



Word Usage Questions for SBI PO Pre, IBPS PO Pre, LIC AAO, RBI Assistant and other Competitive Exams

Directions: In each of the following questions, a word has been given and used in three statements. You are supposed to identify which of the statement / s use / s the word correctly and mark that as your answer.

1. Pupil

- I. The photographer focused the camera **pupil** on the magnificent skyline.
- II. Numerous studies have revealed that dilated **pupils** are caused due to recreational drug overdose.
- III. Though the commissioner had reached new heights, he always regarded himself as a **pupil** of the headmaster.
- A. Only I and II
- B. Only II and III
- C. Only II

- D. Only I
- E. Only III

2. Tender

- I. The online system enables people to download the **tender** schedule free of cost and place bids.
- II. Having worked on various cases, the detective **tendered** his resignation to the agency in order to pursue music.
- III. Monthly millions of dollars are arriving in the country to schedule the tender.
- A. Only II
- B. Only I

C. Only III and I

- D. Only II and I
- E. Only III

3. Season

- I. The customer requested the Chef to **season** the chicken with mixed herbs before roasting it in the oven.
- II. The river flowed aimlessly off the **season** towards the city.
- III. During this Olympic **season**, you may hear from announcers, critics, commentators and even athletes that the Olympic Games are too commercial.
- A. Only III
- B. Only III and I
- C. Only III and II

- D. Only II and I
- E. Only II and III



4. Headwind

- I. The police got **headwind** of the illegal drug deal and caught the criminals.
- II. Power-plant construction is facing **headwinds** in the U.S. as renewable energy projects and slack demand throw the economics of new generators into question.
- III. IndiGo cited heavy **headwind** which led to off-loading of some of the checked-in baggage.
- A. Only II
- B. Only III

C. Only I

- D. Only II and I
- E. Only II and III

5. Commission

- I. He now sits on a medical **commission** as well as an expert panel to discuss the ill-effects of the medicine.
- II. Mozart at last received a **commission** to write an opera.
- III. Typically, when aircrafts fly into headwinds **commission**, they consume more fuel.
- A. Only I
- B. Only II and III
- C. Only III

- D. Only II and I
- E. Only II

6. Sleight

- I. By the **sleight** of his hand, the player won three rounds in a row.
- II. His sleight of hands won him many awards all over the country.
- III. In intellectual **sleight** of hand, he explained the difference between a free market economy and a democracy.
- A. Only II
- B. Only III

C. Only I and II

- D. Only II and III
- E. All of the above

7. Precept

- I. The company was a **precept** between the Industry and the government.
- II. Foregoing **precepts**, he was given one more chance given his stellar past performance.
- III. The Regulator issued **precepts** requiring the companies to provide information about their financials.
- A. Only I
- B. Only II

C. Only I and II

- D. Only II and III
- E. All of the above



8. Ubiquitous

- I. When business confidence is **ubiquitous** due to an uncertain future with low-interest rates, the government can set up a Bank to mop up the society's savings.
- II. A famous economic historian at Harvard University, famously **ubiquitous** that the greater the backwardness of a country, the greater the role of the state in economic development.
- III. His **ubiquitous** influence was felt by the entire family.
- A. Only I
- B. Only I and III
- C. Only II and III

- D. Only III
- E. None of the above

9. Form

- I. The assumptions which **form** the basis of this book are questionable.
- II. Industrialisation of Europe and Asia was financed under the **form** of German-type universal banks.
- III. The application form needs to be filled and submitted before the end of this month.
- A. Only I
- B. Only II

C. Only I and III

- D. Only II and III
- E. All of the above

10. Slew

- I. Development banks often lend at low and stable rates to **slew** long-term investments with considerable social benefits.
- II. To improve access to long-term finance, it is proposed to **slew** an organisation to provide credit enhancement for projects.
- III. The Minister announced a **slew** of measures to prop up the local economy.
- A. Only II
- B. Only III

C. Only I and II

- D. Only I and III
- E. All of the above



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B. Only I and III

C. Only I and II

D. Only III

E. All are correct

12. Cast

- I. When she had cast aside all the clothes she couldn't wear, there was a lot of room for many other things in her closet.
- II. The new blockbuster has a very popular cast including Martin Freeman.
- III. The ship's sai<mark>l cast a sh</mark>adow in the water, much like a pale monster lurking just beneath the surface of the water.

A. Only I

B. Only I and III

C. Only I and II

D. Only III

E. All are correct

13. Accomplished

- I. He is such an accomplished striker that he does not need anybody to give him pass from the midfield as he can create goals for himself.
- II. It is an accomplished fact that the Sun always rises in the east and sets in the west.
- III. The whole job was accomplished well within time and that is why the students got appreciation from the Principal as well.

A. Only I

B. Both I and II

C. Only III

D. Both I and III

E. All of the above



14. Capital

- I. Many countries have done away with the capital punishment because it has been experienced that it is not helping the cause at all.
- II. Though he did not have enough capital during the initial days of his business he still continued with the same vigor and that is why he is now so successful.
- III. The capital was decorated pompously during the occasion of the Independence day but the poverty stricken country failed to emulate the same in other places.
- A. Both II and III
- B. Both I and II
- C. Only III

- D. Both I and III
- E. All the above

15. Peace

- I. The Gautam Buddha achieved mental peace once he had attained the Nirvana and it is very important that we all achieve the same state to be happy in life.
- II. Though he was in love with her, he never failed to give her a peace of his mind in certain situations.
- III. If parents are unable to control their children, they are not going to have peace of mind in their final days.
- A. Both II and III
- B. Both I and III
- C. Only II

- D. Both I and II
- E. All the above

16. Temper

- I. I hope he can control his temper today because this deal matters a lot to me.
- II. My enthusiasm for the venture was tempered by my knowledge of the hard work that would be involved.
- III. If you are allowed to mess with a computer everything is fine, but if you are prohibited you cannot temper with it without repercussions.
- A. Only I
- B. Only I and III
- C. Only I and II

- D. Only III
- E. All are correct

17. Hatch

- I. There's a bird nest with a couple of eggs in it in a tree outside our window, and we check it every day to see if they have hatched.
- II. Without a hatch to climb through, there was no way to get to the underground chamber.
- III. The thieves hatched a plan to rob the bank during the Christmas holidays.
- A. Only I
- B. Only I and III
- C. Only I and II

- D. Only III
- E. All are correct



18. Harbour

- I. I don't harbour any illusions about our chances for success.
- II. The people seemed to regard Independence as the harbour of a new era.
- III. The home functions as a harbour for runaway teens who need a place to find security and acceptance.
- A. Only I
- B. Only I and III
- C. Only I and II
- D. Only III
- E. All are correct

Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence has been broken into four parts with one word highlighted in bold in each fragment. From the given options, identify the word which expresses a meaning opposite to the given sentence, with the highlighted word replaced by a word of the opposite meaning.

