



30 Questions English PDF for SBI Clerk Prelims 2018

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Direction (1-7): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Water pollution is the contamination of water bodies (e.g. lakes, rivers, oceans, aquifers and groundwater). This form of environmental degradation occurs when pollutants are directly or indirectly discharged into water bodies without adequate treatment to remove harmful compounds. Although interrelated, surface water and groundwater have often been studied and managed as separate resources. Surface water seeps through the soil and becomes groundwater. Conversely, groundwater can also feed surface water sources. Sources of surface water pollution are generally grouped into two categories based on their origin. Thermal pollution is the rise or fall in the temperature of a natural body of water caused by human influence. Thermal pollution, unlike chemical pollution, results in a change in the physical properties of water. A common cause of thermal pollution is the use of water as a coolant by power plants and industrial manufacturers. Elevated water temperatures decrease oxygen levels, which can kill fish and alter food chain composition, reduce species biodiversity, and foster invasion by new thermophilic species. Urban runoff may also elevate temperature in surface waters. Thermal pollution can also be caused by the release of very cold water from the base of reservoirs into warmer rivers. It is a generally accepted fact that the developed countries suffer from problems of chemical discharge into the water sources mainly groundwater, while developing countries face problems of agricultural run-off in water sources. Water-borne epidemics and health hazards in the aquatic environment are mainly due to improper management of water resources. Proper management of water resources has become the need of the hour as this would ultimately lead to a cleaner and healthier environment. In order to prevent the spread of water-borne infectious diseases, people should take adequate precautions. The city water supply should be properly checked and necessary steps taken to disinfect it. Water pipes should be regularly checked for leaks and cracks. At home, the water should be boiled, filtered, or other methods and necessary steps taken to ensure that it is free from infection.

1. What is the main idea of the passage?
A. Water pollution has reached to that extent that it cannot be controlled.
B. Soil pollution is a major reason of pollution of the water.
C. The great extent to which water pollution has taken place and the urgent need to ameliorate the situation.
D. The necessity to exacerbate the polluted state of the water bodies and take care individually as well.
E. The increasing number of deaths of people due to pollution of water
2. Which of the following is the best pragmatic way of preventing water pollution?
A. Rainwater harvesting and reducing the use of water.
B. Treating the wastes before discharging them into water bodies.
C. Reducing the amount of wastes created at their source.
D. Using treated water before it is used at home.
E. Proper management of water to eliminate scarcity.
3. Which of the following can be inferred from the passage?
A. The water in either of the source cannot be interlinked and needs to be treated accordingly.
B. Surface water pollution will lead to groundwater pollution and not vice versa.
C. Groundwater or surface water pollution cannot affect each other.
D. Groundwater pollution can lead to surface water pollution.
E. The contaminants of the soil can be treated chemically and can reduce the water pollution.
4. Why is it that developed countries have more of chemical discharge into the water bodies than the developing bodies?
A. They experience more of industrialization than the developing ones.
B. They have more population than the developing countries.
C. They have more of wastes to manage which are treated in a better manner.
D. They have more water bodies which can be segregated for pollution.
E. They have a scarcity of water which aggravates the situation.



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- A) Whereas previously corporate managers showed a distinct reluctance to spend on either new technology or expansion or any kind, this year they have suddenly become aggressive.
 B) The corporate sector has received too little attention from financial media of late.
 C) But few these days talk or write about the sector as a whole.
 D) Of course, it continues to attract media interest, especially if a scandal develops.
 E) This is unfortunate, for the behavior of corporate America has changed profoundly during the last nine months or so.
13. Which of the following will be the first sentence after rearrangement?
 A. A B. B
 C. D D. C
 E. E
14. Which of the following will be the third sentence after rearrangement?
 A. B B. E
 C. C D. A
 E. D
15. Which of the following will be the fifth sentence after rearrangement?
 A. B B. C
 C. D D. E
 E. A
16. Which of the following will be the fourth sentence after rearrangement?
 A. E B. C
 C. A D. D
 E. B
17. Which of the following will be the second sentence after rearrangement?
 A. B B. D
 C. E D. A
 E. C
18. **Direction:** In the following question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold part are given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E) i.e. No correction required.
 She was standing at the front of the bus, **next of first** available seat.
 A. Next of the first B. Next to the first
 C. Next to first D. Next to a first
 E. No correction required
19. **Direction:** In the following question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold part are given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E) i.e. No correction required.
 Mindy barreled into the bedroom and **scoted the cat** into her arms.
 A. Skittered the cat B. Scooped the cat
 C. Scuttled the cat D. Shelved the cat
 E. No correction required
20. **Direction:** In the following question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold part are given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E) i.e. No correction required.
 The problem was that a person could not grow up with Charles without becoming polite **in their very bones**.
 A. From their very bones
 B. Till their very bones
 C. To their very bones
 D. To their very bone
 E. No correction required
21. **Direction:** In the following question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold part are given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E) i.e. No correction required.
 It was a thought so profoundly improbable, that it was not worth building **the life in**.
 A. The life on B. A life on
 C. A life in D. A life upon
 E. No correction required
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- If the ambulance didn't **got their pronto**, the gunshot victim would bleed out.
- A. Get their on pronto
B. Get there on pronto
C. Got there pronto
D. Get there pronto
E. No correction required
23. **Direction:** *In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.*
The statement made by the witness, _____ all the previous research made on this case.
A. add fuel to the fire
B. calls in question
C. ran in the same groove
D. at cross purposes
E. in ruptures
24. **Direction:** *In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.*
The popularity of this actor is _____.
A. resting on my laurels
B. fair and square
C. fishing in troubled water
D. on the wane
E. in high spirits
25. **Direction:** *In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.*
The labours became furious when the management _____ to their demand of pay hike.
A. gave one's ear
B. cried wolf
C. turned a deaf ear
D. gave a rap on the knuckles
E. cut the Gordian knot
26. **Direction:** *In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.*
The politician succeeded in influencing the voters by _____.
A. being ill mouthed
B. being foul mouthed
C. speaking daggers
D. by striking one's colour
E. being mealy mouthed
27. **Direction:** *In the given question, a statement with a blank is given. Fill the most suitable idiom/phrase from the given options to make the statement meaningful and complete.*
The goods that he is planning to sell would be a _____, according to the experts.
A. drug in the market B. pell mell
C. sum and substance D. high and low
E. fits and starts
28. **Direction:** *In the given sentence, some words are printed in bold one of which may be wrongly spelt. Choose the incorrectly spelt word as the answer. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark E i.e. 'All are correct' as the answer.*
The **voguish** industrial robot / may wear the **aureaul** of high / technology but it came into **existence**/to meet a rather **mundane** need.
/ All are correct
A. voguish B. aureaul
C. existence D. mundane
E. All are correct
29. **Direction:** *In the given sentence, some words are printed in bold one of which may be wrongly spelt. Choose the incorrectly spelt word as the answer. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark E i.e. 'All are correct' as the answer.*
The protagonist wanted to **unearth** / the **wondrous** power which / magnetized the needle and **supervised** / a thousand **celestial** observations. / All are correct
A. unearth B. wondrous
C. supervised D. celesial
E. All are correct
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In the **fisticuffs** between the / **protagonists** of good and evil, no subjective / **hitcheis** are involved or, none are depicted / in **juvenile** representations of conflict. / All are correct
A. fisticuffs B. protagonists
C. hitcheis D. juvenile
E. All are correct



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