# IBPS Clerk Prelims Exam 2019 

## 30 Most Important Ques. English Language Section

Direction (1-5): Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these. BJP retains Gujarat, sweeps Himachal Pradesh to rule 19 States of the country. Clearly, to turn around the one-liner on Rahul Gandhi which went viral a couple of years ago, 'Modi pass ho gaya'. As for the Congress, the only talking point has to be: Is the party's improved performance in Gujarat enough to give its supporters hope that the party has got what it takes not to become electorally passé? The assertion and the question in the previous two sentences assume political significance because in all the media commentary on the BJP's hard-fought win in Gujarat for the sixth consecutive time, a record bested only by the Left Front in West Bengal which won seven Assembly polls on the trot, and its overwhelming victory in Himachal Pradesh, what has not been discussed enough is that winning an Opposition-ruled State is one thing but retaining one's own bastion can be quite another.
For, Goa and Punjab, where the BJP was ruling albeit as a junior partner in a coalition with the Akali Dal, were both lost by the BJP (though it cobbled together a coalition in the former to deny the single largest party, the Congress, the government) so Gujarat is really the first State that the BJP has retained decisively post its 2014 General Election triumph and the advent of the Modi Wave. Given that the State is also the native place of Narendra Modi, a loss would have left the BJP dealing with incalculable political damage. Insiders know that it is only the Prime Minister's emotional campaign on home ground over the past few weeks reminding voters of the very real development that has touched their lives, backed by the
organisational election machinery honed by BJP president Amit Shah, which came through for the party. The political importance of the win can therefore not be underestimated, because it sends out the message that the Prime Minister meant it when he said he would continue to take tough decisions in the interests of the country even if there was a (politicalelectoral) price to be paid. With BJPruled Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh among the major States scheduled to go to polls next year, with the latter two having had the same Chief Minister for multiple terms, the lessons from the Gujarat win are there for the party to learn from and if it is so inclined. The rout of the Congress in Himachal Pradesh was very much on the cards though the shock defeat of the BJP's declared candidate for Chief Minister PK Dhumal is yet another pointer that while the party is still the frontrunner for 2019, it has to look at what's happening within too. While Modi must pick his own team, naturally, diverse views in the party need to be respected and more importantly a wider inner-party engagement for inputs would be beneficial for the BJP.
The bottom line, however, is that the win in Gujarat along with the sweep in Himachal Pradesh means the BJP now has with governments in as many as 19 States making India very substantially if not wholly Congressmukt. As for the Congress, Rahul Gandhi worked hard on the Gujarat campaign and made the BJP sweat, gave up on Himachal Pradesh pretty early on, and has yet to generate confidence in the people that his acceptance of an Indic political idiom was not just for votes in Gujarat or that he has an alternative vision for Indian prosperity rooted in her exceptionalism. No amount of simpatico sentiment on social media and among the English-speaking classes will help him unless he helps
himself, and he can start by disassociating himself from the 'electoral rainmaker' image that has traditionally been bestowed upon the Nehru-Gandhi family because the India he operates in has changed fundamentally.
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1. According to the passage, which of the following statements is/are true? I. Congress is no longer the strong opposition that BJP would like to have.
II. BJP would have found it very difficult to retain Gujarat had Narendra Modi himself not made an effort at the very last minute.
III. Today's voters have significantly different/changed views and opinions from those that cast their votes in the time of Nehru's reign.
A. Only I is true
B. Only II is true
C. Only III is true
D. Both II and III are true
E. All of them are true
2. Which of the following statements can be correctly inferred from the passage?
A. Because half of the country is already being ruled by BJP, Congress will find it very difficult to win the next general elections.
B. The Congress party's both strong and weak point lies in Rahul Gandhi's direct descendancy from NehruGandhi family.
C. BJP President, Amit Shah, was instrumental in scripting BJP's win in Gujarat.
D. Losing elections in Gujarat would have made it difficult for BJP in maintaining their lead for the next general elections.
E. Winning assembly elections consecutively for more than five times in the same state is what defines political supremacy.
3. The author would most likely agree with which of the following statements?
A. Congress was not expected to lose the election in Himachal Pradesh so badly.
B. Congress will never become a good opposition unless Rahul Gandhi changes his tactics.
C. BJP has a good chance of winning in 2019.
D. BJP's aim right now is to make India free of Congress rule.
E. For Congress to win, Rahul Gandhi needs to ask the senior members of his party to play a more active role.
4. Which of the following is the most OPPOSITE in meaning to the given word?
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A. Agreeable
B. Disagreeable
C. Distrustful
D. Trustworthy
E. Troubled
5. Which of the following is the most SIMILAR in meaning to the given word?