- **19.** The **dearth** of water (A) / has **resulted** into (B) / **mediocre** production in (C) / **some** regions of Rajasthan. (D)
- A. A-abundance
- B. B-developed
- C. C-average

D. D-a few

- E. All of the above
- **20.** The government **revealed** that (A) / it had **initiated** a move (B) / to **amend** the (C) / RTI Act two years **ago.** (D)
- A. A-disclosed
- B. B-consummated
- C. C-modify

D. D-before

- E. All of the above
- **21.** The RBI will do **everything** (A) / to **ensure** that (B) / rupee does not **depreciate** (C) / to the **unreasonable** levels. (D)
- A. A-nothing
- B. B-gainsay
- C. C-leap

- D. D-legitimate
- E. All of the above
- **22.** Shah **lambasted** Congress (A) / **stating** that Congress is (B) / **resisting** the move to (C) / **safeguard** its vote-bank. (D)
- A. A-condemned
- B. B-uttering
- C. C-heeding

D. D-secure

E. All of the above



23. The upper castes' p of worry on BJP's forel	, , ,	amendment (B) / in SC / ST Act has drawn (C) / lines
A. A-acquiesce	B. B-latest	C. C-exerted
D. D-anxiety	E. All of the above	
24. Militants on Friday shot them dead. (D)	morning (A) / abducted thre	e policemen (B) / from their homes and later (C) /
A. A-Conformists	B. B-kidnapped	C. C-then
D. D-hit	E. None of the above	
25. The rising inflation and weaker sections.(I		e (B) / belonging to the unprivileged (C) /
A. A-increasing	B. B-benefitted	C. C-unfavoured
D. D-sick	E. None of the above	
_	e in (A) / weather resulted int e <mark>s among</mark> the children. (D)	to (B) / increasing instances of (C) / non-
A. A-switch	B. B-Caused	C. C-cases
D. D-Ailments	E. None of the above	
27. This work of charit world. (D)	y (A) / has given me so much	of pleasure (B) / and made me fabled (C) / around the
A. A-act	B. B-content	C. C-obscure
D. D-contest	E. None of the above	
28. My heart filled wi	th (A) / anger on hearing that	(B) / girls have no right (C) / to fight for their rights.(D
A. A-charged	B. B-serene	C. C-prerogative
D. D-contest	E. None of the above	



Directions: In the paragraph below there are five sentences. In each sentence there are pairs of highlighted words (A, B). Select the most appropriate words to form correct sentences. Then from the options given select the correct option.

29. Rewari's Civil Hospital is a drab; double-storey structure that A) carries B) caters to roughly 15 lakh people living in and around the district. Sitting on a wooden bench in the hospital premises, in a small park A) utilized B) littered with plastic cups, cigarette butts and polythene bags, is a frail man, mostly unnoticed by the crowd of visitors hurrying past him. In his late forties, he is a A) meagerly B) genuinely paid Physical Training Instructor at a local school. He A) augments B) moderates his modest income by training kabaddi students in his village. He fought against all odds, including the A) determined B) violently patriarchal mindset entrenched in Haryana's culture, to fulfil the aspirations of his teenage daughter, a Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) topper in Haryana.

A. ABABA

B. BBAAB

C. AAABB

D. ABAAB

E. None of the above

30. The Reserve Bank of India pulled a **A)** statistics **B)** surprise on the markets on Friday by keeping its benchmark interest rate unchanged at 6.5%. The decision to stand pat comes even as the central bank **A)** changed **B)** categorized its policy stance from "neutral" to "calibrated tightening", indicating that rates could either go up or stay steady in the coming months. The **A)** consensus **B)** determination on the street was that the RBI would raise rates by at least 25 basis points to support the rupee, with some even predicting a hike of 50 basis points. Not surprisingly, the rupee **A)** rectified **B)** weakened past the 74-mark to the U.S. dollar for the first time ever after the news of the RBI holding rates steady hit the markets. Stocks, which have been on a downtrend since September, also took a hit on Friday while bond yields **A)** departed **B)** fell.

A. BBBAA

B. BAAAA

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D. BAABB

E. ABABA

31. The Nobel Prize for Chemistry this year is a **A)** tribute **B)** retribution to the power of evolution. The laureates **A)** hated **B)** harnessed evolution and used it in the laboratory with amazing results. Frances H. Arnold, an American who was given one-half of the prize, used 'directed evolution' to **A)** synthesize **B)** called variants of naturally occurring enzymes that could be used to manufacture biofuels and pharmaceuticals. The other half went to George P. Smith, also of the U.S., and Sir Gregory P. Winter, from the U.K., who evolved antibodies to **A)** combat **B)** confuse autoimmune diseases and even metastatic cancer through a process called phage display. The prizes reaffirm the **A)** execution **B)** importance of the concept of evolution in our understanding of life as among the most profound of forces we are exposed to.

A. AABBA

B. ABABB

C. ABAAB

D. BABBB

E. AAAAA



32. Within months of announcing **A)** gratuitous **B)** generous hikes in the minimum support price (MSP) for several crops in the kharif summer season, the NDA government on Wednesday approved an increase in the MSP offered for rabi crops. These increases **A)** mark **B)** maximize a sharp change from the cautious approach adopted by the Narendra Modi government in raising MSPs during the first half of its tenure. The latest hikes are generous, even if they are **A)** moderate **B)** tremendous compared to those fixed for the kharif crop. By way of **A)** comparison **B)** connotation, the highest increase over the previous kharif season's MSP was 52.5% for the cereal ragi. Now the highest season-on-season **A)** height **B)** hike for the rabi crops is 20.6% for safflower.

