

ENGLISH QUESTIONS BASED ON NEW PATTERN

FOR IBPS PO 2018

Directions (1 to 5): In each of the questions given below, a part of the sentence is missing. Choose the part/ parts that fits in the sentence contextually and grammatically.

1. Here, then, is the takeaway- good science not only solves problems but also can _____, at where and how it can improve.

- (a) take a hard look at itself
- (b) introspect
- (c) look within oneself
- (A) Only All a, b and c
- (B) Only a and b
- (C) Only b and c
- (D) Only a and c
- (E) None of the above

2. While she codified typically feminine behavior in her treatises on moral instruction, she is _____ agitating for female education, a radical stance at the time.

- (a) moreover given credit in
- (b) also praised for
- (c) also credited with
- (A) Only c
- (B) Only a and b
- (C) Only b and c
- (D) Only a and c
- (E) None of the above

3. The domino theory was a Cold War policy that suggested a communist government in one nation would quickly lead to communist takeovers in neighboring states, each falling _____ row of dominos.

- (a) like a perfectly aligned
- (b) into a sequence of
- (c) akin to a pack of

- (A) Only a
- (B) Only a and b
- (C) Only b and c
- (D) Only a and c
- (E) None of the above

4. After marrying Harris- _____ his stepsister- in 1867, he grew increasingly erratic and perhaps suffered from post- traumatic stress.

- (a) hitherto
- (b) who also happened to be
- (c) who was also
- (A) Only a
- (B) Only a and b
- (C) Only b and c
- (D) Only a and c
- (E) None of the above

5. That, _____, is the conclusion of a study published this week by John Coates of the University of Cambridge and his colleagues.

- (a) in any case
- (b) no matter what
- (c) anyway
- (A) All a, b and c
- (B) Only a and b
- (C) Only b and c
- (D) only a and c
- (E) None of the above

Directions (6 to 10): In each of the questions below, four sentences are given. Choose the sentence that is grammatically or meaningfully incorrect. If all are correct, mark option (E) as your answer.

6.

(A) A forlorn hope is fought for by brave men, and the bravest do not fight for an issue they know to be hopeless.

(B) The bravest do not fight for an issue they know to be hopeless, while the brave men fight for a forlorn hope.

(C) While brave men fight for a forlorn hope, the bravest do not fight for an issue they know to be hopeless.

(D) Brave men fight for a forlorn hope, but the bravest do not fight for an issue they know to be hopeless.

(E) All are correct

7.

(A) As you may have seen from our wrap of the overnight markets, most arrows are pointed higher today.

(B) Most arrows are pointed higher today, if you look at our wrap of the overnight markets.

(C) Our wrap of the overnight markets shows that most arrows are pointed higher today.

(D) Since you can see from our wrap of the overnight markets, most arrows are pointed higher today.

(E) All are correct

8.

(A) We all have to work harder, because things have been so uncertain and we don't know what will pay off.

(B) We don't know what will pay off because things have been so uncertain while we all have to work harder.

(C) Things have been so uncertain and because we don't know what will pay off, we all have to work harder.

(D) Things have been so uncertain and we don't know what will pay off; hence, we all have to work harder.

(E) All are correct

9.

(A) Baird was the GM in Kansas City and had been like a father to Greinke when he went through his anxiety issues.

(B) Baird was the GM in Kansas City when Greinke went through his anxiety issues and Baird had been like a father to him.

(C) When Greinke went through his anxiety issues, Baird was the GM in Kansas City and had been like a father to him.

(D) Baird had been like a father to him when Greinke went through his anxiety issues and was the GM in Kansas City.

(E) All are correct

10.

(A) While we look at things on a laptop, I occasionally get an early morning cuddle from my youngest daughter in the recliner.

(B) Early in the morning, I get an occasional cuddle from my youngest daughter in the recliner while we look at things on a laptop.

(C) I occasionally get an early morning cuddle from my youngest daughter in the recliner while we look at things on a laptop.