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A. Upcoming
B. Unprofitable
C. Fashionable
D. Outdated
E. Meaningless
6. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is E, i.e., "No error". Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.
My friend lives (1)/ at a beautiful house (2)/ not more than (3)/ five minutes from the beach. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
7. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is E, i.e., "No error". Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.

In the flying game, there is a host of (1)/ new low-cost airlines that dare to roar, (2)/ providing a glimmer of hope of (3)/ more cheaper air transport to millions. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
8. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is E, i.e., "No error". Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.
With many of the leaders (1)/ neither sulking nor shirking from work, (2)/ the party has been forced to (3)/ bring Uma Bharti into the election campaign. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
9. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is E, i.e., "No error". Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.
I am always careful that I (1)/ should never be the cause of humiliation to (2)/ music, especially while (3)/ travel and perform abroad. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
10. Direction: Read the following sentence to find out whether there is any error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer. If there is no error, the answer is $E$, i.e., "No error". Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.
Those who want more and more (1)/ storing space for their (2)/ content can understand the importance of (3)/ portable storing solutions. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
11. Direction: The following question carries one statement with one blank. Choose the most appropriate word from the options to fill the blank.
Lack of sleep $\qquad$ your reaction time, putting your life at risk while driving.
A. Slower
B. Bring
C. Rush
D. Brings
E. Slows
12. Direction: The following question carries one statement with one blank. Choose the most appropriate word from the options to fill the blank.
The income of the children engaged in child labour is too $\qquad$ to have any significant effect on the economic condition of their families.
A. Abundant
B. Prevalent
C. Outraging
D. Meagre
E. Offending
13. Direction: The following question carries one statement with one blank. Choose the most appropriate word from the options to fill the blank.
The boy was curious to know what was $\qquad$ the parcel.
A. Into
B. With
C. In
D. At
E. Within
14. Direction: The following question carries one statement with one blank. Choose the most appropriate word from the options to fill the blank.
For every school going child, studying is a $\qquad$ .
A. skill
B. success
C. achievement
D. labor
E. priority
15. Direction: The following question carries one statement with one blank. Choose the most appropriate word from the options to fill the blank.

Human $\qquad$ and technological advancement makes it possible to increase production of goods and services.
A. Insistence
B. Ingenuity
C. Tenacity
D. Admonition
E. Reprimand

Direction (16-20): Rearrange the following six sentences (A), (B), (C), (D), (E) and (F) in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions that follow.
(A) If the effect is real it will have a big effect on cosmology and space navigation
(B) and will help rewrite the laws of physics.
(C) A space probe launched 30 years ago has come under the influence of a force, baffling the scientists.
(D) This unknown force doesn't seem to get weaker as the probe goes further into space.
(E) Scientists are considering the possibility that the probe had revealed a new force of nature.
(F) The Pioneer-10, which took the first pictures of the Jupiter, is being pulled back to the sun by an unknown force.
16. Which of the following will be the SIXTH sentence after rearrangement?
A. A
B. C
C. D
D. F
E. B
17. Which of the following will be the FOURTH sentence after rearrangement?
A. F
B. E
C. C
D. D
E. A
18. Which of the following will be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?
A. B
B. F
C. C
D. E
E. A
19. Which of the following will be the THIRD sentence after rearrangement?
A. A
B. E
C. D
D. C
E. F
20. Which of the following will be the FIFTH sentence after rearrangement?
A. A
B. B
C. C
D. D
E. E

