of Justice Chandrachud as his successor on October 11, which the President _____(**accept**) on October 17. As the CJI, Justice Chandrachud _____ (**have**) a term of over two years till November 10, 2024 - making it one of the longest terms for a CJI in the recent past.

Justice Chandrachud _____(**elevate**) to the Supreme Court on 13 May 2016. Before that, he ____(**be**) the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court from 31 October 2013. His judicial career _____(**start**) with his appointment as a judge of the Bombay High Court on 29 March 2000. He ____(**be**) the Additional Solicitor General of India from 1998 until appointment as a Judge. He _____ (**be**) designated as a Senior Advocate by the Bombay High Court in 1998.

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Exercise B

Rewrite the following passage using correct forms of verbs in brackets.

The practice of mediation for resolving a wide range of disputes _____(**gain**) popularity worldwide over the last few decades amongst individuals, corporate users, governments, judiciary, lawyers etc. It _____(**be**) now universally _____(**accept**) that the use of mediation _____(**result**) in better resolution, _____(**foster**) collaborative problem solving, _____(**reduce**) the burden on the courts, _____(**be**) cost and time effective, and _____(**preserve**) relationships amongst disputants.

Mediation _____(**start**) getting more recognition since 2002, when various statutes like the Companies Act, 2013, the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, _____(**give**) emphasis for mediation.

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Exercise C

Rewrite the following passage using correct forms of verbs in brackets.

Justice Rohit Baban Deo, the second senior most judge at the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court, _____(**announce**) his resignation in open court on August 4, 2023 at 12 pm. A division bench led by Justice Deo _____(**discharge**) former Delhi University professor G N Saibaba and five others in alleged Maoist links case. The SC, however, _____(**remand**) the matter back with specific directions to assign the matter to another bench.

Last week, Justice Deo _____(**stay**) the operation of a Maharashtra government Resolution (order) of January 3 through which the state _____(**empower**) to cancel punitive proceedings initiated by the revenue department related to illegal excavation of minor minerals by contractors engaged in the construction of the Nagpur-Mumbai Samruddhi Expressway. Justice Rohit Baban Deo _____ (**born**) on December 5, 1963, and _____ (**serve**) as Advocate General of Maharashtra before he _____(**elevate**) to the bench in June 2017. Justice Deo _____(have) two children. His wife, Asmita Deo, _____ (work) as a teacher at Bhosla Military School, Nagpur.

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Exercise D

Rewrite the following passage using correct forms of verbs in brackets.

Coffee ____ (be) a beverage ____ (drink) by many past generations of people. What most people do not realize is that coffee is ____ (make) from beans ____ (pick) from trees. Coffee trees ____ (grow) either from seeds or cuttings. These trees will begin to ____ (bear) crops when they ____ (be) about four years old. Workers on coffee plantations have to pick the beans by hand. After the beans ____ (gather), they are ____ (roast) at high temperatures. This process ____ (give) them their fragrance. The best coffee is made from freshly ____ (grind) beans. Coffee can be served either with or without milk.

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Exercise E

Rewrite the following passage using correct forms of verbs in brackets.

Mr. Lee ____(**be**) a bus driver. Every day he ____(**get**) up at 7:00 a.m. and ____(**prepare**) for his day. He ____(**eat**) his breakfast at home and then his wife ____(**drive**) him to the station where he ____(**check in**) with his supervisor. Then, he ____(**get on**) Bus number 63. At his first stop, he ____(**pick up**) Mrs. Miller and Ms. Rosy, who ____(**live**) in a red house on the corner of Main Street and Seventh Avenue. They ____ (**work**) at the post office and have to be to work by 9:00. At the next stop, the Bartlett twins ____(**get on**) the bus. They ____(**attend**) class at Bayside Elementary. Mr. Lee ____(**enjoy**) seeing the kids every day and ____(**be**) happy to see them again in the afternoon.