(D) While my youngest daughter and I look at things on a laptop, I occasionally get an early morning cuddle from her in the recliner.

(E) All are correct

Directions (11 to 15): Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences.

11.(A) and forest conservation laws substantially (B) and water resources from the adivasis to industry (C) In a series of moves, this government has (D) diluted the Forest Rights Act and various other environmental (E) in order to help the transfer of common land.

(A) CDAEB

(B) ADBEC

(C) ABCDE

(D) DBCAE

(E) BCDAE

12. (A) find it hard to win a vote of (B) motion in the Lok Sabha (C) the Modi government would (D) Whatever the fate of the no-confidence (E) confidence brought by the farmers

(A) CDAEB

(B) ADBEC

(C) ABCDE

(D) DBCAE

(E) BCDAE

13. (A) Here are ten concrete (B) why the farmers of India express (C) against this government (D) evidence-based, arguments on (E) their vote of no confidence

- (A) CDAEB (B) ADBEC
(C) ABCDE (D) DBCAE
(E) BCDAE

14. (A) Both Hindus and Muslims participated (B) in the campaign, which involved (C) individuals posting a selfie (D) with a placard that (E) held a message and the hashtag.

- (A) CDAEB (B) ADBEC
(C) ABCDE (D) DBCAE
(E) BCDAE

15. (A) the hashtag, and the other (B) In a matter of hours (C) social media was riven into two hostile camps (D) one scathing in its criticism of (E) steadfast in its defence of it.

- (A) CDAEB (B) ADBEC
(C) ABCDE (D) DBCAE
(E) BCDAE

Directions (16 to 20): In the following passage there are blanks, each of which has been numbered and one word has been suggested alongside the blank. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, five options are given. In four options, one word is suggested in each option. Find out the appropriate word which fits the blank appropriately. If the word written alongside the blank fits the passage, choose option 'e' (No correction required) as the correct choice.

How much _____ (16) **utterly** brainwork - not zoning out in meetings, or reorganising the stationery cupboard, but work that involves really thinking - should you aim to get done in one day? It sounds like a trick question. We think of creativity as _____ (17) **deep** mysterious, and of humans as extremely varied. Plus, there are so many _____ (18) **kinds** of white-collar work: why assume the _____ (19) **mentioned** answer for lawyers, academics, investment bankers and engineers? But the answer isn't some _____ (20) **order**

version of: "It depends." The answer is four hours.

16.
(A) Genuinely (B) Establish
(C) Proper (D) Truer
(E) No correction required

17.
(A) Basics (B) Radical
(C) Elementary (D) Fundamentally
(E) No correction required

18.
(A) Nature (B) Qualities
(C) Quantities (D) Class
(E) No correction required

19.
(A) Same (B) Identity
(C) Difference (D) Similarly
(E) No correction required

20.
(A) Advance (B) Sophisticated
(C) Refinery (D) Naivety
(E) No correction required

Directions (21 to 25): Which of the following phrases (a), (b), and (c) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option from the given alternatives that will reflect the correct use of grammar and context. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (E), 'No correction required', as the answer.

21. The other reform cleared by the Cabinet was the crucial decision to put 100% FDI in Single Brand Retail Trading under the automatic route, accompanied by the long-sought relaxation of mandatory **locally sourcing** norms.
(a) local sourcing
(b) localised sourcing
(c) sourced locally
(A) Only (a) (B) Only (b)
(C) Only (c) (D) Only (a) and (b)

(E) No correction required

22. She listened in horror to this terrible tale and then **got to her feet** to address the crowd.

- (a) arose
(b) stood
(c) emerged
(A) Only (a) (B) Only (a) and (b)
(C) Only (a) and (c) (D) Only (b) and (c)
(E) All (a),(b) and (c)

23. That supports the suspicion that Bharat and some of his friends were the ones who broke into the mine and first **came across** the bones.

