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# Comprehension Test Questions for IBPS PO Pre, SBI PO Pre, SBI Clerk Mains, IBPS Clerk Mains and LIC AAO Pre Exams.

## Passage No. 170

**Directions:** Please read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

**Paragraph 1:** The political endorsement that was recently given to a party by the Rajasthan Governor has reignited the debate on the independence and neutrality of the constitutional post. The Governor's office has often courted controversy for the incumbent's political views. However, there is a marked difference between seemingly routine deviations from strict constitutional norms and the present case, in which the alleged impropriety is neither subtle nor cloaked in **specious** constitutional justifications.

**Paragraph 2:** The Sarkaria Commission described the Governor as "a Constitutional sentinel and a vital link between the Union and the State." In S.R. Bommai (1994), the Supreme Court said, "The office of the Governor... is intended to ensure protection and sustenance of the constitutional process of the working of the Constitution by the elected executive." M.K. Gandhi said about the Governor's office: "He would be an arbiter when there was a constitutional deadlock in the State and he would be able to play an impartial role." In the contemporary constitutional landscape, the Governor is expected to advance the cause of 'federalism' and 'democracy', which form a part of the basic structure of the Constitution

**Paragraph 3:** Despite his unique constitutional positioning, the Governor is sometimes not seen as willing or able to discharge his functions as judiciously, impartially and efficiently as envisaged by the first Administrative Reforms Commission. A perusal of the reports of the Sarkaria, Punchhi and Venkatachaliah Commissions reveals that the independence and dignity of the gubernatorial office is invariably undermined by the appointment of persons not suited to the post, the lack of security of tenure, the lack of an appropriate removal mechanism, with no reasonable post-retirement benefits and limitations on post-retirement political ingratiation. Consequently, the promise of the institution remains as underwhelming as ever while the perils continue to multiply. It is high time that the recommendations of the relevant commissions are implemented in letter and spirit to obviate the danger of a full-blown constitutional crisis, to buttress constitutional morality and to restore the dignity of this office.

### Questions :

1. Which of the following is a synonym of the word 'specious'?

A. Refined

B. Superficial

C. Possible

D. Correct

E. Sound

**2. What can be concluded from paragraph 1 of the passage?**

- I. The post of the governor is controversial yet unimportant.
- II. The current case is a typical example of a routine departure from norms.
- III. The post of the governor is abused often.

- A. Only II                      B. Only III                      C. Only I and III                      D. Only II and III                      E. None of the above

**3. What is the tone of the author in paragraph 2?**

- A. Factual                      B. Understanding                      C. Analytical                      D. Pensive                      E. Worried

**4. In which of the following ways did the Sarkaria Commission describe the post of a Governor?**

- I. He would serve as an important link between the Union and State.
- II. He would ensure that constitutional process is followed.
- III. He is to be an arbiter in case of a deadlock in the state.

- A. Only I                      B. Only III                      C. Only I and II                      D. Only II and III                      E. None of the above

**5. Which of the following issues does the post of the governor suffer from currently?**

- I. Lack of need for such a post.
- II. No sound procedure of appointment.
- III. Lack of security of tenure.

- A. Only I                      B. Only III                      C. Only I and II                      D. Only II and III                      E. None of the above

**Correct Answers :**

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
B	E	A	A	D



## Explanations:

1. **Specious:** superficially plausible, but actually wrong/ seemingly correct but incorrect in reality.

Eg: 'The argument is fundamentally specious.'

Out of all the options, Options C, D and E are incorrect as they are antonyms.

'Refined' means 'clear' or 'pure' and thus is absurd in the context of the passage.

Hence, Option B is correct.

2. Statements I and III are incorrect as they contain fragments which cannot be said to be true on the basis of information given in the paragraph.

Statement II is incorrect as it is opposite of what the passage states.

All the statements are incorrect.

Hence, Option E is correct.

3. Paragraph 2 provides more information on the topic of governor but does not really analyze it. Option C can be ruled out.

The author is not really trying to understand and look for a deeper meaning (pensive) and hence both options B and D can be ruled out. The tone is not negative or worried. The best option here is *factual* as the author's focus is on providing hard facts about the post of the governor.

Hence, Option A is correct.

4. Refer to: 'The Sarkaria Commission described the Governor as **a Constitutional sentinel and a vital link between the Union and the State.**'

The rest of the statements are incorrect as they do not pertain to the Sarkaria Commission.

Hence, Option A is correct.



5. Statement I is incorrect as the passage states the importance of the role multiple times.

Refer to: 'A perusal of the reports of the Sarkaria, Punchhi and Venkatachaliah Commissions reveals that the independence and dignity of the gubernatorial office is invariably undermined by the **appointment of persons not suited to the post, the lack of security of tenure, the lack of an appropriate removal mechanism, with no reasonable post-retirement benefits and limitations on post-retirement political ingratiation.**'

Statements II and III are correct here as shown above.

Hence, Option D is correct.



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