Direction (21-25): In the following passage, there are blanks, each of which has been numbered. These numbers are printed below the passage and against each, four words are suggested one of which fills the blank appropriately.
Prime Minister Narendra Modi is billed to spend two days in New York and two days in Silicon Valley this week, but it's the latter that's (Q-21) the buzz. Both literally and metaphorically, Silicon Valley is (Q22) at the other end of the planet from India. Technology is an article of faith in Silicon Valley whereas, as the previous editorial suggests, technology and modernity are regarded with deep suspicion in the almost Luddite compact between political parties in India. Modi's visit to Silicon Valley - the first by an Indian PM in more than three decades - is a sign of hope as it indicates he wants to make technology and (Q-23) work for India and would like to absorb some lessons on what makes Silicon Valley tick. Indian-born people have been (Q-24) for starting up 16\% of Silicon Valley's technology companies, which offers two lessons at once. First, Indians can build world class companies given an enabling (Q-25) and we must offer this in India itself. Second, Silicon Valley thrives on openness, diversity and meritocracy.
21. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
A. Hoping
B. Attracting
C. Pointing
D. Happening
E. Sounding
22. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
A. Held
B. Not
C. Located
D. Entrusted
E. Made
23. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
A. Innovation
B. Idealism
C. Technique
D. Creative
E. Mobile
24. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
A. Ready
B. Convinced
C. Willing
D. Responsible
E. Motivated
25. Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.
A. Methods
B. Environment
C. Society
D. Temperature
E. Software
26. 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. The number of that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct, mark 'No error' as the answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.
This house (1)/ is a fine (2)/ example of (3)/ the Victorian architecture. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
27. 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. The number of that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct, mark 'No error' as the answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.
The burglar (1)/ was taken (2)/ to the near (3)/ police station. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
28. 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. The number of that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct, mark 'No error' as the answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.
Let judiciary (1)/ decide what shall (2)/ be the fate (3)/ of the thieves. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
29. 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. The number of that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct, mark 'No error' as the answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.
29. Unfortunately, the donkey slipped (1)/ and fell into the river (2)/ but as it scrambled up the bank of the river, (3)/ it noticed that the bags of salt loaded to its back had become lighter. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error
30. 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. The number of that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct, mark 'No error' as the answer. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.
There were nothing the merchant could do (1)/ except return home, (2)/ where he loaded his donkey (3)/ with more bags of salt. (4)
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. No error

## ANSWERS

1. Ans. D.

Statement I is beyond the scope of the passage. We do not know what the BJP feels about Congress as an opposition. Hence, it is not true. Statement II is true. Refer to the last line of the second paragraph where the author tells us that it was only because of Modi's campaigns in the last few weeks that BJP managed to retain Gujarat. Statement III is also true. Refer to the last line of the passage where the author is talking about Rahul Gandhi and how he must realize that he will no longer get the votes simply because he belongs to the Nehru-Gandhi family for the reason that the India he works in now is much different from the India of his forefathers, which also means that the people of India have changed significantly. Therefore, option $D$ is the correct answer
2. Ans. C.

Option C is the correct answer. Refer to the last line of the second paragraph where the author tells us how BJP won Gujarat elections only because of the Prime Minister's personal campaign and Amit Shah's efforts.
Option D is incorrect because though the author says that losing Gujarat would have had dire political consequences for BJP, he does not specify what exactly would have happened as a result of the loss. Therefore, D cannot be correctly inferred. It's more of an assumption. The rest of the options are beyond the scope of the passage.
3. Ans. C.

Option C is the correct answer. Refer to this line from the third paragraph of the passage - "...the party is still the front runner for 2019", which means that the author believes that BJP is ahead in the race to winning the 2019 elections. Refer to this line from the third paragraph, "The rout of the Congress in Himachal Pradesh was very much on the cards...", which clearly means that Congress was quite expected to lose badly in Himachal Pradesh. Hence, option

A is incorrect. Options B, D, and E are beyond the scope of the passage. Nowhere does the author talk about what Congress needs to do in order to become a good opposition, nor does he talk about BJP's aim with regard to Congress. And finally, he makes no mention of the senior members of Congress and what their role should be.
4. Ans. B.

