

IBPS Clerk Main 2018 Important Questions

Phrase Replacement

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1. **Direction:** In the following question, a part of the sentence is bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold part are given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., 'No correction required'.
The warden told the students that they should go to bed on time, not waste food, and **to attend** the morning assembly every day.
A. Attending
B. Attend
C. To be attending
D. Attending to
E. No correction required
2. **Direction:** In the following question, a part of the sentence is bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold part are given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., 'No correction required'.
Many of our **houses, both public as well as private, with their** almost innumerable apartments, their huge halls and their cellars for the storage of wines and other munitions of peace, appear to be extravagantly large for their inhabitants.
A. Houses, both public but private, with their
B. Houses, both public and private, with their
C. House, both public and private, with its
D. House, both public but private, with their
E. No correction required
3. **Direction:** In the following question, a part of the sentence is bold. Below the sentence alternatives to the bold part are given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) which may improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., 'No correction required'.
As some crops **not only need sunshine but also cold nights and chilled showers to ripen**, so character needs not only joy but trial and difficulty to mellow it.
A. Not only need sunshine but also cold nights and chilling showers to ripen
B. Not only need sunshine but also coldest nights and chills showers to ripen
C. Need not only sunshine but also cold nights and chilling showers to ripen
D. Need not only sunshine but also cold nights and chilled showers to ripen
E. No correction required
4. **Direction:** A part of the sentence is underlined. Below it alternatives to the underlined part are given which will make the sentence grammatically meaningful and correct. Choose the correct alternative.
The next awaited performance was through the veteran danseuse Leena Samson whose mesmerisation of the audience with her performances such as – Shankarashri in raga Hansanandi along with portrayal of conflict between Shiva and Parvati- Ardhanari Nateshwara.
A. The next performance that awaited was on the veteran danseuse Leena Samson who mesmerised the audience with her performances
B. The next in line performance were by the veteran danseuse Leena Samson that mesmerised the audience with her performances
C. The next awaited performance was by the veteran danseuse Leena Samson who mesmerised the audience with her performances
D. The next awaiting performance was via the veteran danseuse Leena Samson who mesmerised the audience with her performances
E. The next performance was by the veteran danseuse Leena Samson who had to mesmerised the audience with her performances
5. **Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence. Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., 'No correction required'.
Mr. Trump will not step aside as Richard Nixon did and the Congress, though it may impeach him, looks **too divided so that it cannot remove him**.
I. Too divided that it cannot remove him
II. Too divided to remove him
III. So divided that it cannot remove him
A. Only I B. Only II
C. Only I and II D. Only II and III
E. No correction required



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The worker went to the engineer because he **knew to rope construction**.

- i. Knew the ropes of construction
 - ii. Knew to bend many ropes of construction
 - iii. Known to buy ropes for construction
- A. Only I B. Only ii
C. Only iii D. Both i and iii
E. No correction required

7. **Direction:** In the given 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'.

Essential service providers who are forbidden to strike are expected to **come up with** "white flu" on Tuesday.

- A. Come across
B. Come out with
C. Come down on
D. Come down with
E. No correction required

8. **Direction:** In the given 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 party has generally backed government-sponsored legislation on economic issues, but has sought a **clamp down on** late night shows, nightclubs and casinos.

- A. Clamp against
B. Clamp up against
C. Clamp up
D. Clamp for
E. No correction required

9. **Direction:** In the given 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'.

He was able to **turn over** the promotion without prejudice and applied again several years later.

- A. Turn down B. Turn off
C. Turn in D. Turn out
E. No correction required

10. **Direction:** In the given question, four words are printed in bold and are numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4. Of these, the positions of two of these words may be incorrect and need to be exchanged to make the sentence correct. Find the two words which need to be exchanged. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., 'No correction required'.

Those are just **adventure** (1) extracts from my **tiny** (2) journals, which silently **witnessed** (3) the greatest **experience** (4) of my life.

