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Find the Error Quiz 51

Directions: The following sentence is divided into 4 parts. Among them, one or more parts may have a grammatical or contextual error. Kindly choose, from the given options, the set of parts that do not have an error and are grammatically and contextually correct.

1. The north-eastern state of Assam (A) / is among the most ethnically, linguistically, (B) / religiously and topographically mixed (C) / bits of India but is also the most combustible. (D)

A. Only A B. Only B and D C. Only A and C D. Only A, C and D E. All are correct

2. Not for the first time, an incoming government faces the (A) / balance-of payments crisis were the current-account deficit (B) / has widened, the currency are sliding and the foreign-exchange (C) / reserves are down to just \$9bn—barely two months' import cover. (D)

A. Only D B. Only A and B C. Only B and D D. Only A, B and C E. All are correct.

3. Few believed President Bashar al-Assad would (A) / survive the rebellion that swept his country seven (B) / years ago and Syria's blood-soaked dictator is (C) / on the brink of defeating those who tried to topple him. (D)

A. Only A B. Only A and C C. Only A, B and D D. Other than the given options
E. All are correct.

4. Considering the case in which (A) / three were killed and one injured, (B) / I decided to appoint the most intelligent (C) / investigator of the force to crack the case. (D)

A. A and B B. B and C C. C and D D. Other than the given combinations
E. No error

5. I hoped to immediately declare the fact (A) / in front of all the people present but it was (B) / already known by everybody (C) / that the earth moved round the sun. (D)

A. B and C B. Only B C. B, C and D D. A, B and C E. No error

6. Since I was the head of the team (A) / at that time everybody emphasized on me (B) / going with them though (C) / I would never have preferred to gone there. (D)

A. A and D B. B and C C. A and C D. Other than the given combinations
E. No error

7. I am not saying this (A) / because he is my older brother (B) / but he is actually the smartest (C) / and honest employee in the organization. (D)

- A. A and C B. B and D C. C and D D. Other than the given combinations
E. No error

8. It must be admitted that all the students (A) / tried hardly to win the competition but (B) / nothing can be done presently (C) / to hide the fact that our school lost in the finals. (D)

- A. A and C B. B and C C. C and D D. Other than the given combinations
E. No error

9. The elections in Zimbabwe were meant to hush in a new era for a (A) / country ruin by nearly four decades of misrule by Robert Mugabe (B) / but the vote and its aftermath have showcased an all-too-familiar (C) / mix of chivalry and violence on the part of the ruling party. (D)

- A. Only B B. Only C C. Only A and B D. Other than the given options
E. All are correct

10. The Act amends Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution (A) / by adding clauses empowering (B) / the government to provide reservation (C) / of the basis of economic backwardness. (D)

- A. Only D B. B and D C. A, B and C D. Only C E. All are correct

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations :

1. The statement is correct in its original form and has no error.

Hence, option E is correct.

2. The use of article 'the' is incorrect as the BOP crisis is a general term and not specific to a nation. Fragment B is incorrect due to the use of 'were' instead of 'where'. Fragment C is incorrect due to use of 'are' instead of 'is' while the currency is singular.

Correct: Not for the first time, an incoming government faces a balance-of payments crisis **where** the current-account deficit has widened, the currency **is** sliding and the foreign-exchange reserves are down to just \$9bn—barely two months' import cover.

Hence, option A is correct.

3. Here, the statement has two fragments- one which talks of how no one expected Syria's President to make it and the other talking about him on the verge of defeating the ones against him. Hence, these fragments are contradictory and the connector 'and' is incorrect and should be replaced by 'but'. The rest of the fragments are correct.

Correct: Few believed President Bashar al-Assad would survive the rebellion that swept his country seven years ago **but** Syria's blood-soaked dictator is on the brink of defeating those who tried to topple him.

Hence, option C is correct.

