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# Word Usage Questions for SBI PO Pre, IBPS PO Pre, SBI Clerk Mains and IBPS Clerk Mains Exams.

## Word Usage Quiz 3

**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.

### 1. 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

### 2. 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

### 3. 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

### 4. 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

## 5. 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      D. Only II      E. All the above

## 6. 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

## 7. 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

## 8. 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

## 9. 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

## 10. 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

### Correct Answers:

<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
C	E	D	C	E	A	E	C	E	A

### Explanations :

- 1. 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 **bolting** 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 **bolting** him forwards.

The usage of the verb 'bolting' makes no sense in the sentence. Instead of 'bolting' 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.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. 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 attacked 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.

**6. 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.

**7. 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.

**8. 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.

**9. 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.

**10. 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.



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