A. ABABB

B. BAAAB

C. ABABA

D. BABAA

E. None of the above

33. Waste volumes continue to grow as economic growth **A) spurs B) controls** consumption. The laws on municipal solid waste, protection of water sources and pollution control are just not being **A) enforced B) distributed**. The official machinery required to enforce legal provisions vigorously, and the infrastructure to manage waste scientifically are **A) utilizing B) inadequate**, making it unlikely that there will be significant public health outcomes flowing from high-profile cleaning campaigns. Without full **A) confirmation B) commitment** to these aspects of development, there is little chance of meaningfully achieving the Sustainable Development Goals on water and sanitation anytime soon. Besides ending manual scavenging, the Swachh Bharat Mission must **A) ensure B) experience** that the manual cleaning of septic tanks, which is killing so many workers each year, is stopped and that funds for rehabilitation reach them.

A. ABBBB

B. AABBA

ABABA

D. BBABA

E. BABAB

34. Twenty-one opposition parties expressed **A) anguish B) felicity** over what they alleged was "blatant politicisation" of the sacrifices of armed forces and **A) instructed B) urged** the government to take the nation into confidence on all measures to **A) augment B) protect** India's sovereignty, unity and integrity. After a meeting, which **A) complied B) lasted** over three hours, in the Parliament Library, the leaders of these parties issued a joint statement, expressing concern over the **A) prevailing B) remaining** security situation in the country.

A. ABBAB

B. ABBBA

C. BAABA

D. ABABB

E. None of these

35. There's practically no improvement — even when the court **A) mandated B) referred** one can't sell acid without a licence, there's very little regulation on this. We started a campaign where volunteers secretly filmed **A) buying B) throwing** acid. They got it easily. But awareness has increased. There are fewer problems for survivors in **A) doing B) getting** jobs. Last year, two women got government jobs, albeit after a struggle. Earlier, one heard **A) nasty B) bullish** comments from people — but things have changed. Now people respect us — some even want to get pictures **A) clicked B) clinked** with us. Women have begun to speak out — and speaking up changes things.

A. AABAA

B. ABAAB

C. BAABA

D. ABAAB

E. None of these



36. The terrorist attack at Pulwama, killing 40 Indian soldiers, provides Narendra Modi a huge but risky chance to **A) extract B) portray** himself as the toughest politician in India. Atal Bihari Vajpayee's victory in the 1999 Kargil war **A) conserved B) helped** him win the next general election. Modi must avoid military action, which could **A) backfire B) occur** badly. Far wiser would be new forms of political theatre, similar to his "surgical strikes" in 2016, in **A) revelation B) retaliation** for the attack on our armed forces at Uri. That satisfied the public demand for action without **A) profiting B) risking** dangerous escalation into all-out war.

A. BABBA

B. ABBAB

C. ABAAB

D. BBABB

E. None of these

37. One Mig 21 Bison of the Indian Air Force was shot down and its pilot has been 'missing in action', external affairs ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said on Wednesday. Kumar also told reporters that one fighter jet of Pakistan Air Force was also shot down in the **A) aerial B) marine** engagement by IAF's Mig 21 Bison. The Pakistani jet was seen falling down on the other side by the Indian ground forces, he said. The air-to-air engagement took place after PAF jets violated Indian air space to target military **A) installations B) fittings** on the Indian side. The press briefing came soon after reports **A) happened B) emerged** that jets from Pakistan Air Force have **A) violated B)debased** Indian air space in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch and Nowshera sectors. The attack was successfully **A) repelled B) ratified** by the Indian Air Force.

A. AABAA

B. ABABA

C. AABAB

D. ABAAB

E. None of these

38. A) Genuine B) Acclaimed patriots know that love of the country cannot be based on hatred of any manufactured or imagined enemy within, but needs to be predicated on a A) realistic B) forgery mission to keep India's unity and harmony alive. Liberal patriotism builds and A) debase B) strengthens the nation, muscular nationalism directed inwards tends to A) assemble B) create social infighting, just at the precise time the terrorist is seeking to A) ignite B) abolish civil war.

A. BAABA

B. ABAAB

C. AABBA

D. ABABB

E. None of these



Directions: In the given question, a word has been mentioned and there are three ways in which the word has been used in either similar or different ways. You are required to check which of the sentences have correctly used the highlighted word, and mark that as your answer.

39. Bolt

- I. A bolt of lightning pierced the angry black clouds, and Ms. Nirahika moved away from the edge of the porch.
- II. Seeing an unidentified figure in the dark, all the kids bolted down the stairs.
- III. A surge in the crowd behind him bolted him forwards.
- A. Only I
- B. Only I and III
- C. Only I and II

- D. Only III
- E. All are correct

40. Square

- I. Mr. Batra wanted to make sure we were square with the court's decision and not subject to a lawsuit.
- II. After the party, Mohan and Meera decided to square up the bill.
- III. We had been as square with the Startup as any Venture Capitalist could be.
- A. Only II
- B. Only I and II
- C. Only I and III

- D. Only I
- E. All are correct

41. Scale

- I. The government is planning a new salary scale for all professors of universities run by the UP government.
- II. We cannot track them in the mortal world until they use a substantial scale of magic.
- III. No one could have foreseen the scale of the disaster
- A. Only II
- B. Only I and II
- C. Only III

- D. Only I and III
- E. All are correct



42. Subscribe

- I. They decided to subscribe to the new magazine instead of the famous and popular one in the market.
- II. We are of the opinion that we cannot subscribe to the new theory
- III. I decided to subscribe to him since he is my superior.

A. Only I

B. Only II

C. Both I and II

D. Both I and III

E. All the above

43. Vulnerable

- I. The students were in a vulnerable position since they did not have any other alternative.
- II. The new home is meant for vulnerable youths and adults who are in need of love and care.
- III. Sachin Tendulkar saw India off from that vulnerable position to a thumping victory over the world champion Australia in the Tri-nation tournament.

