

IBPS Clerk Main 2018 Important Questions

Error Spotting

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1. **Direction:** Read the sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. Mark the option corresponding to that part as the answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as No error. Ignore the errors of punctuation if any.

This goes beyond a simple patient-doctor/ relationship but I think our friend, philosopher/ and mentor need to pour out/ everything that's troubling him.

- A. This goes beyond a simple patient-doctor
- B. Relationship but I think our friend, philosopher
- C. And mentor need to pour out
- D. Everything that's troubling him
- E. No error

2. **Direction:** Out of the five statements given below, choose the grammatically correct statement as your answer.

- A. The deceased soldier's family is banking upon the government for justice and support.
- B. The deceased soldier's family is banking over the government for justice and support.
- C. The deceased soldier's family is banking on the government for justice and support.
- D. The deceased soldier's family is banking of the government for justice and support.
- E. The deceased soldier's family is banking into the government for justice and support.

3. **Direction:** Out of the five statements given below, only one is grammatically incorrect. Choose the incorrect statement as your answer.

- A. Halitosis or bad breath is something that can be really embarrassing, whether it is your first date or your dream job interview.
- B. The flashlight keychain will put an end to all your struggle of finding the keyhole while opening the lock in the dark!
- C. Having protected your brain from damage or stress, you can have leafy veggies like spinach, lettuce, radish leaves on daily basis.
- D. Avocados are often confused to be unhealthy because of its high-fat content, whereas in reality, they are rich in 'monosaturated fats'.
- E. Beet roots clean your blood, protect your body from inflammation and most importantly they charge the brain with a good blood circulation making it strong.

4. **Direction:** Four statements are given below at A, B, C and D. There may be some errors in the given statement(s). The incorrect statement is your answer.

A. He was arrested because he possessed weapons, reckless endangerment and other charges, and he did not have a permit for the gun either.

B. He was arrested for weapons possession, reckless endangerment and other charges, besides for not having a permit for the gun.

C. He who did not have a permit for the gun, was arrested for weapons possession, reckless endangerment and other charges.

D. After he was arrested for weapons possession, reckless endangerment and other charges, it was found that he did not have a permit for the gun.

E. All are incorrect

5. **Direction:** For the statement given in the question, four alternatives are suggested. Identify the best way of writing the sentence.

Portugal has imposed many cuts in its fiscal deficit while raising pensions and wages on the other hand.

A. Portugal along with raising its fiscal deficit decreased its pensions and wages.

B. There has been a reduction in Portugal's fiscal deficit, while the opposite has been witnessed in its pensions and wages.

C. Both Portugal's pensions and wages and its fiscal deficit experienced an alteration.

D. Despite the fact that Portugal raised its pensions and wages, it has also affected its fiscal deficit.

E. No correction required

6. **Direction:** A sentence is divided into three parts I, II and III. For each part, a correction statement is given. Determine the part which requires correction.

Within a massive influx of natural disasters, warming and/ cooling periods, people need to be aware of the/ types of environmental problems our planet is facing.

I. With a massive influx of natural disasters, warming and

II. Cooling periods, people need to be aware of what

III. Types of environmental problems our planet are faced

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



7. **Direction:** *In the given question, a sentence is divided into five parts out of which the last part is correct. Out of the remaining four, there are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct, mark E, i.e., 'All are correct' as the answer.*

Before you apply to admit bankrupt, (A)/ try to make sure you have enough cash (B)/ for day by day expenses because once (C)/ a bankruptcy order is made you're (D)/ **accountswill usually be frozen.**

- A. A B. B
C. C D. D
E. All are correct

8. **Direction:** *In the following question, five statements have been given. Identify the pair of statements which are grammatically correct and also carry the same meaning.*

1) As consumerism, especially at century's end, becomes an increased individualistic and private affair, we risk losing key virtues that stabilize and promote social life.

2) Consumerism is kindled, only when people, through the mediums of advertising and marketing, come to mythically believe they have certain "needs" that can only be satisfied through consumption.

3) Consumerists, as a character-cultivating way of life, encourage the least attractive human traits—avarice, aggression, and self-centeredness.

4) We all fall prey to consumerism, and it is especially important for parents to have been teaching their children to discern the real messages behind airbrushed ads and images.

5) Consumerism comes into existence when various marketing strategies contribute to the creation of artificial wants among consumers.

- A. 1 and 2
B. 2 and 3
C. 4 and 5
D. 2 and 5
E. 3 and 4

9. **Direction:** *In the given sentence, some parts are printed in bold while some are not. The parts printed in bold are correct and need no improvement. The parts which are not printed in bold may or may not be correct. Choose the part which is incorrect and needs improvement.*

China will either shut down or **curtail operations at** dozens of steel plants from November 2017, over the next five months for an aggressive action plan **to reduce winter pollution** in Beijing and its surrounding areas.

- A. will either shut down
B. **curtail operations at** dozens of
C. for an aggressive action plan
D. plan **to reduce winter pollution** in
E. Beijing and its surrounding areas.