4. In the given sentence, the error lies in fragment B of the sentence in which the use of auxiliary verb is wrong. It is the grammatical rule that if there are two subjects of different numbers in a sentence, there should be separate auxiliary verbs attached to both of them. In this sentence, *three were killed and one injured* has only one auxiliary verb in the first part but not in the second. Other parts are grammatically and contextually correct and do not need any corrections.

The correct sentence would be: Considering the case in which **three were killed and one was injured**, I decided to appoint the most intelligent investigator of the force to crack the case.

It makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

5. Coming to the first fragment of the sentence, it is not correct since the adverb should never come between the infinitive 'to' and the verbal part of the infinitive and should always be placed after the verb. Here, *to immediately declare* is the wrong usage and it should have been *to declare immediately*.

Coming to Fragment C, the agent that comes after *known* is not correctly used in the given sentence as it should have been *to* in place of *by* used in the sentence.

Another error lies in fragment D of the sentence. If we are talking about some universal truth it should always be in the present indefinite tense, wherever it is used. It will never change with respect to any context in which it is used. Here, it is wrong to use *the earth moved round the sun*. It should have been *the earth moves round the sun*.

Only part B has no error in it and therefore no correction is required in that part of the sentence whereas A, C and D have errors.

This makes option B the correct choice among the given options.

6. The error lies in fragment B of the sentence. If a gerund is preceded by a pronoun, it is grammatically correct that the pronoun should be used in the possessive case only. Here, *me going* is not the correct usage since the pronoun is used in the objective case and it should be *my going* in this part of the sentence.

Another error lies in fragment D of the sentence where present participle form of the verb is used after the infinitive *to*. Only present indefinite tense should be used after the infinitive. Hence, *to gone* is not correct here.

There is no error in the other parts of the sentence and hence, no correction will be required to be carried out for those parts of the sentence.

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

7. The first error lies in fragment B of the sentence because *older* is mainly used to denote persons and things both but not within the same family. For that purpose, *elder* is used. Here, *my older brother* is not the correct usage. It should have been *my elder brother*.

Another error lies in part D of the statement since we know that if more than one adjective is referring to a single subject, they should be all be used in the same degree of comparison. Here, *smartest and honest employee* is not the correct usage since the first one is in superlative degree whereas the next one is in positive degree. It should have been *smartest and the most honest employee in the organization*.

Other parts of the sentence are correct and do not require any correction.

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

8. The first error lies in the fragment B of the statement since it completely changes the meaning of the sentence. There is a difference between *hard* and *hardly* and here the usages of these words are wrong. *Hard* should be used here to imply that the students have made valiant efforts to win the competition. But *hardly* in this statement implies that the students did not try at all. This is wrong.

The second error lies in the fragment C of the sentence. *At Present* and *presently* are not used in the same sense. In this context, it is implied that nothing can be done now and that is meant by *at present*. *Presently* refers to shortly. So, there is an error in this part of the sentence also.

Other parts of the sentence do not have any error and therefore fragments A and D are error free.

This makes option D the correct choice among the given options.

9. Fragment A is incorrect due to use of 'hush' which means 'whisper'. The correct word would be *usher* which means to 'bring in'. Fragment B is incorrect due to incorrect tense- *ruin* instead of *ruined*. Fragment D is incorrect due to use of *chivalry* which means *gallantry* and does not make sense here. The correct word is *chicanery* which means *deception*.

Fragment C is correct.

Correct: The elections in Zimbabwe were meant to **usher** in a new era for a country **ruined** by nearly four decades of misrule by Robert Mugabe but the vote and its aftermath have showcased an all-too-familiar mix of **chicanery** and violence on the part of the ruling party.

Hence, option B is correct.

10. The fragments A, B and C are absolutely correct.

Fragment D is erroneous because of the wrong usage of preposition 'of' instead of 'on' in it.

Correct: on the basis of economic backwardness.

Clearly, the correct answer is option C.



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