A. Both I and III

B. Only III

C. Both II and III

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D. Only II

E. All the above

44. Fudge

- I. All the participants were treated with a square of fudge at the entrance of the conference.
- II. The government has been fudging the figures of GDP to show that the economy is in the pink of its health.
- III. This new offer of settlement is excellent going by the terms and conditions and it seems the management really wants it to be the fudge that has been missing from the negotiations.

A. Both I and II

B. Only III

C. Only II

D. Both II and III

E. All the above

45. Round

- I. This is actually the roundabout way of saying that he will not be able to make it to the meeting.
- II. The President of the Club is coming round after the severe illness for almost a year.
- III. The examination is round the corner and the students are still not serious about it.

A. Both I and II

B. Only II

C. Only III

D. Both II and III

E. All are correct

46. Bundle

- I. Their newborn bundle of joy occupied all the time they had after hectic office hours
- II. When the Secretary asked for the keys, the watchman brought a bundle of keys from which it was very difficult to locate the right one
- III. He made a bundle in the intra-day trading at the share market

A. Only I

B. Both II and III

C. Both I and III

D. Only III

E. All are correct

47. Implication

- I. The short-sighted move of the government will have far-reaching implications but the government is unable to predict them
- II. It is very necessary that the criminal should be implicated at any cost and if one can do anything about it that must be done
- III. The implication is that all of them were responsible for the mishap at the office

A. Only I

B. Only III

C. Both II and III

D. Both I and III

E. All are correct

48. Sink

- I. He dumped the rest of his coffee in the sink and left the room.
- II. The water in the lake sank several feet during the long, dry summer.
- III. The captain said that the feeling of winning the world cup took a while to sink in.

A. Only I

B. Only I and III

C. Only I and II

D. Only III

E. All are correct



Directions: In each of the questions below, a sentence is given with one word highlighted in bold. From the given options, identify the sentence which expresses a meaning opposite to the given sentence, with the highlighted word replaced by a word of the opposite meaning.

- **49.** The majority held that the devotees of Lord Ayyappa do not constitute a **separate** religious denomination.
 - A. The majority held that the devotees of Lord Ayyappa do not constitute a disembodied religious denomination.
 - B. The majority held that the devotees of Lord Ayyappa do not constitute a united religious denomination.
 - C. The majority held that the devotees of Lord Ayyappa do not constitute a divided religious denomination.
 - D. The majority held that the devotees of Lord Ayyappa do not constitute a sovereign religious denomination.
 - E. None of the above
- **50.** They have **removed** provisions related to adultery in the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure.
 - A. They have abolished provisions related to adultery in the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure.
 - B. They have eliminated provisions related to adultery in the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure.
 - C. They have incorporated provisions related to adultery in the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure.
 - D. They have excluded provisions related to adultery in the Indian Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure.
 - E. None of the above



Correct answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
В	D	В	E	D	Е	D	D	С	В	В	E	D	E	В	С	E	В	Α	В	E	С	Α	Α	В
26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
Е	С	E	В	D	С	В	В	В	Α	D	Α	С	С	E	D	С	E	Α	E	С	E	Α	В	С

Explanation:

1. Pupil is the dark circular opening in the centre of the iris of the eye and dilated pupils means to have pupils which are larger than the normal size. Pupil is also used to describe a person who is taught by another, especially a schoolchild or student in relation to a teacher. Statement I is meaningless.

This makes the correct choice as option B.

2. To tender means to offer or present something formally, like a resignation. It also means an offer to carry out work for a fixed price like a tender for securing a government contract. It does not make any sense in statement III.

Hence option D is the right answer.

3. The noun 'season' is a fixed time in the year when a particular sporting activity is pursued, such as the Olympics. The verb 'season' means to apply spices or flavourings to food. Sentence I and III use the given word correctly. But statement II does not make any sense.

Hence option B is the right answer.

4. Headwind is described as a wind having the opposite general direction to a course of movement (as of an aircraft). Figuratively it also means a force or influence that inhibits progress. Sentence II and III use the given word correctly. But in the first sentence it is grammatically and contextually wrong. It should have been 'police got wind' instead of 'headwind' to make it correct.

Hence option E is the right answer.

5. **Commission** means a group of people entrusted by a government or other official body with authority to do something. It also means an *order for something*, especially a work of art, to be produced specially. Sentence I and II use the given word correctly. But in the third sentence it is grammatically and contextually wrong.

Hence option D is the right answer.

6. Sleight refers to being cunning with the intention to deceive. All the statements are correct and convey the correct meaning.

Hence, option E is correct.

- **7.** Precept:
 - I. A general rule followed



II. A writ / warrant

Statement II corresponds to meaning I while statement III corresponds to meaning II.

However, statement I is absurd and meaningless.

Hence, option D is correct.

8. Ubiquitous: Present, appearing, or found everywhere.

Only statement III corresponds to the correct meaning. The other statements are simply absurd and meaningless.

Hence, option D is correct.

- **9.** Form can be used as a noun as well as verb:
 - I. Noun: shape / configuration of something
 - II. Verb: To create something / to conceive something.

Statement I corresponds to meaning II while statement II corresponds to meaning I.

The second statement is incorrect and meaningless.

Hence, option C is correct.

10. Slew means

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I. To slide uncontrol<mark>lably

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II. A number of

Statement III corresponds to the second meaning. However, the first two statements do not correspond to any of the meanings and the statements are thus incorrect.

Hence, option B is correct.

11. Sentence I. Social structures will change soon enough and the purpose of education will finally be to learn to reason and find one's passion.

Here *Change means to become different; alter; vary.* The usage is correct.

Sentence II. The negotiations would lead to a change of lands between the parties in the presence of the judge to put an end to the dispute.

In this sentence, change has been used which makes no sense. Instead of change, exchange should have been used as it means an act of giving one thing and receiving another (especially of the same kind) in return.

Sentence III. I asked the conductor to keep the change because I despise carrying loose coins in my purse.

Here the word *Change means coins of small denomination* which is correctly used in the sentence.



Only I and III are correct.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

12. Sentence I. When she had cast aside all the clothes she couldn't wear, there was a lot of room for many other things in her closet.

Cast aside is a phrasal verb which means getting rid of something. The sentence is correct.

