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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 34

**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). BJP is the only political party in the country which has a trained political human resource and this will form **the backing bone in the organization's** workforce in the days to come.

- (A). the backing bone of the organization's      (B). the backbone in the organization's  
(C). the backbone of the organization's      (D). the backbones of the organization's  
(E). No correction required

(2). The rise in petrol prices did not lead to a **proportionate cut off in** consumption.

- (A). proportionate cutting off in      (B). proportionate cut down in  
(C). proportionate cut through in      (D). proportionately cut off in  
(E). No correction required

(3). Hardly had the **thieves seen the polices than** they started running towards the black van.

- (A). thieves seen the police than      (B). thieves seen the polices when  
(C). thieves seen the police when      (D). thieves seeing the polices when  
(E). No correction required

(4). It is difficult to predict what Minister Sitharaman **will do in her new role as** finance minister.

- (A). will do in her newer role as      (B). will do with her new role as  
(C). will be done in her new role as      (D). will be doing with her new role of  
(E). No correction required

(5). Khurshid said that a heckler's freedom of speech and expression would **have to be consistent for the** right to movement and privacy of the recipient.

- (A). have to be inconsistent for the  
(B). have to be inconsistent with the  
(C). have to be in consistency for the  
(D). have to be consistent with the  
(E). No correction required

**(6).** The police looked for the fraud jeweller all over the **country but drew back**.

- (A). Countries but drew back  
(B). Country but drew a blank  
(C). Country but drew a circle  
(D). Country but drew black  
(E). No correction required

**(7).** It is difficult to take sides when both the **parties present spacious arguments**.

- (A). party presents spacious arguments  
(B). parties presenting specious arguments  
(C). parties present specious arguments  
(D). parties presenting spacious arguments  
(E). No correction required

**(8).** One should clear one's mind instead of **beaten one's brains in** trying to solve life's mysteries during meditation.

- (A). beating ones brains out  
(B). beat one's brains out  
(C). beating one's brains out  
(D). beating one's brains in  
(E). No correction required

**(9).** Nationalisation of banks in the **1970s was undertaken by then** Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

- (A). 1970's was undertaken by then  
(B). 1970s were undertaken by then  
(C). 1970s was undertaken by the  
(D). 1970s was undertaking by then  
(E). No correction required

**(10).** The assailant **made a cleaning breast with** his offence and implored the judge for mercy.

- (A). made a clean breast with  
(B). made a cleaning breast of  
(C). made a clean breast of  
(D). makes a clean breast of  
(E). No correction required

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### **Correct answers**

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

### **Explanations:**

**(1).** The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The correct idiomatic expression in this sentence is 'the backbone of' and not 'the backing bone in'.

#### **Be the backbone (Idiom):**

Meaning: The part of something that makes it successful or strong.

E.g.: Ordinary volunteers form the backbone of most charitable organizations.

Hence 'the backbone of' should be used in place of 'the backing bone in' 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:**

BJP is the only political party in the country which has a trained political human resource and this will form the backbone of the organization's workforce in the days to come.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

**(2).** The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'cut off' which means 'an act of stopping or interrupting the supply of something' is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Cut down' which means 'reduced in scope or length' would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: The doctor advised him to cut down his working hours.

Hence 'cut down' should be used in place of 'cut off' 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 rise in petrol prices did not lead to a proportionate cut down in consumption.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**(3).** The original sentence is incorrect

**Reason:** There are two errors in the bold part.

Firstly, the term 'police' is a collective noun. Collective nouns are used in singular form. Therefore, 'policies' must be replaced by 'police' in order to make the sentence correct.

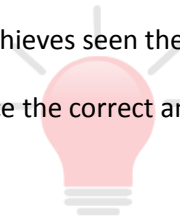
Secondly, 'hardly' and 'when' form a pair of coordinating conjunctions. Coordinating conjunctions join phrases, words, etc. of equal ranks. Therefore, 'when' should be used instead of 'than' in order to make it a grammatically correct sentence.

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

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Hardly had the thieves seen the police when they started running towards the black van.

Option C is hence the correct answer.



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**(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:** The word 'consistent' must be followed the preposition 'with' instead of 'for' in this context. The expression 'consistent with' means 'match with'.

Hence 'with' should be used in place of 'for' to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

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

**The sentence after replacement becomes:**

Khurshid said that a heckler's freedom of speech and expression would have to be consistent with the right to movement and privacy of the recipient.

Option D is hence the correct answer.

**(6).** The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** Usage of the phrasal verb 'draw back' which means 'choose not to do something that one was expected to do' is inappropriate in this sentence.

'Draw a blank' which means 'elicit no successful response; fail' would be suitable in this context.

E.g.: The search drew a blank.

Hence 'drew a blank' should be used in place of 'drew back' to make this 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 police looked for the fraud jeweller all over the country but drew a blank.

Option B is hence the correct answer.

**(7).** The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The word 'spacious' means 'having ample space' and is unsuitable in this sentence. The correct word to be used here is 'specious' which means 'superficially plausible, but actually wrong'. Hence 'specious' should be used in place of 'spacious' 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:**

It is difficult to take sides when both the parties present specious arguments.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

**(8).** The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The correct idiomatic expression is 'beating one's brains out' and not 'beaten one's brains in'.

**Beating one's brains out (Idiom):**

Meaning: Make a great mental effort to understand, solve, or remember something.

E.g.: Joe is beating his brains out to finish this puzzle.

Hence 'beating one's brains out' should be used in place of 'beaten one's brains in' 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:**

One should clear one's mind instead of beating one's brains out trying to solve life's mysteries during meditation.

Option C 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.

**(10).** The original sentence is erroneous.

**Reason:** The correct idiomatic expression in this sentence is 'made a clean breast of' and not 'made a cleaning breast with'.

**Make a clean breast of something (Idiom):**

Meaning: To admit something to someone.

E.g.: You should make a clean breast of the matter to someone.

Hence 'made a clean breast of' should be used in place of 'made a cleaning breast with' 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 assailant made a clean breast of his offence and implored the judge for mercy.

Option C is hence the correct answer.

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