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Sentence corrections Questions for IBPS PO Pre, IBPS SO Pre, IBPS Clerk, SBI PO Pre and SBI Clerk

Sentence Correction Quiz 31

Directions: In this question, a part of the sentence is made bold. Below are given alternatives to the bold part at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case no replacement is needed, mark (E) as your answer.

(1). The **jury was divided in its opinions** with majority supporting the guilty verdict.

- (A). jury was divided in its opinion (B). jury were divided in their opinions
(C). jury was dividing in its opinions (D). divided jury in its opinions
(E). No correction required

(2). The RBI as a regulator has had qualified **success with the facing of structural** impediments, including limited control over PSBs

- (A). success with the face of structural (B). success in the facing of structural
(C). success in the face of structural (D). success in the face of structurally
(E). No correction required

(3). The Indian cricket team **is set to bear down the** World Cup trophy for the third time.

- (A). is set for bearing down the (B). is set to bear away the
(C). is set for bear away the (D). is set to bearing away the
(E). No correction required

(4). The study showed that members jeered **the most on ideological positions,** comments and questions.

- (A). the more on ideological positions (B). the most on ideology positions
(C). most on ideological positions (D). the most on ideological position
(E). No correction required

(5). Affirming shared **values reduce the feeling of** being attacked.

- (A). values reduce in the feeling of
- (B). value reduces the feeling of
- (C). values reduces the feeling of
- (D). values reduces the feeling in
- (E). No correction required

(6). Recapitalisation and governance reform can enhance market valuations of PSBs and should lead to a path for privatisation without accusations of **selling off the family's silverwares**.

- (A). selling off the family silverware
- (B). selling off the family's silver
- (C). selling off the family silver
- (D). selling off the family silvers
- (E). No correction required

(7). The child was rescued by the NGO workers **when she broke up** of her house just before her marriage ceremony.

- (A). When she break up
- (B). When she broke out
- (C). When she broken away from her
- (D). When she broken up from her
- (E). No correction required

(8). Although vigilance mechanisms exist, **lex enforcement meaning that** wrongdoing is rarely penalized.

- (A). lex enforcement means that
- (B). lax enforcement meaning that
- (C). lex enforcing means that
- (D). lax enforcement means that
- (E). No correction required

(9). Perfection is the enemy of progress, but **it's not too late to do better**.

- (A). its not to late to do better
- (B). its not too late to do better
- (C). it's not too late to do best
- (D). its not too late to better
- (E). No correction required

(20). It is not uncommon for politicians to fake their degrees **and pass out as highly** educated.

(A). and pass off as higher

(B). and pass off as highly

(C). and pass out of highly

(D). and pass out as highest

(E). No correction required



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Correct answers

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

Explanations:

(1). The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: Collective nouns are used in the singular form and neuter gender(its). However, there is an exception. Collective nouns can be used in the plural form when there is a split of opinions or difference in views. In the given sentence, 'jury' refers to 'members of the jury'. Hence 'were' should be used in place of 'was' and 'their' should be used in place of 'its' in order to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

The jury were divided in their opinions with majority supporting the guilty verdict.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

(2). The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: The correct idiomatic expression is 'in the face of' and not 'with the facing of'.

In the face of (Idiom):

Meaning: Despite

E.g.: Reform had been introduced in the face of considerable opposition.

Hence 'in the face of' should be used in place of 'with the facing of' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

The RBI as a regulator has had qualified success in the face of structural impediments, including limited control over PSBs.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

(3). The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: Usage of the phrasal verb 'bear down' which means 'to push or press downwards' is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Bear away' which means 'to carry off in victory' would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: The general gave the soldiers permission to bear away the spoils after winning the war!

Hence 'bear away' should be used in place of 'bear down' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

The Indian cricket team is set to bear away the World Cup trophy for the third time.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

(4). The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

(5). The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: This is an error of proximity. The verb is made to agree with the nearer noun, not the subject. The subject is not 'values'. Here, 'affirming' is the subject which is singular and should be used with singular verb. Hence 'reduces' should be used in place of 'reduce' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

Affirming shared values reduces the feeling of being attacked.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

(6). The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: The correct idiomatic expression is 'selling off the family silver' and not selling off the family's silverwares'.

Sell the family silver (Idiom):

Meaning: To sell or part with a very valuable resource for a quick and immediate gain or advantage, rather than holding onto it for future use or to accrue even greater value.

E.g.: To avoid bankruptcy, the company had to offload some of its most valuable intellectual property, but many investors worry they may have doomed themselves in the long run by selling the family silver.

Hence 'selling off the family silver' should be used in place of 'selling off the family's silverwares' to make the sentence grammatically correct.

Among the given choices, only option C replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

Recapitalisation and governance reform can enhance market valuations of PSBs and should lead to a path for privatisation without accusations of "selling off the family silver."

Option C is hence the correct answer.

(7). The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: Usage of the phrasal verb 'break up' which means 'disintegrate or disperse' is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Break out' which means 'to escape' would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: A prisoner broke out of his cell.

Hence 'broke out' should be used in place of 'broke up' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

The child was rescued by the NGO workers when she broke out of her house just before her marriage ceremony.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

(8). The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: The word 'lex' means 'a system or body of laws' and is unsuitable in this sentence. The correct word to be used here is 'lax' which means 'not sufficiently strict, severe, or careful.'

Moreover, the simple present tense of the word 'mean' should be used in this sentence. Hence, 'means' should be used in place of 'meaning' so as to make the sentence contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option D replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

Although vigilance mechanisms exist, lax enforcement means that wrongdoing is rarely penalized.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

(9). The original sentence is absolutely correct and hence the bold part needs no replacement.

Option E is hence the correct answer.

(20). The original sentence is erroneous.

Reason: Usage of the phrasal verb 'pass out' which means 'become unconscious' is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Pass off' which means 'pretend to be' would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: I've tried to pass off my accent as a convent school accent.

Hence 'pass off' should be used in place of 'pass out' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

Among the given choices, only option B replaces the given bold part most appropriately.

The sentence after replacement becomes:

It is not uncommon for politicians to fake their degrees and pass off as highly educated.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

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