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English Questions for CLAT Exam

CLAT English Quiz 9

Direction: In the below question, the 1st and the 6th sentence of a passage are given while the other four sentences are split into four parts and named P, Q, R & S. These four parts are not given in their proper order. Read the sentence/passage and find out which of the four sequence is correct.

1. **S1. Indian Standard Time is measured in Allahabad, along the line of longitude 82.5° East.**

P. On the other hand, when the sun sets in Western India it is night time in North-Eastern India.

Q. IST is 5.5 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

R. This standard time zone is followed across India, even though the East to West expanse of India exceeds 2,900 km.

S. Thus, when it is daylight in North-Eastern India it is not yet dawn in Western India.

S6. Therefore, there have been proposals by various people in the past that India needs more than one time zone.

A. QPSR

B. QRSP

C. RQSP

D. RSQP

2. **S1. Companies are increasingly paying attention to automation.**

P. Chat-bots are replacing humans and this will increase with time.

Q. The Indian software industry is dependent upon the US and Europe for 80 percent of its turnover.

R. You may have noticed chat-bots which have recently started appearing in various websites offering help to the customer.

S. This is because they save money for these companies.

S6. However, the recent developments in the USA are more towards creating or protecting jobs locally.

A. PRSQ

B. QSRP

C. PSRQ

D. RPSQ

S. Back then, the tweet did at times seem mightier than the sword.

S6. In the event, most social media-enabled popular uprisings failed for want of effective leadership, and traditional political and military organisations retained the upper hand.

A. PSRQ

B. PQSR

C. SPQR

D. RPQS

6. S1. The World Health Organization has once again sent out the grim reminder that all is not well with the global state of air.

P. It shows that as many as 9 out of 10 people breathe air that breaches safe limits.

Q. The urban air quality database for 2016 was released recently by the WHO.

R. Also, as many as 7 million people die every year due to ambient and household air pollution.

S. This is due to rising instances of exposure to fine particles that go deep into the lungs and the cardiovascular system causing stroke, heart disease, lung cancer etc.

S6. But the most disquieting fact is that among the worst affected cities in the world, Indian cities top the list.

A. QSRP

B. PSQR

C. QPRS

D. PRQS

7. S1. Are you afraid of the dark? Spiders or meeting new people?

P. Sometimes they pass as quickly as they come over us.

Q. But some of us live with deeper fears, called phobias.

R. These fears or anxieties can make our palms sweat and our hearts beat faster.

S. Many of us have fears or anxieties.

S6. If you have a phobia which is particularly strong, it can prevent you from leading a normal life.

A. PSRQ

B. SRQP

C. SPRQ

D. SRPQ

R. In recent times, microcredit schemes have been presented as a panacea, attracting a lot of money around the world.

S6. However, a series of trials have shown that microcredit doesn't do much good—often not even increasing average incomes, and burying the poor in debt.

A. SPQR

B. QPRS

C. PQSR

D. QSPR



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1. Sentence S1 has mentioned the absence of uniform civil code in India.

Sentence S immediately follows next as it rather mentions the presence of too many codes.

Keywords that connect S to S1.

“codes”

Sentence R follows next. Sentence R tells about the current situation and problems due to the absence of UCC.

Then sentence Q follows R as it mention the politically useful action taken by our lawmakers and their repercussions on the present conflicts.

Sentence P follows last.

The correct sequence of the sentences is: S1-Q-R-S-P-S6

Option B is hence the correct answer.

2. It is quite easy to guess first sentence in this arrangement. Sentence Q is not directly connected to S1.

Sentences P' and R have mentioned chat-bots which are an example of automation, hence it gives us a clue that either of them is the starting sentence.

Sentence R is the first sentence as it has initiated the conversation by giving the example of the use of chat-bots in recent trends.

P then follows R.

Keywords that connect P to R

“Chat- bots”

Then sentence S follows P because it tells the reason to have chat-bots in the companies and their capacity to lessen the cost to these companies.

Now Q follows S.

Sentence Q is not connected to other sentences directly, hence it would come in the end.

The correct sequence of the sentences is: S1-R-P-S-Q-S6.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

3. As we ponder over the starting sentence, we may guess at two options which are Q and R.

Sentence Q will come first as it has mentioned IST information in a direct way. Another clue behind this is the specific information about the standard time zone in the sentence S. The sentences which give brief and general information come first.

Keywords

“Indian standard time” links to “IST”

Now, R follows Q.

Keywords

“This standard time zone” links to “IST”

‘R’ has given more detailed information about Indian standard time.

Sentence ‘S’ follows next as it has mentioned particular information about time from east India to west India.

Sentence P follows next as it adds additional information to sentence S.

The correct sequence of the sentences is: S1-S-R-Q-P-S6

Option C is hence the correct answer.

4. S1 talks about discovery of alien dust and how it changes the impact of solar radiation. Out of all options, R and S seem a potential match. However, if we choose S as the next statement, R and Q do not fit in anywhere. Hence, we put Q as the statement after S1.

Connectors:



R and Q:

R. **Ice and snow cover** on glaciers **typically reflect about 60 per cent of solar radiation.**

Q. This **drops to 20 per cent when the surface is deposited with this alien dust.**

Q and S:

Q. This drops to 20 per cent when the **surface is deposited with this alien dust.**

S. The **higher absorption of solar radiation results in the melting of water** around the dust and the formation of the circular or ovular pockets.

