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Rearrangement of Sentences for SBI Clerk Pre, IBPS Clerk Pre, LIC Assistant and IBPS RRB Exams.

Set No 36

Directions: Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph. Then answer the questions given below.

A. They had gone fishing in a creek deep inside the forest.

B. A tiger killed two fishermen in the Sunderbans last Monday.

C. But there was no trace of the missing fishermen.

D. At last the party decided to search the creeks, where they discovered their mauled half-eaten bodies.

E. The search party combed the regular fishing areas for two days.

F. When they didn’t return home in the evening, a search party was formed by the villagers.

1. Which of the following should be the SECOND statement after rearrangement?
   A. A  B. F  C. C  D. D  E. E

2. Which of the following should be the FIFTH statement after rearrangement?
   A. A  B. B  C. C  D. F  E. E

3. Which of the following should be the FOURTH statement after rearrangement?
   A. F  B. B  C. C  D. D  E. E

4. Which of the following should be the FIRST statement after rearrangement?
   A. A  B. B  C. C  D. D  E. E

5. Which of the following should be the SIXTH statement after rearrangement?
   A. A  B. F  C. C  D. D  E. E

Correct Answers:
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Common explanations:
Analysing the given sentences we see that, sentence C starts with “but”. Hence it cannot be the beginning sentence. The conjunction “but” is used to connect two sentences when the second sentence is in contradiction with the first one.

Sentence D begins with ‘at last’. Obviously, it cannot also be the opening sentence.

Sentence A and sentence F start with a pronoun. Pronoun is used in the absence of noun. These sentences can also be eliminated as the opening sentences.

Sentence E starts with the determiner ‘the’. Also, sentence E mentions one specific search party, the idea of which is introduced through sentence F. Hence, sentence E cannot also be the opening sentence.

Therefore, the opening sentence is sentence B.

Connecting B and A:

A tiger killed two fishermen in the Sunderbans last Monday.

They had gone fishing in a creek deep inside the forest.

Sentence A should follow sentence B as sentence A carries forward the entire story: how the fishermen were killed. [B-A]

Connecting A and F:

They had gone fishing in a creek deep inside the forest.

When they didn’t return home in the evening, a search party was formed by the villagers.

Sentence F closely follows sentence A. Sentence F carries forward the chain of thought introduced through sentence A. [A-F]

Connecting F and E:

When they didn’t return home in the evening, a search party was formed by the villagers.

The search party combed the regular fishing areas for two days.

Sentence F presents the formation of the search party and sentence E presents the action done by the search party. Thus, sentence F and sentence E form a mandatory pair. [F-E]

Connecting E and C:

The search party combed the regular fishing areas for two days.

But there was no trace of the missing fishermen.

Sentence C should follow sentence E as it presents the result that the search party produced. [E-C]
Connecting C and D:

But there was no trace of the missing fishermen.

At last the party decided to search the creeks, where they discovered their mauled half-eaten bodies.

Sentence D gives information about the success of the search party. Also, this sentence begins with the phrase “at last”. Obviously, this is the last sentence.

Answers:

1. The correct sequence is: BAFECB
As per the question, the SECOND statement is A.
Hence, option A is correct.

2. The correct sequence is: BAFEDC
As per the question, the FIFTH statement is C.
Hence, option C is correct.

3. The correct sequence is: BAFEDC
As per the question, the FOURTH statement is E.
Hence, option E is correct.

4. The correct sequence is: BAFEDC
As per the question, the FIRST statement is B.
Hence, option B is correct.

5. The correct sequence is: BAFEDC
As per the question, the SIXTH statement is D.
Hence, option D is correct.
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