Sentence II. The new blockbuster has a very popular cast including Martin Freeman.

Here the word *cast means the actors taking part in a play, film, or other production.* The sentence is correct

Sentence III. The ship's sail cast a shadow in the water, much like a pale monster lurking just beneath the surface of the water.

Here cast means: cause (light or shadow) to appear on a surface.

Evidently, all the sentences are correct both grammatically and contextually.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

13. Statement I He is such an **accomplished** striker that he does not need anybody to give him pass from the midfield as he can create goals for himself.

Here, accomplished has been used in the connotation that he is a complete striker and can create goals for himself without any assistance.

Statement II It is an accomplished fact that the Sun always rises in the east and sets in the west.

Here, accomplished does not make any sense and established would have been correct in this context.

Statement III The whole job was **accomplished** well within time and that is why the students got appreciation from the Principal as well.

Here, accomplished means completed and it is correctly used.

Clearly, Option D is the correct choice.

14. Statement I Many countries have done away with the **capital** punishment because it has been experienced that it is not helping the cause at all.

Here, *capital* refers to death penalty and this is correct in this context.

Statement II Though he did not have enough **capital** during the initial days of his business he still continued with the same vigor and that is why he is now so successful.

Here, capital means the initial money required to start a business. This is also correct.

Statement III The **capital** was decorated pompously during the occasion of the Independence day but the poverty stricken country failed to emulate the same in other places.



Here, *capital* refers to the main administrative area of the country from where all the policy decisions are taken and also the government of the country sits there. This is again correct.

So, Option E is the correct choice.

15. Statement I The Gautam Buddha achieved mental **peace** once he had attained the Nirvana and it is very important that we all achieve the same state to be happy in life.

Here, *peace* refers to tranquility and a state of mind in which there is no disturbance from outside. This is correct.

Statement II Though he was in love with her, he never failed to give her a **peace** of his mind in certain situations.

Here, the usage is not correct since the correct phrase is *piece of mind* which means expressing one's opinions strongly. *Piece* should have been used in this context.

Statement III If parents are unable to control their children, they are not going to have **peace** of mind in their final days.

Here, peace refers to being free from any problem and it is correct in the given context.

Hence, Option B is the correct choice.

16. Statement I: I hope he can control his **temper** today because this deal matters a lot to me.

Here, temper means a person's state of mind seen in terms of their being angry or calm.

Statement II: My enthusiasm for the venture was **tempered** by my knowledge of the hard work that would be involved.

Here, temper means act as a neutralizing or counterbalancing force to (something).

Statement III: If you are allowed to mess with a computer everything is fine, but if you are prohibited you cannot temper with it without repercussions.

Here, temper has been used incorrectly. The correct word here should be **tamper** which means *to* interfere with something with the intent to damage it or make unauthorized changes to it

Hence, option C is correct.

17. Statement I: There's a bird nest with a couple of eggs in it in a tree outside our window, and we check it every day to see if they have **hatched**.

Here, hatch is a verb which means (of an egg) open and produce a young animal.

Statement II: Without a **hatch** to climb through, there was no way to get to the underground chamber.

Here, hatch is a *noun* which means a small opening in a wall, roof, or floor.

Statement III: The thieves **hatched** a plan to rob the bank during the Christmas holidays.



Here, hatch is a verb which means conspire to devise (a plot or plan).

Hence, option E is correct.

18. Statement I: I don't *harbour* any illusions about our chances for success.

Here, harbour is used as a verb which means to hold especially persistently in the mind.

Statement II: The people seemed to regard Independence as the *harbour* of a new era.

Here, harbour is incorrectly used. The correct word here would be *harbinger* which means an *indication / sign*.

Statement III: The home functions as a **harbour** for runaway teens who need a place to find security and acceptance.

Here, harbour is used as a noun which means a place of safety and comfort; refuge.

Both I and III are correct.

Hence, option B is correct.

19. In all other options except option A, the word given in the options are synonyms of those bold ones, only 'abundance' which means 'a very large quantity of something' is the one that is opposite of 'dearth', which means 'scarcity of something'.

New Sentence-The abundance of water has resulted into mediocre production in some regions of Rajasthan.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

20. In all other options except option B, the word given in the options are synonyms of those bold ones, only 'consummated' (to complete something) is the one that is opposite of 'initiated', which means "to start something".

New Sentence-The government **revealed** that it had **consummated** a move to **amend** the RTI Act two years **ago.**

Hence option B is the correct answer.

21. All the given options represent the antonyms of those bold ones.

Option A:

Everything-All the things.

Nothing-Not a single thing.

Option B:

Ensure-to confirm

Gainsay-To deny



Option C:

Depreciate-reduce

Leap-to rise or jump

Option D:

Unreasonable-Beyond acceptable limits.

Legitimate-Justifiable.

New Sentence-The RBI will do **nothing** to **gainsay** that the rupee does not **leap** to the **legitimate** levels.

Hence option E is the correct answer.

22. All the given options except option C represents the synonyms of those bold ones. Only 'heeding' (to pay attention towards something or confirm) is the opposite of "resisting" which means to oppose something.

New Sentence-Shah **lamabasted** Congress **stating** that Congress is **heeding** the move to **safeguard** its vote-bank.

Hence option C is the correct answer.

23. All the given options except option A represents the synonyms of those bold ones. Only 'acquiesce' (in favour or support of something) is the opposite of "protest" which means to oppose something.

New Sentence-The upper castes' **acquiesce** over the **recent** amendment in SC / ST Act has **drawn** lines of **worry** on BJP's forehead.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

24. All the options except option A denote the synonyms of those bold ones.

Conformists (of same thought process) is the opposite of "militants" which means extremists or people of different thought process.

Hence option A is the correct answer.

25. All the options except option B denote the synonyms or similar words of the bold ones.

For Option B, *affected* means that the people from the unprivileged section of the society is suffering due to the rising inflation and therefore, the opposite meaning would be that the rising inflation is actually benefitting such people.

Hence option B is the correct answer.

26. All the options denote the synonyms of those bold ones.

Hence option E is the correct answer.



27. Only option C 'obscure' (not known) is opposite of fabled (famous).

Thus changes the meaning of the sentence.