- (a) encountered
(b) discovered
(c) unearthed
(A) Only (a) (B) Only (a) and (b)
(C) Only (a) and (c) (D) Only (b) and (c)
(E) All (a), (b) and (c)

24. Paris authorities have recovered all the jewels stolen from the Ritz hotel in a **drama by robbers** on Wednesday but were still searching for two thieves who got away.

- (a) dramatized robbing
(b) dramatic robbery
(c) robbery drama
(A) Only (a) (B) Only (b)
(C) Only (c) (D) Only (a) and (b)
(E) No correction required

25. Economic and social marginalisation remains a driving theme in Tunisia, as it does in Egypt, where a security structure that was partly dismantled after the autocratic leader, Hosni Mubarak was forcibly resigned.

- (a) forced into resignation
(b) forced to resign
(c) forcibly made to resign
(A) Only (a) (B) Only (a) and (b)
(C) Only (a) and (c) (D) Only (b) and (c)
(E) All (a), (b) and (c)

Directions (26 to 27): In each of the questions given below a sentence is given in which some parts are given in bold which are grammatically correct. The other three parts of

the sentence may or may not be grammatically correct. The sentence is then followed by three alternatives for the parts of the sentence which is not given in bold which may replace the incorrect portion. Choose the alternative(s) which will replace the incorrect part in the sentence to make it grammatically and contextually correct.

26. India's supreme court has banned the sale of fireworks (a) / in Delhi during the upcoming Diwali festival (b) / in hopes to prevent the spike in toxic air pollution levels (c) / **that left the city sheeted in toxic smog** (d) / forcing the closure of schools, power stations and construction sites last year. (e)

- (I) In Delhi within the upcoming Diwali festival
(II) In hopes of prevent the spike in toxic air pollution levels
(III) Forcing the closure with schools, power stations and construction sites last year
(A) Only (I) (B) Only (II)
(C) Both (I)&(II) (D) Only (III)
(E) All of the above

27. The Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has asked the Catalan government to clarify (a) / whether it had declared independence (b) / **as he considers the unprecedented step** (c) / of suspending the region's autonomy (d) / **and imposing direct rule from Madrid.** (e)

- (I) The Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy had asked the Catalan government to clarify
(II) Whether it has declared independence
(III) With suspending the region's autonomy
(A) Only (I) (B) Only (II)
(C) Both (I) &(II) (D) Only (III)
(E) All of the above

Directions (28 to 30): In each of the following questions a short passage is given with one of the lines in the passage missing and represented by a blank. Select the best out of the five answer choices given, to make the passage complete and coherent (coherent means logically complete and sound).

28. Comparisons are, of course, silly and dicey, but one can hazard that Arrow's achievements

were in some ways arguably greater than Samuelson's. Samuelson's many contributions helped us think through the first principles of many issues in economics — public goods, taxation, savings, trade, consumer preference, pensions, and finance. Arrow's two stunning contributions (both theoretical) in some ways both built and undermined all of politics and all of (market) economics. Samuelson made mega-contributions, Arrow made meta-contributions.

(A) The Arrow-Samuelson comparison is interesting for another reason: Family connections.

(B) The work of Arrow and many others showed how such self-interested individual behaviour could produce outcomes that had broadly desirable social virtues.

(C) If you start with individual preferences, it is very difficult (or impossible) to come up with a rule (say majority voting) that aggregates these preferences and produces a societal preference that can satisfy some basic conditions.

(D) But this work showed how demanding were the conditions for the market system.

(E) Samuelson's related to one discipline, Arrow's transcended two.

29. Monetary policy makers concentrate on core inflation because it is a good yardstick for measuring "sustainable inflation": Which means that core inflation has to be correctly measured? Unfortunately, core inflation is mis-measured in India because the CPI for Fuel and Light includes kerosene and electricity, but excludes petrol. True core would exclude food, fuel and petrol. The reason monetary policy should be concerned with true core is because the excluded items are broadly outside the influence of monetary policy.