10. **Direction:** *A sentence divided into 5 parts is given, each of which is numbered. One of the parts of the sentence is missing and is marked by a blank. Choose the option as your answer, which when filled in the blank will render the **first part of the sentence incorrect.***

After Sterlite announced its plans to expand the (1)/ Tuticorin plant, villagers around it started fresh protests (2)/ _____ (3)/ the May 22 police firing on protestors that (4)/ claimed 13 lives and left scores injured. (5)

- A. Even before the announcements were made, which culminated in
B. While showcasing their agitation through dance and drama, but unfortunately it ended in
C. Which lasted not more than 100 days and resulted in
D. That continued for over 100 days, culminating in
E. None of the above

11. **Direction:** *A sentence divided into four parts (A), (B), (C) and (D) is given. The errors are in two parts of the sentence. Determine the parts which require correction and mark it as your answer. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'.*

Google announced changes (A)/ to how it will handle claims of sexual harassment between employees, (B)/ including making arbitration optional (C)/ for individual harassment sexual assault claims. (D)

- A. A-C
B. B-D
C. B-C
D. C-D
E. No error



12. **Direction:** In the following question, four statements are given. Identify the pair of statements opposite in meaning to each other. If the correct opposite pair is not given in the alternatives, mark 'None of these' as the answer.

- 1) The preference to qualification over talent has not only lead to a massive brain-drain from the country but also a stagnation in the national growth.
- 2) The country's growth has been hindered by the massive brain-drain which is an aftermath

of the improper criterion of employee selection.

3) The massive turnover and the halt in the national growth are a fallout of the predilection for talent.

4) The national growth is directly proportional to the attrition rate which has been kept up.

- A. 1 and 4
- B. 1 and 3
- C. 2 and 3
- D. 1 and 2
- E. None of these

ANSWERS

1. Ans. C.

The error lies in the third part of the given sentence. If several nouns or adjectives are used for a single subject, we use singular verb. In the given sentence "friend", "philosopher" and "mentor" refers to a single person, therefore, the verb must be singular, i.e., "needs".

2. Ans. A.

In the given sentences banking upon is the correct phrasal verb which means basing hopes on someone/something or depending on someone for something. So, option A is the correct answer.

Option B, C, D, and E are incorrect because bank over or bank on or bank into does not have any relevant meaning in the given context.

3. Ans. C.

Option C implies that we have to protect our brain from damage or stress *before* eating leafy vegetables. But the reality is completely reversed. These vegetables protect us from brain damage and stress. Hence, the correct answer is C.

4. Ans. A.

One can possess a weapon but cannot be said to possess an endangerment or a charge. Thus, option A is incorrect. The other sentences are grammatically correct.

5. Ans. B.

The sentence, though structurally inappropriate, wants to convey that Portugal, on the one hand, has cut its deficit but on the other hand it has increased its pensions and wages. This shows the contradictory

move. Option A is incorrect as it used 'along with' which is not used to show contradiction. Option C doesn't make it clear what has been increased and what has been decreased. Option D states that raised in pensions had affected the fiscal deficit so is incorrect. Option B is grammatically and contextually correct and conveys the same meaning.

6. Ans. A.

The error in part I of the sentence is that the preposition 'within' is incorrect as it means inside something. The correct preposition here would be 'with' so as to show relation. Thus A is the correct answer.

7. Ans. B.

Only option B is correct. The errors in the other parts are as follows:

A- You can admit bankruptcy, not admit bankrupt. Here "go bankrupt" will be correct.

C- Day to day is the correct phrase to indicate the daily expenses.

D- Here the possessive pronoun is required, hence "your" should be used. "You're" is a contraction of "you are", which is not appropriate here.

8. Ans. D.

Statements 2 and 5 are both grammatically correct and carry the same meaning. Statement 2 states that Consumerism takes place when under the influence of advertising and marketing, wants to get created among people. The same idea is stated in statement 5. Thus, option D is correct.

Let's look at the errors in the other statements:



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1) "Individualistic" is an adjective, so is "increased" in the given context. But an adjective cannot modify an adjective and we need an adverb in its place. Therefore, "increasingly" should be written.

3) Here the usage of the word "consumers" is incorrect as it refers to a group of people who consume. The consumers cannot be called "a character-cultivating way of life". Hence, the abstract noun "consumerism" should be used.

4) The statement here talks about what parents should do in general. Hence, the verb "teach" should be in the simple present tense instead of present perfect continuous. So, "have been teaching" should be replaced by "teach".

9. Ans. C.

The error lies in option C as the preposition 'for' is incorrect and must be replaced with 'under'. 'For' is used to specify a reason and 'under' means 'according to.' Thus C is the correct answer.

10. Ans. A.

Note that in the given question we are required to find a segment which when put in the blank will render the first part of the sentence incorrect. So we can either look for the segment which will make a contextual error or one which causes a grammatical error in the asked part. So let's first read the sentence and the options thoroughly.

The first statement mentions that protests were started **after** the Sterlite announcement was made. But the first option mentions the word "before" to indicate the time of the initiation of the protests, which renders the first part of the sentence contextually incorrect. All the other options fit appropriately in the blank and help in

rendering a logical meaning to the whole sentence. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

11. Ans. B.

Parts B and D are incorrect. 'Between' is used to refer to concepts/things that are completely separate. The correct preposition to be used here is 'among' which would indicate that 'sexual harassment' and 'employees' are not two different concepts as they are a part of the same group. Part D is missing a conjunction. 'Harassment' and 'sexual assault' are two different phrases and need to be joined by a conjunction like 'and'. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

12. Ans. B.

The first statement has a clear meaning. Brain-drain refers to the emigration of highly trained or qualified people from a particular country, this includes both talent and qualification.

The second statement talks about improper criterion of employee selection which has not been implicitly mentioned in any of the statements.

The third statement is exactly opposite in meaning to the first statement since it says that the two effects are a consequence of the preference for talent.

"Fallout" means adverse effects and "predilection" means fondness or liking.

Attrition means the gradual reduction of a workforce by employees leaving and not being replaced rather than by redundancy. Kept up means maintained. The sentence is incomplete for comparison since it doesn't talk about the choice of qualification or talent.

Hence, the answer is 1 and 3.



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