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## English Questions for CLAT Exam.

### CLAT English Quiz 37

**Directions:** The given sentence has been broken into three different parts with one of them containing an error. Select the fragment that contains the error as your answer. The error could be grammatical, contextual or spelling. If there is no error, please select option D.

1. The small Southeast Asian city of Singapore (A) / has long acted as a bridge between the U.S. and (B) / China and will yet again host a summit on June 2018. (C) / No error (D)

- A. The small Southeast Asian city of Singapore  
B. has long acted as a bridge between the U.S. and  
C. China and will yet again host a summit on June 2018.  
D. No error

2. U.S retail giant Walmart's \$16 billion investment in (A) / Flipkart for an initial stake of 77% will only make the founders (B) / billionaires but will also provide blockbuster exits to the investors. (C) / No error (D)

- A. U.S retail giant Walmart's \$16 billion investment in  
B. Flipkart for an initial stake of 77% will only make the founders  
C. billionaires but will also provide blockbuster exits to the investors.  
D. No error

3. Commercial banks does not have the capability to assess credit (A) / risk on long-term lending because they have mostly (B) / been engaged in advancing short-term working capital. (C) / No error (D)

- A. Commercial banks does not have the capability to assess credit  
B. risk on long-term lending because they have mostly  
C. been engaged in advancing short-term working capital.  
D. No error

4. Ms. Merkel told Mr. Putin that Germany, (A) / like the rest of Europe, did not want (B) / to leave the agreement and wanted to continue to support it. (C) / No Error (D)

- A. Ms. Merkel told Mr. Putin that  
B. like the rest of Europe, did not want  
C. to leave the agreement and wanted to continue to support it.  
D. No error

5. Between 1862-1878, Alexander Cunningham (A) / have excavated the Nalanda ruins (B) / and several other Buddhist stupas in Bihar. (C) / No error. (D)

- A. Between 1862-1878, Alexander Cunningham  
B. have excavated the Nalanda ruins  
C. and several other Buddhist stupas in Bihar.  
D. No error

6. It cannot be denied that (A) she is a better cook than her mother (B) but lack the drive to make it as a chef. (C) / No error (D)

- A. It cannot be denied that  
B. she is a better cook than her mother  
C. but lack the drive to make it as a chef.  
D. No error

7. North Korea announced that it was suspending missile (A)/ launches and nuclear tests, in advance of a summit between (B)/ its leader, Kim Jong Un, and South Korea's president, Moon Jae-in. (C)/ No error (D)

- A. North Korea announced that it was suspending missile
- B. launches and nuclear tests, in advance of a summit between
- C. its leader, Kim Jong Un, and South Korea's president, Moon Jae-in.
- D. No error

8. If the health of India's democracy is judged by the regularity, (A) / fairness and freedom with which elections take in place, (B) / one might be tempted to believe that it is in rude health. (C) / No error (D)

- A. If the health of India's democracy is judged by the regularity,
- B. fairness and freedom with which elections take in place,
- C. one might be tempted to beleive that it is in rude health.
- D. No error

9. For the third time in the last four assembly (A) / elections, the electorate of Karnataka have failed (B) / to hand a decisive mandate to any one party. (C) / No error (D)

- A. For the third time in the last four assembly
- B. elections, the electorate of Karnataka have failed
- C. to hand a decisive mandate to any one party.
- D. No error

10. The winner of the journalist (A) / of the year award was (B) not other than the editor's son. (C) / No error (D)

- A. The winner of the journalist
- B. of the year award was
- C. not other than the editor's son.
- D. No error

**Correct Answers:**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
C	B	A	D	B	C	D	B	B	C

## Explanations:

1. Fragment C contains an error due to use of incorrect preposition 'on'.

'On' is used when a specific date has been mentioned. Eg: The event took place on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

However, if only a general mention of the year/month is given, 'in' is used. Eg: The event took place in November.

Here, since the event is general, *in* will be used.

The correct sentence will therefore be, "The small Southeast Asian city of Singapore has long acted as a bridge between the U.S. and China and will yet again host a summit **in** June 2018."

Hence, option C is correct.

2. The error here is with respect to use of *parallelism*- 'not only..but also.'

Fragment B is incorrect as it contains 'only' but not 'not'.

The correct sentence will therefore be, "U.S retail giant Walmart's \$16 billion investment in Flipkart for an initial stake of 77% will **not only** make the founders billionaires but will also provide blockbuster exits to the investors."

Hence, option B is correct.

3. Multiple banks are being spoken about here and thus the error lies in fragment A due to subject-verb disagreement. As *banks* is in plural, *do* would be used instead of *does*.

The correct sentence will therefore be, "Commercial banks **do not** have the capability to assess credit risk on long-term lending because they have mostly been engaged in advancing short-term working capital."

Hence, option A is correct.

4. There is no error in the sentence given. All the fragments of the sentence are correctly framed and deliver the correct meaning. The sentence is grammatically and contextually correct.

Hence, option D is correct.

5. Fragment B contains an error due to usage of incorrect verb 'have'.

Alexander Cunningham excavated the Nalanda Caves in the past. Therefore, 'had' must be used instead of 'have'.

The correct sentence will therefore be, "Between 1862-1878, Alexander Cunningham **had** excavated the Nalanda ruins and several other Buddhist *stupas* in Bihar."

Hence, option B is correct.

6. The error is in fragment C as the verb 'lack' must be in agreement to the subject 'She' which is singular.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "It cannot be denied that she is a better cook than her mother but **lacks** the drive to make it as a chef."

Option C is hence the correct answer.

7. The statement contains no error and is correct.

Hence, option D is correct.

8. Fragment C contains an error with respect to the usage of the phrasal verb 'take place'.

**Correct:** If the health of India's democracy is judged by the regularity, fairness and freedom with which elections **take place**, one might be tempted to believe that it is in rude health.

Hence, option B is correct.

9. Fragment B contains an error due to subject-verb disagreement. Here, the subject 'electorate' is singular and thus 'has' would be used instead of 'have'.

Correct: For the third time in the last four assembly elections, the electorate of Karnataka **has** failed to hand a decisive mandate to any one party.

Hence, option B is correct.

10. The fragment C of the sentence is erroneous because the adverb 'not' is not the correct word to be used in the sentence.

It should be replaced by 'none'.

Therefore the correct sentence will be "The winner of the journalist of the year award was **none other than** the editor's son."

Hence option C is the correct answer.

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