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Sentence Correction Questions for SBI Clerk Pre, IBPS Clerk Pre, IBPS RRB and LIC Assistant Exams.

Sentence Correction Quiz 45

Directions : In the questions below, a sentence has been given with some of its part in bold. To make the sentence grammatically and idiomatically correct, you have to replace the bold part with one of the correct alternatives stated below. If the sentence is correct, mark the option 'no improvement required' as the answer.

1. It is about time we **tell you that** you should start preparing for the exam sincerely.

- A. told you that B. tell you that C. will tell you that D. have told you that
E. No improvement required

2. Mr. Basu is eclipsed by his wife who is **much lively and more intelligent** than he is.

- A. more lively and much intelligent B. much more lively and much more intelligent
C. much livelier and more intelligent D. much liveliest and most intelligent
E. No improvement required

3. Indian farmers have been reeling under financial stress **from immemorial time**.

- A. since immemorial time B. for immemorial time C. for time immemorial
D. from time immemorial E. No improvement required

4. The brilliant administrator **was destined** for the post of Assistant Commissioner; there was no one to challenge his caliber.

- A. were destined for B. was destined of C. were destined of D. was destined with
E. No improvement required

5. The young man bought **a pair of branded trouser** from the new mall.

- A. a pair of branded trousers B. pair of branded trouser C. pair of branded trousers
D. a pair for branded trousers E. No improvement required

6. The student performed in the examination **quiet well**; his face beamed with joy.

- A. quiet good B. quiet better C. quite well D. quite better
E. No improvement required

7. Pollution in Delhi is increasing day by day; try to cover **so many of your head as** you can.

- A. as many of your head as
D. as much of your head so

- B. as much of your head as
E. No improvement required

- C. so much of your head as

8. The battle hardened man said that he **would rather die than** surrender.

- A. will rather die than
D. will rather die than to

- B. would rather to die than
E. No improvement required

- C. would rather to die than to

9. In a recent lecture, the minister laid out the **rational and indispensability** of the foreign policy that had emerged since last year.

- A. rationale and indispensability
D. ration and indispensable

- B. rationale and indispensable
E. No improvement required

- C. rational and indispensable

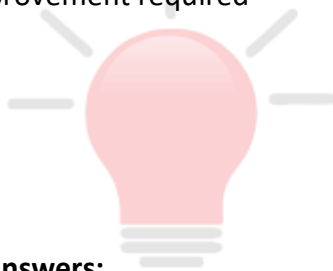
10. The audience clapped **its hands** when the table player ended his performance.

- A. its hand
E. No improvement required

- B. their hand

- C. their hands

- D. it's hands



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Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1. Rule:

It's time + subject + past verb form [This expression refers to the present moment.]

Therefore, the sentence would be correct if "tell you that" is replaced by "told you that".

Correct Sentence :

It is about time we **told** you that you should start preparing for the exam sincerely.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

2. A comparison is made between Mr. Basu and his wife.

Hence, the comparative degree of the adjectives has to be used.

Though "more intelligent" is the comparative degree of "intelligent", "lively" is the positive degree.

Hence, the sentence would be correct if "lively" is replaced by its comparative degree "livelier".

Correct Sentence :

Mr. Basu is eclipsed by his wife who is much **livelier** and more intelligent than he is.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

3. "From time immemorial" is a standard English expression/ phrase.

It cannot be changed whimsically.

The sentence would be correct if "from immemorial time" is replaced by "from time immemorial".

Correct Sentence:

Indian farmers have been reeling under financial stress **from time immemorial**.

Hence, option D is the correct answer.

4. “For” is the correct preposition after “destined” in this context.

“Destined for” means ‘headed for/ bound for/ intended for’.

The subject of the statement “the brilliant administrator” is singular. Hence the verb would also be “was” (=singular).

Hence, the sentence is absolutely correct from every aspect.

Therefore, option E is the correct answer.

5. “Trousers” is always used in the plural (=trousers).

Hence, “a pair of branded trousers” is the correct expression.

Correct Sentence :

The young man bought **a pair of branded trousers** from the new mall.

Therefore, option A is the correct answer.

6. “Quiet” means ‘making little or no noise; silent; still; hushed’.

It makes no sense whatsoever in the given context.

This eliminates option A and option B.

“Quite” means ‘to the utmost or most absolute extent or degree; absolutely; completely’.

But “quite better” is an incorrect expression here. “Better” is used to make comparison. But no comparison is made in the given sentence. Hence, it also gets eliminated.

“Quite well” is absolutely correct in the given context and replaces ‘quiet well’ aptly.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

7. A person can only have one head.

Hence, the usage of ‘many’ in front of ‘head’ is erroneous.

The sentence talks about covering head / part of head due to pollution.

Hence the expression “as much as” is perfect in the context.

“As much of your head as you can” makes perfect sense both grammatically and contextually.

Besides, “as much as” is a standard expression. It cannot be changed whimsically. “As” cannot be substituted with “so”.

Hence, option B is the correct answer.

8. The sentence is absolutely correct. There is no improvement required.

The expression / phrase 'rather than' is used without 'to' (=bare infinitive).

"Would rather die than" is absolutely correct.

Hence, option E is the correct answer.

9. The usage of the adjective 'rational' is erroneous.

The correct word in place of 'rational' would be 'rationale' which means 'a set of reasons or a logical basis for a course of action or belief'.

'Rationale and indispensability' makes the sentence correct both grammatically and contextually.

Hence, option A is the correct answer.

10. "Audience" acts as a unit. Hence, it's singular. But the audience does not have a big collective hand. The usage of 'its hands' is hence erroneous.

The correct usage in place of 'its hands' should be 'their hands'.

Therefore, option C is the correct answer.





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