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Find the Errors Quiz 3

Direction: In each of the questions, there are 4 sentences or parts of sentences that form a paragraph. Identify the sentence/s or part/s that is/are correct in terms of grammar and usage and choose the answer accordingly.

- (1). I. A week ago newspapers reported that a handful of the big Western oil companies
II. were close to unveiling contracts for work in Iraq,
III. whose underexploited oil reserves are probably second
IV. only to Saudi Arabia.

A. I only B. II only C. IV only D. III and IV only E. No error

- (2). I. The translation isn't great and some of the local officials
II. have a tendency to go off at tangents, but it's
III. have found to gather opinion, and the Afghans have learnt
IV. to be forthright with the straight-talking Americans.

A. I only B. II only C. III only D. II and IV only E. No error

- (3). I. So once an economy is actually in recession,
II. the authorities can, in principle, move the economy
III. out of slump – assuming hypothetically
IV. that they know how to – by a temporary stimuli.

A. III only B. IV only C. I and II only D. I, III and IV E. No error

- (4). I. The idea proposed has been put into practice by everyone
II. from eight year old children who recycle, and major companies
III. that desperately trying to perfect
IV. alternative fuels for human use.

A. I only B. II only C. III only D. II and III only E. No error

- (5). I. If the energy legislation had
II. a chance of passing, it would have
III. stirred tens of billions of dollars of energy investment
IV. toward efficiency projects, renewable resources such as solar, wind and nuclear power.
- A. I only B. II only C. III only D. II and IV only E. No error
- (6). I. At any given age of childbearing,
II. couples with higher qualifications
III. were more likely than those without to have another child,
IV. and were more likely to do so quickly.
- A. I only B. II only C. III only D. I and II only E. No error
- (7). I. Iran says it plans proposals to help end a row over its nuclear ambitions
II. but at the same time, it is raising the stakes
III. before world's powers meet
IV. by expanding work the West fears which could produce bombs.
- A. III and IV B. I, II and III C. I and IV D. IV only E. No error
- (8). I. The Finance Minister, in the Parliament session, stated that
II. Recapitalisation of public sector banks by diverting the exchequer's resources
III. from other development projects just because some rich borrowers
IV. failed to pay up their dues isn't an acceptable solution for banks' bad loan woes.
- A. I and III only B. II only C. II and III only D. II, III and III E. No error
9. I. In 21st century, a government that
II. cannot protect its citizens privacy
III. rights, cannot credibly maintain a democratic regime
IV. of equal treatment under the rule of law.
- A. Only I B. Only II C. Only III D. Only I and II E. No error
10. I. The NPA recovery process has since got a boost
II. due to the new insolvency and bankruptcy law by government and
III. the launch of Indradhanush scheme focuses to
IV. banking reforms and recapitalisation of NPA-burdened banks.
- A. Only II B. Only III C. Only II and III D. Only I and II E. No error

Correct Answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	B	D	D	A	B	A	E	D	B



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Explanations:

1. There is an error of comparison in fragment IV. In the sentence underexploited oil reserves of Iraq must be compared to those of Saudi Arabia but 'those of' is missing in the fragment.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

2. The idiom 'go off on a tangent' means to suddenly start talking about a different subject. Ex. We were talking about property prices and you went off on a tangent.

But, in fragment II the preposition 'on' is missing in the idiom – which is an error.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "The translation isn't great and some of the local officials have a tendency to go off on a tangents, but it's have found to gather opinion, and the Afghans have learnt to be forthright with the straight-talking Americans."

Option B is hence the correct answer.

3. Fragment I is incorrect as the usage of the word 'so' is redundant and inappropriate in the context.

Fragment III is also erroneous because the use of 'assuming hypothetically' makes it redundant. One can either assume or hypothesize, but 'assuming hypothetically' is absurd.

Fragment IV is incorrect too as the noun 'stimuli' is used with the article 'a'. It must therefore be replaced by its singular form 'stimulus' to make it grammatically correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "Once an economy is actually in recession, the authorities can, in principle, move the economy out of slump – assuming hypothetically that they know how to – by a temporary stimuli."

Option D is hence the correct answer.

4. The fragment II is erroneous as a range should be expressed from x to y, not from y to x. The word “And” right before ‘major companies’ in the fragment II must therefore be replaced by the preposition “to” to make it grammatically correct.

Further, fragment III also has a tense error as it lacks the helping verb “are”.

The correct sentence would therefore be, “The idea proposed has been put into practice by everyone from eight year old children who recycle, and major companies that desperately trying to perfect alternative fuels for human use.”

Option D is hence the correct answer.

5. The sentence has tense error in fragment I. The sentence is clearly the type 3 conditional one and therefore the ‘if’ clause must be in perfect tense (had + past participle of the verb).

All other fragments are absolutely correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be, “If the energy legislation had had a chance of passing, it would have stirred tens of billions of dollars of energy investment toward efficiency projects, renewable resources such as solar, wind and nuclear power.”

Option A is hence the correct answer.

6. The fragment II is erroneous because of the usage of the noun ‘couples’ as the subject. The word in the context is inappropriate because ‘couples’ do not have a childbearing age, only women do have it. However, couples can rear children. If is about bearing children which refers to ‘the act of producing or bringing forth children’, only a woman can do it.

The correct sentence would therefore be, “At any given age of childbearing, women with higher qualifications were more likely than those without to have another child, and were more likely to do so quickly.”

Option B is hence the correct answer.

7. In fragment III, usage of the possessive 'world's powers' is erroneous. The noun phrase 'world powers' would be apt here in the context.

In fragment IV, placement of the relative pronoun 'which' is erroneous and it, therefore, must be placed right after "by expanding work" to make the sentence grammatically correct.

The correct sentence would therefore be, "Iran says it plans proposals to help end a row over its nuclear ambitions but at the same time, it is raising the stakes before world powers meet by expanding work which the West fears could produce bombs."

Option A is hence the correct answer.

8. The sentence is absolutely correct and thus has no error.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

9. Fragment I: In 21st century, a government that

Article 'the' is used before the ordinal numbers like the first, the tenth etc.. Thus, the should be used here before 21st century.

Correct statement: In the 21st century, a government that

Fragment II: cannot protect its citizens privacy

Here, the expression of the statement is "the privacy of citizens," which is shown by using 'apostrophe'.

Correct statement: cannot protect its citizens' privacy.

Hence option D is correct.

10. Fragment III: the launch of Indradhanush scheme focuses to

'Focus' means centre or lime light, it is always "on" somebody/ something. Thus 'to' is to be replaced with 'on'.

Correct statement: the launch of Indradhanush scheme focuses on

Hence option B is correct.



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