S and P:

S. The higher absorption of solar radiation **results in the melting of water** around the dust and the formation of the circular or ovular pockets.

P. Beyond this, the mineral dust **also forms the basis of nutrition in the ecosystem.**

P also fits in with S6.

Hence, option D is correct.



5. S1 talks about the social media and internet spreading democracy. The next statement should substantiate on this. P is an ideal fit here.

Connectors:

P and S:

P. **Social media indeed played a key role in popular uprisings** in Iran in 2009, in the Arab world in 2011, and in Ukraine in 2013-2014.

S. Back then, the **tweet did at times seem mightier than the sword.**

S and R: R introduces a contradictory point-

S. Back then, the tweet did at times seem mightier than the sword.

R. **But authoritarian regimes soon began cracking down on Internet freedom** as they feared it was beyond the reach of their security establishments.

R and Q:

R. **But authoritarian regimes soon began cracking down on Internet freedom as they feared it was beyond the reach of their security establishments.**

Q. Their fears proved unfounded.

Q is a **perfect fit for S6 as well.**

Hence, option A is correct.

6. S1 talks about WHO talking about air pollution. The next line ideally should be where it says so. Q fits in well here.

Connectors:

Q and P:

Q. The **urban air quality database** for 2016 was **released recently by the WHO.**

P. **It shows that** as many as 9 out of 10 people breathe air that breaches safe limits.

P and R:

P. It shows that as many as **9 out of 10 people breathe air that breaches safe limits.**

R. **Also, as many as 7 million people die every year** due to ambient and household air pollution.

R and S:

R. Also, as many as 7 million people **die every year due to ambient and household air pollution.**

S. **This is due to rising instances of exposure to fine particles** that go deep into the lungs and the cardiovascular system causing stroke, heart disease, lung cancer etc.

S also matches well with S6.

Hence, option C is correct.

7. The paragraph starts with a question and among the four given choices (P, Q, R and S) only the sentence S gives answer to the question asked in S1.

Connectors:

S and R:

S. Many of us have **fears or anxieties.**

R. **These fears or anxieties** can make our palms sweat and our hearts beat faster.

R and P:

R. **These fears or anxieties** can make our palms sweat and our hearts beat faster.

P. Sometimes **they** pass as quickly as they come over us.

Here, the pronoun 'they' refer to 'fears and anxieties' mentioned in R.

P and Q:

P. Sometimes **they** pass as quickly as they come over us.

Q. But some of us live with deeper fears, called phobias.

Here, while P states that sometimes these fears and anxieties are momentary, Q suggests that some fears are deeper and brings a new term 'phobia' into the discussion.

Clearly, S6 follows Q and discusses more about a phobia.

Hence, the correct sequence is SRPQ.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

8. If we read all the four sentences (P, Q, R and S) carefully, we can observe that 'Q-S' forms a mandatory pair and if we use either P or R after the pair (Q-S), the flow of sentences seem to go in a haphazard manner.

Clearly, among the given choices R seems to follow S1 most appropriately.

Connectors:

R and P:

R. It has become **a reality of modern-day India.**

P. Some of us are still unaware of the extent to which **caste remains an ordering principle in our society today.**

Now, as we have already discussed that Q-S forms a mandatory pair, it can follow P and S6 comes at the end.

The correct sequence will therefore be RPQS.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

9. The ideal statement after S1 would be something that substantiates on S1 and helps in proving it correct. Statement P is the ideal choice here and is the first statement after S1.

Connectors:

P and S:

P. A new research published says that **valuing your time more** than the pursuit of money **leads to feelings of greater wellbeing**.

S. **And by valuing your time, they mean** spending it wisely on hobbies, exercising or being with your family.

S and R: R elaborates on the research

S. And by valuing your time, they mean spending it wisely on hobbies, exercising or being with your family.

R. The researchers even **invented two characters, "Tina" and "Maggie"**.

R and Q: Q also goes with S6 and is the ideal fit here-

R. The researchers even invented two characters, "Tina" and "Maggie".

Q. They **asked people who they preferred –Maggie** who would rather work more hours and make more money, **or work shy hippy Tina** who wanted to work fewer hours and make less cash.

The correct sequence is P-S-R-Q.

Hence, option B is correct.

10. The first statement states that the direct approach may not always be the best one. Out of four statements, both Q and S seem to be apt to be the next statement. However, if we put S as the statement after S1, Q would not fit in anywhere. Hence, Q is the best fit after S1.

Connectors:

Q and S:

Q. This is true in many areas, even when **it comes to policymaking**.

S. Take, as an example, the **area of extreme poverty**.

S and P:

S. Take, as an example, the area of **extreme poverty**.

P. It seems logical at first that the **most effective response should be head-on: giving money and assets to protect people** from income shocks.

P and R: R fits in well with both P as well as S6-

P. It seems logical at first that the most effective response should be head-on: **giving money and assets to protect people from income shocks**.

R. In recent times, **microcredit schemes have been presented as a panacea, attracting a lot of money around the world**.

Hence, option D is correct.



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