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Word Usage Questions for SBI Clerk Mains, IBPS Clerk Mains, RBI Assistant Mains, LIC AAO, SBI PO Pre, IBPS PO Pre and RRB Scale I Pre Exams.

Word Usage Quiz 7

Directions: In each of the following questions, a word has been given and used in three statements. You are supposed to identify which of the statement/s use/s the word correctly and mark that as your answer.

1. Pupil

- I. The photographer focused the camera pupil on the magnificent skyline.
- II. Numerous studies have revealed that dilated pupils are caused due to recreational drug overdose.
- III. Though the commissioner had reached new heights, he always regarded himself as a pupil of the headmaster.

A. Only I and II
E. Only III

B. Only II and III

C. Only II

D. Only I

2. Tender

- I. The online system enables people to download the tender schedule free of cost and place bids.
- II. Having worked on various cases, the detective tendered his resignation to the agency in order to pursue music.
- III. Monthly millions of dollars are arriving in the country to schedule the tender.

A. Only II
E. Only III

B. Only I

C. Only III and I

D. Only II and I

3. Season

- I. The customer requested the Chef to season the chicken with mixed herbs before roasting it in the oven.
- II. The river flowed aimlessly off the season towards the city.
- III. During this Olympic season, you may hear from announcers, critics, commentators and even athletes that the Olympic Games are too commercial.

A. Only III
E. Only II and III

B. Only III and I

C. Only III and II

D. Only II and I

4. Headwind

- I. The police got headwind of the illegal drug deal and caught the criminals.
- II. Power-plant construction is facing headwinds in the U.S. as renewable energy projects and slack demand throw the economics of new generators into question.
- III. IndiGo cited heavy headwind which led to off-loading of some of the checked-in baggage.

- A. Only II
- B. Only III
- C. Only I
- D. Only II and I
- E. Only II and III

5. Commission

- I. He now sits on a medical commission as well as an expert panel to discuss the ill-effects of the medicine.
- II. Mozart at last received a commission to write an opera.
- III. Typically, when aircrafts fly into headwinds commission, they consume more fuel.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II and III
- C. Only III
- D. Only II and I
- E. Only II

6. Sleight

- I. By the sleight of his hand, the player won three rounds in a row.
- II. His sleight of hands won him many awards all over the country.
- III. In intellectual sleight of hand, he explained the difference between a free market economy and a democracy.

- A. Only II
- B. Only III
- C. Only I and II
- D. Only II and III
- E. All of the above

7. Precept

- I. The company was a precept between the Industry and the government.
- II. Foregoing precepts, he was given one more chance given his stellar past performance.
- III. The Regulator issued precepts requiring the companies to provide information about their financials.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only I and II
- D. Only II and III
- E. All of the above

8. Ubiquitous

- I. When business confidence is ubiquitous due to an uncertain future with low-interest rates, the government can set up a Bank to mop up the society's savings.
- II. A famous economic historian at Harvard University, famously ubiquitous that the greater the backwardness of a country, the greater the role of the state in economic development.
- III. His ubiquitous influence was felt by the entire family.

- A. Only I
- B. Only I and III
- C. Only II and III
- D. Only III
- E. None of the above

9. Form

- I. The assumptions which form the basis of this book are questionable.
- II. Industrialisation of Europe and Asia was financed under the form of German-type universal banks.
- III. The application form needs to be filled and submitted before the end of this month.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only I and III
- D. Only II and III
- E. All of the above

10. Slew

- I. Development banks often lend at low and stable rates to slew long-term investments with considerable social benefits.
- II. To improve access to long-term finance, it is proposed to slew an organisation to provide credit enhancement for projects.
- III. The Minister announced a slew of measures to prop up the local economy.

- A. Only II
- B. Only III
- C. Only I and II
- D. Only I and III
- E. All of the above

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Correct Answers:

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

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Explanations:

1. Pupil is the *dark circular opening in the centre of the iris of the eye* and dilated pupils means to have pupils which are larger than the normal size. Pupil is *also used to describe a person who is taught by another*, especially a schoolchild or student in relation to a teacher. Statement I is meaningless.

This makes the correct choice as option B.

2. To tender means *to offer or present something formally*, like a resignation. It also means an offer to *carry out work for a fixed price* like a tender for securing a government contract. It does not make any sense in statement III.

Hence option D is the right answer.

3. The noun 'season' is a fixed time in the year when a particular sporting activity is pursued, such as the Olympics. The verb 'season' means to apply spices or flavourings to food. Sentence I and III use the given word correctly. But statement II does not make any sense.

Hence option B is the right answer.

4. Headwind is described as a wind having the opposite general direction to a course of movement (as of an aircraft). Figuratively it also means a force or influence that inhibits progress. Sentence II and III use the given word correctly. But in the first sentence it is grammatically and contextually wrong. It should have been 'police got wind' instead of 'headwind' to make it correct.

Hence option E is the right answer.

5. **Commission** means a group of people entrusted by a government or other official body with authority to do something. It also means an *order for something*, especially a work of art, to be produced specially. Sentence I and II use the given word correctly. But in the third sentence it is grammatically and contextually wrong.

Hence option D is the right answer.

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6. Sleight refers to being cunning with the intention to deceive. All the statements are correct and convey the correct meaning.

Hence, option E is correct.

7. Precept:

I. A general rule followed

II. A writ/warrant

Statement II corresponds to meaning I while statement III corresponds to meaning II.

However, statement I is absurd and meaningless.

Hence, option D is correct.

8. Ubiquitous: Present, appearing, or found everywhere.

Only statement III corresponds to the correct meaning. The other statements are simply absurd and meaningless.

Hence, option D is correct.

9. Form can be used as a noun as well as verb:

I. Noun: shape/configuration of something

II. Verb: To create something/ to conceive something.

Statement I corresponds to meaning II while statement II corresponds to meaning I.

The second statement is incorrect and meaningless.

Hence, option C is correct.

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10. Slew means

I. To slide uncontrollably

II. A number of

Statement III corresponds to the second meaning. However, the first two statements do not correspond to any of the meanings and the statements are thus incorrect.

Hence, option B is correct.

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