Rest of the options denote the synonyms of those bold ones except Option D which is not a relevant word to the corresponding word in bold.

Hence option C is the correct answer.

28. Only option B 'serene' (calm) is opposite of anger (agitation).

But anger is used as noun in the sentence, whereas serene is an adjective, the correct noun would be "serenity". Thus this would not change the meaning in correct sense.

Rest of the options denote the synonyms of those bold ones.

Hence option E is the correct answer.

29. Smart approach:

Most of you must be wondering that it would be very time consuming to attempt these questions. But being smart is what it takes to attempt such questions correctly in order to get some brownie points over your competitors.

Let's take the example of this question:

If we go through the first blank in this sentence, we see that B will fit here according to the given context that the Rewari Civil Hospitals give service to around 15 lakhs patients. A can be eliminated.

Now, you come to the options. In the options, only Option B is there that starts with B as the word for the first blank. There is no other option that starts with B. So, our answer will be B only. With this approach, you don't even need to go through the other options and also the rest of the passage.

Detailed Explanation:

For blank I, A is not correct since the implication is that the said hospital gives service to 15 lakhs people residing in the village and by this logic *caters* is the right choice in this context.

Coming to Blank II, the context is that there are plastic cups all around the park in the premises of the Rewari Civil Hospital. Among the given words, B can actually mean that the park is full of plastic cups and other garbage.

For blank III, it is clear from the given context that the person was not earning enough and that is why he had to supplement his income with income from other sources. B cannot imply this sense whereas A is correct in order to imply the intended meaning.

Blank IV should be filled with A since we are talking about supporting the income of the person from the other sources and B will not fit in this context.

For blank V, we should go with B since it correctly explains the intended meaning of the author that the mindset revolves around patriarchy in the state of Haryana.



This makes the correct combination as BBAAB

Hence, option B is the correct choice among the given options.

30. Smart Approach:

Most of you must be wondering that it would be very time consuming to attempt these questions. But being smart is what it takes to attempt such questions correctly in order to get some brownie points over your competitors.

For this sentence, blank I will be filled by B only since it talks about an unexpected move by the RBI in its bi-monetary policy decisions. So, our answer will start with B only.

Coming to the options, there are four options that start with B and it will eliminate E anyway.

Now coming to Blank II, we are talking about some alterations made by RBI in the policy. So, A should be the correct word here. And with this, we can eliminate A also.

Coming to blank III, A will be the correct choice since the market was expecting something from RBI. It will now eliminate option C.

Left with options B and D, we can see that they are differentiated by the word that will fill the Blank IV. Blank IV can be filled with B only and it will give us the assurance that B can be eliminated also.

So, we are now left with our correct choice option D.

Detailed Explanation:

For Blank I, it is clear that we are talking about something unexpected announced by the RBI in its monetary policy review done recently. So, B would be the correct word to be used here since it was a surprise given by the RBI to the market as well as all the other stakeholders.

For blank II, we are talking about the alteration in the stance of the RBI and simply put, it is a change on the part of the RBI towards the monetary policy of the central bank. A should be the correct word to be used here.

For blank III, A is the correct choice since it is clear that there was an expectation of the market and there was also concurrence regarding such expectation of the market. B can be ruled out from consideration.

Blank IV should be filled with B since it is very much evident that the Indian currency has fallen in the recent months and now it has breached the 74 mark also in the foreign exchange market of the country.

Blank V should be filled with B since we are talking about falling bond yields in the country along with the depreciation of the currency of the country.

This makes the correct combination as BAABB

Hence, option D is the correct choice among the given options.

31. Smart Approach:



Most of you must be wondering that it would be very time consuming to attempt these questions. But being smart is what it takes to attempt such questions correctly in order to get some brownie points over your competitors.

Coming to Blank I, it can be filled by A only since the Nobel Prize will only be given to recognize the value of something. So, our answer will only start with A. It will eliminate option D from our consideration.

For Blank II, B is our word since *hated* is simply irrelevant to the given context. So, our answer should start with 'AB...'. And we have only options B and C like this.

Among B and C, it is observed that the fourth word will be the deciding factor. For Blank IV, A is an easy pick since B is not making any sense in this context. With this, B can be eliminated from consideration.

And, we get our option C as the correct choice among the given options.

Detailed explanation:

For blank I, it should be *tribute* since it correctly explains that the Nobel Prize has been given to recognize the importance of the works done by the scientists. *Retribution* refers to *punishment* inflicted on someone as vengeance for a wrong or criminal act.

Coming to Blank II, hated can be ruled out since it does not make any sense in the given context but harnessed should be used in order to imply that the scientists did research regarding the evolution.

Blank III can be filled with *synthesize* since it correctly explains the meaning of the research carried out by the scientists. The other word is simply irrelevant in the context of the passage.

Blank IV should be filled with A since we are talking about research that has been successful to address the needs of the human beings in addressing various diseases. B can be ruled out easily as the correct option since it is not making any sense in the given context.

Blank V can be filled with B only since the passage talks about the importance accorded to the research works of the scientists who have been awarded with the Nobel Prize in chemistry this year.

This makes the correct combination as ABAAB

Hence, option C is the correct choice among the given options.

32. Smart approach:

Most of you must be wondering that it would be very time consuming to attempt these questions. But being smart is what it takes to attempt such questions correctly in order to get some brownie points over your competitors.

Coming to our options, the first blank can be filled with B since we are talking about hikes in the MSPs of rabi and kharif crops. A cannot fit in this context and can be easily ruled out.

So, our answer must start with B. We have options B and D only that start with B.



Left with two options, the best way to find the correct answer is to see where the two options are going different ways. Here, the third word will be able to differentiate the two options.

In blank III, A is our word since it correctly explains the implication of the context that the hike in MSPs of kharif crops and rabi crops is not the same since one is more than the other but both can be termed as moderate.

We have option B that has A in the third blank whereas option D has B in the same place.

This gives us our correct choice option B among the given options.

Detailed explanation:

For Blank I, B should be the correct word since the passage denotes that the hike in MSP of the kharif crops was very good and the hike in the MSP of rabi crops is not that much as compared to the previous hike. A can be ruled out as the correct word.