- A. 1-2 B. 2-3
C. 1-3 D. 2-4
E. No correction required

11. **Direction:** In the given question, four words are printed in bold and are numbered 1, 2, 3 and 4. Of these, the positions of two of these words may be incorrect and need to be exchanged to make the sentence correct. Find the two words which need to be exchanged. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., 'No correction required'.

Some of the **maintenance** (1) will come by reducing the **savings** (2) and interest costs, **sales** (3) and distribution expenses and rationalizing the **fleet** (4).

- A. 1-2 B. 2-4
C. 3-4 D. 1-4
E. No correction required

12. **Direction:** In the given question, there is a statement with some words in bold. Some of the bold words are correctly used, while some are not. Pick the words which have been used correctly. If all the bold words are relevant, then option E, i.e., 'All are correct' is your answer.



I used to be an **arid** (1) green tea drinker but after I found out that the high amounts of caffeine make me **jittery** (2), I bought the herbal tea that must be **parched** (3) in hot water.

- A. Only 3 B. Both 2 and 3
C. Only 2 D. Both 1 and 3
E. All are correct

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The RBI didn't **concede** (1) the demand for alignment of the capital norms to Basel, but by pushing back the **seamline** (2) by a year for increasing the capital buffer, it has freed up **funds** (3) for banks to lend.

- A. Only 1 and 3 B. Only 2
C. Only 3 D. Both 1 and 2
E. All are correct

14. **Direction:** *Which of the following given at (A), (B), (C) and (D) can replace the words/phrases given in bold in the sentence to make it grammatically and structurally*

correct? If the sentence is correct as it is, mark 'No correction required' as the answer.

About a dozen **some** reactors are going to safety checks as **sign** of a relicensing process under the **major** rules.

- A. Another, from, signal, old
B. Similar, by, combine, current
C. Other, through, part, new
D. Bad, at, flood, remote
E. No correction required

15. **Direction:** *The given question has a statement with two highlighted words/phrases. Choose the most appropriate option from the given alternatives which can help replace the highlighted words to make the statement grammatically and logically correct. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark 'No correction required' as the answer.*

The remuneration for the services offered by the veterans is **affectionate** when compared with the monetary **aspirations** in other job sectors.

- A. affiliate, probations
B. disproportionate, compensations
C. variable, policies
D. irrelevant, relevance
E. No correction required

ANSWERS

1. Ans. B.

In the highlighted part, "to" must be omitted to maintain a parallel structure. According to the rule of parallelism, elements in a sentence that have the same function or express similar ideas should be grammatically parallel, or grammatically matched. Since "go" and "waste" are verbs in their base forms, the usage of the infinitive "to attend" is inappropriate and should be replaced by "attend". Thus, option B is correct.

2. Ans. B.

"Both" is used to refer to two things or people together. And to link the two entities, the conjunction "and" is used and not "as well as". Thus, option B is the correct answer. The usage of "many" indicates that there are more than one house, thus, option C is incorrect.

3. Ans. C.

There are two errors in the highlighted segment. First of all, "not only... but also" is used when we have two things and we want to give a little extra emphasis to the second thing. In the given part "not only" should not be placed before the verb but before the noun "sunshine" as "but also" is placed before the noun "cold nights", thus laying emphasis on it.

Secondly, "chilled" is an inappropriate adjective for "nights" and it should be "chilling" instead. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

4. Ans. C.

A performance is given "by" someone and not "through" him or her. The term "mesmerisation of the audience" is incorrect and since Leena is the doer of the action, the part should be rephrased as "who mesmerised the audience with her performances". Option C carries the correct replacement, thus, it is the correct answer.