(A) A true core price index can easily be constructed by excluding the effects of petrol consumption from the transport and communication (TC) basket (TC has a weight of 8.59 per cent in the CPI and petrol consumption weight is 2.4 per cent), and adding it to the basket of Fuel.

(B) The correct and incorrect core inflation series, along with petrol price inflation, are reported in the chart.

(C) These facts counter the post-truth core inflation scenario painted by the RBI. (D) For example, it is a bit difficult to argue that the RBI's repo rate policy can affect OPEC's pricing policy for oil!

(E) The RBI is well aware of the problem of wrongly measured core inflation in India.

30. The analogy of theatre commands of the US/China is misleading as it would only address the "under command" syndrome of the ground-based forces in India. The truism that "air power is indivisible" and works best under an airman should not be violated. Since India has a status quoist stance on boundary matters, the blocking of air assets by splitting them under theatre commanders would be sub-optimal.

Both would be unwieldy considering the diverse requirements of equipment and training for troops (desert, plains and hills) — so more (smaller) commands would be required, bifurcating air assets further, reducing their potency.

(A) Joint procurement, commanding future commands like cyber, space and special forces and a role in budgeting could be the starting point.

(B) If one were to follow the US/China model, then there would be just two "theatres" — the Northern and Western.

(C) At the operational level, war is directed by regional command headquarters which, in the case of the army and navy, are terrestrial/surface combatants.

(D) A Su-30 from Pune can address maritime threats down south as well as those across the Thar desert.

(E) Decisive political decision-making is the need of the hour if we want to move forward.

Directions (31 to 40): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions

If capitalism had actually achieved what had been expected of it in the optimistic days of

political economy, such criticisms would have lacked resonance. Contrary to what is often supposed, among the poor there are few 'revolutions of rising standards'. But in the formative period of socialism, i.e. between the publication of Robert Owen's *Mew View of Society* (1813-14) and the *Communist Manifesto* (1848), depression, falling money-wages, heavy technological unemployment and doubts about the future expansive prospects of the economy were only too obtrusive. Critics could therefore fix not merely on the injustice of the economy, but on the defects of its operation, its 'internal contradictions'. Eyes sharpened by antipathy thus detected the built-in cyclical fluctuations or 'crises' of capitalism (Sismondi, Wade, Engels) which its supporters overlooked, and indeed whose possibility a 'law' associated with the name of J. B. Say (1767-1832) denied. They could hardly fail to notice that the increasingly uneven distribution of national incomes in this period ('the rich getting richer and the poor poorer') was not an accident, but the product of the operations of the system. In brief, they could show not merely that capitalism was unjust, but that it appeared to work badly and, insofar as it worked, to produce the opposite results to those predicted by its champions.

31. Which of the words are similar in meaning to the word 'optimistic' as used in the passage?

- (A) Superficial (B) Dogmatic
(C) Buoyant (D) Progressive
(E) Sufficient

32. Which of the following words is opposite in meaning to the word 'lacked' as used in the passage?

- (A) Need (B) Want
(C) Miss (D) Insufficient
(E) Possess

33. Which of the words are similar in meaning to the word 'formative' as used in the passage?

- (A) Moist (B) Dependence
(C) Irritation (D) Developmental
(E) Social

34. Which of the words are opposite in meaning to the word 'heavy' as used in the passage?

- (A) Colossal (B) Meagre
(C) Tidy (D) Hefty
(E) Considerable

35. Which of the words are similar in meaning to the word 'defects' as used in the passage?

- (A) Merit (B) Flaw
(C) Pretension (D) Joint
(E) Halo

Directions (36 to 40): In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

Creating Canopies to **baldachin (36)** passengers, such as those crowding the staircase to **pie (37)** the rain in Mumbai, putting in escalators and lifts, and providing exits on both sides of train coaches towards the street level wherever **hegira (38)**, will facilitate movement. These are inexpensive, off-the-shelf solutions. Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has called for a quick survey of the suburban stations to **bust (39)** areas of concern, but this is something that should have been done without waiting for a **yoke (40)**, and it must now be extended to all cities.