Blank II can be filled with *mark* since we are talking about the significance of the approach taken by the Government regarding the increase in MSP of the crops. *Maximize* does not imply the intended meaning and can be ruled out.

Blank III can be filled with *moderate* since we are talking about the hike in the prices of rabi crops by the government in comparison to the same in case of kharif crops. The hike this time is not as much as it was the last time for the Kharif crops. *Tremendous* is not fit for the given context and can be eliminated.

Blank IV can be filled with comparison since we are talking about the comparison between the MSP Hikes of kharif crops and the rabi crops. Connotation does not even fit in the given context and hence can be eliminated.

Blank V can be filled with *hike* rather than *height* since the whole passage is regarding the hike in the prices of the Kharif Crops and the Rabi crops as announced by the government in the form of the MSP.

The correct combination is **BAAAB**

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

33. Smart Approach:

Most of you must be wondering that it would be very time consuming to attempt these questions. But being smart is what it takes to attempt such questions correctly in order to get some brownie points over your competitors.

Coming to our options, for Blank I, we go with A since economic growth of the country is actually improving the consumption and if B is used, it may mean both ways regarding the effect of economic growth on consumption pattern of a country.

Our answer should start with A and we have options A, B and C starting with A.



Let's move on to the second blank of the passage. In this case, our pick would be A since B is not making any sense here. With this, we are left with our correct answer i.e. Option B since both the others have B in the second place.

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

Detailed explanation:

For blank I, spurs should be used in order to indicate that the economic growth in the country is contribution towards an increase in the consumption levels of the population of the country. This is also a factor behind the increase in generation of waste in the country. The other word can be ruled out since does not explain the given context properly.

Coming to Blank II, it is clear that the author is talking about enforcing the machinery and it makes A the correct word here. B can be ruled out very easily for this.

Blank III should be filled with B since we are talking about the machinery to implement the municipal laws in the country so that waste management can be made more effective in the country and because of the insufficiency of this mechanism; the country is finding it difficult. A can be ruled out easily as it does not fit in the given context.

Blank IV can be filled with *commitment* since we are talking about the dedication and determination of the government towards the various facets of development. *Confirmation* can be ruled out easily from the given context.

Blank V can be filled with *ensure* since it is very much necessary that the government should make sure that manual scavenging is done away with from the country and *experience* is not the perfect fit for this given context.

So, the correct combination is **AABBA**

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

34. Opposition parties would obviously be distressed over the issue that they are claimed of politicizing such an issue related to Nation's security. Thus the sequence must start with choice A"anguish".

Then moving forward we can surely say that opposition can only demand but cannot order or give command to the ruling government, thus use of choice B "urged" is correct.

So, the sequence becomes AB as of now.

Augment means to enhance. Integrity and Sovereignty are the things that cannot be increased but maintained or protected. So, choice B 'protected' is suitable.

Complied means to meet some standards which is purely absurd, thus again choice B 'lasted' remains more suitable here. The series now becomes ABBB.

"Prevailing" shows the current scenario whereas "remaining" reflects something left out. The opposition has gathered for a current issue, thus prevailing should be used in place of remaining.

Thus the series is ABBBA.



Hence option B is correct.

35. Regulation is needed on something only when it is passed or permitted by Law. Thus the court must have mandated the buying of Acid rather than referring it. So, choice A is preferred over here.

The earlier sentences express concern over the little regulation on buying and selling of Acid even after the court has mandated it to be stopped. This takes the same issue forward stating that a secret campaign has been running to showcase the flexibility of regulations. In benefit of which people can buy acid easily. So, the correct word should be "buying".

Thus the sequence becomes AA.

The coming sentence talks about two survivors getting a government job. Thus the previous sentence should also be based upon "getting a job" rather than maintaining the job. So, choice B is more suitable.

As we can see in the paragraph that "Change in society" is observed, thus earlier there has to be some negativity which is now changed and things are getting positive. So, use of "nasty" is correct. So, choice A is correct.

Clinked means to make a sound through striking objects, which is simply absurd as photographs can be clicked rather than clinked. So, choice A is correctly placed.

Thus the sequence is AABAA.

Hence option A is correct.

36. Portray means to showcase, so the move of counter terrorist attack could showcase Mr. Modi as the toughest Prime minister rather than extracting him. So, choice B is correct.

The Kargil victory has helped Mr. Vajpayee to ensure political win, but not conserved his win, thus use of "helped" is more suitable.

This act of bravery can also have ill effects for BJP, if the number of casualties increase, so the idea of showcasing bravery could "backfire" or act negatively for him as well. So, choice A is correct here.

Retaliation is "tit for tat behavior" in simple words attack for an attack, Surgical strike was done to counter terrorist attack in Uri. SO choice B fits more here.

Again "risking' is better and suits the context as compared to profiting.

Thus the correct sequence is BBABB.

Hence option D is correct.

37. It is obvious that Indian Air force would be involved in air related engagements, thus "aerial" is correctly placed.

Military Installations refers to the military establishments whereas fittings is absurd.

Reports happened sounds incomplete, while reports of Indo-Pak aerial engagement emerged fits the context very well.

Debase means to degrade, which is absurd to the context as the paragraph is about air space violation by Pak Air force. Thus "violated" is a better word.

Repelled means to retaliate, which is contextually more apt.

Thus the sequence is AABAA.

Hence option A is correct.

38. Acclaimed means praised, which is not apt as per the context, thus the correct choice is A "genuine".

Forgery is absurd.

Debase is contradictory with the context according to which Liberal patriotism build nation.

Create is more preferred than assembled.

Terrorist can always ignite or start a proxy war but can never end it. SO the correct sequence is AABBA.

Hence option C is correct.

39. Sentence I. A **bolt** of lightning pierced the angry black clouds, and Ms. Nirahika moved away from the edge of the porch.

Here, the word 'bolt' is used as 'a jagged white flash of lightning' and is correct.

Sentence II. Seeing an unidentified figure in the dark, all the kids **bolted** down the stairs.

In this sentence, 'bolt' has been used as a verb which means 'to move or run away suddenly in an attempt to escape' and is correct as well.

Sentence III. A surge in the crowd behind him **bolted** him forwards.