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5. Ans. D.
In the sentence which is based on 'too... .. to' format, we cannot replace 'to' with 'so that'. If we replace 'to' with 'so that', 'too' also must be replaced with 'cannot'. Thus, both the phrases, 'too divided to remove him' as well as 'so divided that it cannot remove him', are correct.
6. Ans. A.
The phrase, 'to know the ropes' means to have experience of the appropriate procedures. Hence, the correct answer is option A.
7. Ans. D.
The context of the sentence makes it clear that the service providers will suffer from "white flu". The most appropriate phrasal verb to depict this idea is "come down with" which means to begin to suffer from (a specified illness).
The meanings of the other phrasal verbs are:
Come up with— produce (something), especially when pressured or challenged
Come across— meet or find by chance
Come out with— say (something) in a sudden, rude, or incautious way
Come down on— criticize or punish (someone) harshly
8. Ans. E.
"Clamp down on" means to suppress or prevent something in an oppressive or harsh manner. The phrasal verb conveys appropriate sense in the given sentence, thus, no correction is required.
"Clamp up" means to become silent suddenly, usually because you are embarrassed or nervous, or do not want to talk about a particular subject. E.G. She clamps up the moment you want her to open up about her traumatic past.
The other options do not convey correct meanings. Thus, option E is the correct answer.
9. Ans. A.
Let us first look at the meanings of the given phrasal verbs.
Turn over— start or continue to run properly
Turn down— to refuse or decline a request
Turn off— to stop a machine or device from working/performing
Turn in— to submit something
Turn out— audience members, spectators or participants at an event

With reference to the context of the given sentence, the usage of "applied again several years later", implies that the promotion was initially not accepted. Thus, "turn down" is the most appropriate replacement and option A is the correct answer.

10. Ans. A.
'Extracts' is a noun and needs an appropriate adjective to modify it. So "tiny" is more apt than "adventure". The term "adventure journal", on the other hand, makes a proper sense. Thus, 'adventures' should be replaced by "tiny". So, option A is the correct answer.
11. Ans. A.
Savings should be attained by reducing the maintenance and interest costs. This is true for all the cases hence, 1 and 2 must be exchanged. Rest of the words are correct. The correct answer is option A. A fleet is a number of vehicles or aircraft operating together or under the same ownership.
12. Ans. C.
(1): Arid is an adjective which means lacking in interest, excitement, or meaning. This does not fit with the context of the sentence. Instead, it should be replaced by a word which means addictive or keen interest or enthusiasm for green tea.
(2): Jittery is an adjective which means nervous or unable to relax. Thus, this word is correctly used in the context of the sentence.
(3): Parched means to make or to become dry through intense heat. 'Parched in hot water' makes no sense. It should be replaced by a word which means 'soaked'. Thus, apart from the word "soaked", "infusion" can also be used.
The correct word usage would be avid, jittery and steeped respectively to give proper meaning to the statement.
Therefore, option C is the apt answer.
13. Ans. A.
The meaning of the highlighted words as follows:
1. Concede means to admit or agree that something is true after first denying or resisting it. It also means to surrender or yield a possession, right, or privilege. "Concede" and "funds" fit in the sentence. "Seamline" means the joining of two pieces (as of cloth or leather) by sewing usually near the edge. The word does not fit in the context of the sentence. The phrase "by a year"



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indicates that the "deadline" or the end date has been pushed back.

Therefore, option A is the apt answer.

Correct sentence: The RBI didn't **concede** the demand for alignment of the capital norms to Basel, but by pushing back the **deadline** by a year for increasing the capital buffer, it has freed up **funds** for banks to lend.

14. Ans. C.

Option A: going from safety checks is incorrect, hence it can be eliminated.

Option B: 'combine' makes the sentence incorrect.

Option C: All the words fit in the given sentence, hence keep it on hold.

'Other' is used to refer to additional people or things. 'Through' means 'moving in one side and out of the other side to inspect all parts'.

'Part' is a section which when combined with

others makes up the whole. 'New' means something which is introduced recently.

Option D: 'flood' makes the sentence incorrect.

Option E: 'going to safety checks' and 'dozen some reactors' don't make sense, hence the given sentence is incorrect.

Hence, option C is the correct answer.

15. Ans. B.

The statement tries to compare the salaries of the soldiers with those of the other professionals and focuses on the disparities in the same. Corresponding to the context 'disproportionate' and 'compensations' are the most suitable words. Disproportionate highlights the disparity and compensation lays stress on the subject being discussed. So, option B is correct.

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