36.

- (A) Shield (B) Marquee
(C) Groin (D) Hood
(E) No improvement

37.

- (A) Clinch (B) Escape
(C) Pragmatic (D) Prudent
(E) No improvement

38.

- (A) Abdication (B) Feasible
(C) Lam (D) Eschewal

(E) No improvement

39.

- (A) Breeze (B) Likely
(C) Identify (D) Bale
(E) No improvement

40.

- (A) Aid (B) Diagnose
(C) Disaster (D) Assort
(E) No improvement

Directions (41 to 45): In the following question, an incomplete sentence is given which can be completed by substituting the expressions provided below each sentence. Choose the most appropriate expression(s) among the five which complete(s) the sentence in accordance to the correct grammatical structure and make(s) the sentence contextually meaningful.

41. Once the branded generics of this drug became _____ available, _____ patients

- _____
- (I) are dependent on medicines for an extended period of time.
(II) were able to access it at a cheaper rate.
(III) may avoid complex chemotherapy procedures.
(A) Both (II) and (III) (B) only (I)
(C) only (II) (D) All (I), (II) and (III)
(E) none of these

42. So many marriages are simply dead and couples are leading separate lives, _____

- _____
- (I) existing together just for the sake of propriety and convention.
(II) and they are happy to continue this for the rest of your life.
(III) and all they are doing is a flogging a dead cat.
(A) Both (II) and (III) (B) only (I)
(C) only (II) (D) All (I), (II) and (III)
(E) none of these

43. A recent Indian study on health outcomes of angioplasty, a procedure performed on heart patients, has shown that stenting all blockages in _____ the _____ heart

- _____
- (I) may lead to poor heart function narrowings that reduce blood flow and cause persistent chest pain.
(II) is the leading causes of disability in India today
(III) can reduce survival and increase chances of death
(A) only (II) (B) only (I)
(C) Both (I) and (III) (D) All (I), (II) and (III)
(E) None of these

44. If India is serious about sustained growth, and a larger global footprint in education, it must _____

- _____
- (I) build an education system that fosters innovation and encourages analytical thinking.
(II) improve teacher training, curricular reform and grant more freedom to educators to experiment
(III) think beyond simply enabling graduates to go abroad.
(A) only (II) (B) only (I)
(C) Both (I) and (III) (D) All (I), (II) and (III)
(E) none of these

45. In nearly every country, women and girls face systemic barriers that bar them _____

- _____
- (I) empirically grounded or socially constructed.
(II) the opportunities to eradicate poverty
(III) the extent of biological difference.
(A) only (II) (B) only (I)
(C) Both (I) and (III) (D) All (I), (II) and (III)
(E) none of these

Directions (46 to 50): In the given sentences, a word/phrase is highlighted in bold. You need to find the best idiom that can, both

contextually and grammatically, replace the highlighted part, and mark that as your answer.

46. You don't have to get so angry at her words; she was just **joking with you**.

- (A) Pulling your leg
- (B) Hitting the dust
- (C) Burying the hatchet
- (D) Smoking like a chimney
- (E) None of these

47. I understand that the grief of your father's accident was too much for you to take, but being the eldest child, you need to **calm down**.

- (A) Pull your weight
- (B) Bet your bottom dollar
- (C) Pull yourself together
- (D) Follow in other's footsteps
- (E) None of these

48. I am thinking to consult a doctor, as I've been **sick** for some time now.

- (A) Pulling strings
- (B) Fool's errand
- (C) Hang up my boots
- (D) Under the weather
- (E) None of these

49. We're lucky to have visited this apartment, which is **ideal**.

- (A) Picture perfect
- (B) Open the floodgates
- (C) Make the cut
- (D) Acid test
- (E) None

50. He said that he had simply sold his shares, but I think it's **more interesting**.

- (A) Adding fuel to the flames
- (B) Ramming down someone's throat
- (C) All mouth and no trousers
- (D) Tying yourself up in knots
- (E) None

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