The usage of the verb 'bolted' makes no sense in the sentence. Instead of 'bolted' the verb 'jolted' which means 'to push or shake (someone or something) abruptly and roughly' would have been correct here.

Clearly, option C is the correct answer.

40. Sentence I. Mr. Batra wanted to make sure we were square with the court's decision and not subject to a lawsuit.

Here, the word 'square' means 'compatible or in agreement' and is absolutely correct.

Sentence II. After the party, Mohan and Meera decided to square up the bill.

In the above sentence, the verb 'square' means 'to settle or pay (a bill or debt)' and is correct as well.

Sentence III. We had been as square with the Startup as any Venture Capitalist could be.

In this sentence, the adjective 'square' means 'fair and honest' and is correct too.

Evidently, all the sentences are correct both grammatically and contextually.



Option E is hence the correct answer.

41. Sentence I. The government is planning a new salary scale for all professors of universities run by the UP government.

The sentence above is absolutely correct as the word 'scale' here refers to 'a graduated range of values forming a standard system for measuring or grading something'.

Sentence II. We cannot track them in the mortal world until they use a substantial scale of magic.

The usage of the word 'scale' is contextually wrong here and doesn't make any sense. 'Amount' would have been a better word in place of 'scale' here.

Sentence III. No one could have foreseen the scale of the disaster.

The sentence with the word 'scale' is absolutely correct. Here, the word 'scale' refers to 'the relative size, extent or magnitude of something'.

Clearly, option D is the correct answer.

42. Sentence I: They decided to subscribe to the new magazine instead of the famous and popular one in the market.

Here 'subscribe' means to buy regularly against a monthly or yearly fee

Sentence II: We are of the opinion that we cannot subscribe to the new theory.

Here, 'subscribe' refers to the feeling of an agreement with a view or opinion.

Sentence III: I decided to subscribe to him since he is my superior.

The word 'subscribe' has not been used in this sentence in any meaningful manner and doesn't fit in this context. It is not possible to subscribe to a person as such.

So, option C is the correct choice.

43. Sentence I: The students in a vulnerable position since they did not have any other alternative.

Here, the word 'vulnerable' has been used in the sense that the students were exposed to the possibility of being attached or harmed, physically or emotionally.

Sentence II: The new home is meant for vulnerable youths and adults who are in need of love and care.

Here, the word 'vulnerable' means people with a very weak bent of mind and in need of special attention and care.

Sentence III: Sachin Tendulkar saw India off from that vulnerable position to a thumping victory over the world champion Australia in the Tri-nation tournament.

'Vulnerable' refers to weak here. It means India were in a weak position initially from where they cruised to victory thanks to Sachin Tendulkar.



So, all the sentences are correct and that makes option E the correct choice.

44. Sentence I: All the participants were treated with a square of fudge at the entrance of the conference.

Here, the word 'fudge' means a chewy and soft sweet made from sugar. It is generally used to denote the quantity of ice cream such as a fudge of ice cream.

Sentence II: The government has been fudging the figures of GDP to show that the economy is in the pink of its health.

In this sentence, it implies that the government has been manipulating the figures to serve its own purpose.

Sentence III: This new offer of settlement is excellent going by the terms and conditions and it seems the management really wants it to be the fudge that has been missing from the negotiations.

Here, the word 'fudge' is used in the wrong sense since it actually refers to a compromise or settlement to win hearts temporarily whereas in the given sentence, it has been shown in the good sense.

So, option A is the correct choice.

45. Statement I: This is actually the roundabout way of saying that he will not be able to make it to the meeting.

In this sentence, 'round' means saying something in another manner so as to serve any purpose and hence, it is absolutely correct.

Statement II: The President of the Club is coming round after the severe illness for almost a year.

In this sentence, 'come round' means to be cured of some illness and that is why it is also correct.

Statement III: The examination is round the corner and the students are still not serious about it.

In this sentence, it implies that the examination is ensuing but the students are not taking it seriously still. So, this is also correct.

This makes Option E the right choice among the given options.

46. Statement I: Their newborn bundle of joy occupied all the time they had after hectic office hours

Here, the 'newborn bundle of joy' refers to the baby which is occupying most of their leisure time after the office hours. So, this usage is correct

Statement II: When the Secretary asked for the keys, the watchman brought a bundle of keys from which it was very difficult to locate the right one

This statement is wrong since it is 'bunch of keys' and not 'bundle of keys' that is used as a collective noun for keys.

Statement III: He made a bundle in the intra-day trading at the share market



This statement implies that he made profits while doing intra-day trade at the share market. So, this is also correct

This makes Option C the right choice.

47. Statement I: The short-sighted move of the government will have far-reaching implications but the government is unable to predict them

This means that the move will have a lot of consequences in the future but the government is not able to foresee them at the moment. This is correct

Statement II: It is very necessary that the criminal should be implicated at any cost and if one can do anything about it that must be done

In this sentence, it implies that the criminal should be punished by incriminating him or her. Hence it is also correct

Statement III: The implication is that all of them were responsible for the mishap at the office

In this sentence, 'implication' means that all of them were involved in the incident.

This makes Option E the correct choice among the given options.

48. Sentence I. He dumped the rest of his coffee in the sink and left the room.

Here sink means: a basin as in a kitchen and its usage is correct.

Sentence II. The water in the lake sank several feet during the long, dry summer.

Here the word sank (past tense) means to fall, drop, or descend gradually to a lower level. It is a verb and its usage is correct.

Sentence III. The captain said that the feeling of winning the world cup took a while to sink in.

Here *sink in* is a phrasal verb and it means: (of words, sentiments) be fully understood or realized. Its usage is also correct.

Clearly, option E is the correct answer.

49. The bold word "separate" means disconnected.

Synonyms: Free, independent, isolated

Antonyms: United, connected, associated

Clearly option B *united* expresses the opposite meaning of the given sentence.

Hence option B is correct.

50. The bold word "remove" means to get rid of or to end something.

Synonyms: Stop, Abolish, End

Antonyms: Initiate, Incorporate, Add



Clearly option C incorporate (to form or constitute) expresses the opposite meaning of the given sentence.

Hence option C is correct.







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