The word 'Simpatico' refers to someone or something who is agreeable and likable.
Hence, its correct opposite would be option B. - disagreeable.
5. Ans. D.

The word 'passé' refers to something that is no longer in fashion. Hence, the word closest in meaning is option D. outdated.
6. Ans. B.

Substitute 'at' with 'in' in the second part of the statement. The context here is living inside the house while 'at' is generally used to point to a larger area when the exact location is not clear. Hence, option $B$ is the right response.
7. Ans. D.

The error is in the fourth part of the statement. 'More' is superfluous in the given statement. "Cheaper" is already a comparative form of "cheap". Hence, it doesn't require to put "more" before it. Thus, option D is the apt response.
8. Ans. B.

The error is in the second part of the statement.
Replace 'neither sulking nor' with 'either sulking or' because the given statement structure fails to convey proper meaning to the statement. Thus, the context says that the party has been forced to bring Uma Bharti into the campaign because the party leaders are running away from their responsibilities or the work. Such avoidance has been marked by using the words like "sulking" or "shirking". Hence, option B is the apt response.
9. Ans. D.

The error lies in the second part of the sentence. Replace 'travel and perform' with 'travelling and performing' as the context is of an ongoing action which means the gerund form of the verbs need to be used. This can be considered the case of parallelism. Hence, option D is the right response.
10. Ans. B.

The error is in part (B) of the sentence. The use of gerund or present participle "storing" is incorrect here as the sentence requires a noun. Therefore, replace 'storing' with 'storage'.
11. Ans. E.

The subject in the above statement is 'lack' which is singular. This eliminates options B and C. Option A does not fit in because 'slower' is a comparative degree, whereas the statement is not making any comparison. Out of 'brings' and 'slows', the only option that makes the statement contextually and grammatically correct is 'slows'. Therefore, option E is the right answer.
12. Ans. D.

The sentence implies that the income of the children does not have any significant effect on the economic condition of their families. The income will not have any effect only if it is too low.
'Meagre' means '(of something provided or available) lacking in quantity or quality'.
Therefore, option $\mathbf{D}$ is the correct answer. 13. Ans. C.

A parcel is an object or a collection of objects wrapped in paper in order to be carried or sent by post. Hence, the objects of the parcel will be contained in it.
Into expresses movement or action with the result that someone or something becomes enclosed or surrounded by something else.
With expresses accompaniment.
At expresses a location or position or time or state.
Within means inside (something). It is not used to specify anything that is contained in something but to specify anything that is enclosed in a larger frame.
Thus, option C is the correct response.
14. Ans. E

Skill means the ability to do something well; expertise.
Success means the accomplishment of an aim or purpose.
Achievement means a thing done successfully with effort, skill, or courage.
Labor means work hard; make great effort. Priority means the fact or condition of being regarded or treated as more important than others.
Out of the given options, only option E fits the context of the statement and thus is the correct resonse.
15. Ans. B.

The sentence implies that it is possible to increase production of goods and services because of technological advancement and the innovative thinking of human.
'Ingenuity' means 'the quality of being clever, original, and inventive'.
Therefore, option B is the correct answer. Insistence- demand, dictate Tenacity- determination, perseverance Admonition- reprimand, rebuke Reprimand-a formal expression of disapproval 16. Ans. E.

Refer to the last question of the series. 17. Ans. D.

Refer to the last question of the series. 18. Ans. C.

Refer to the last question of the series. 19. Ans. B.

Refer to the last question of the series. 20. Ans. A.

While arranging sentences in a sequence, it is important to understand first the central theme as well as the introductory statement of the passage. The first statement will be $C$ as it sets the backdrop for the information discussed in the following statements. Next should be statement $F$ as it describes the space probe talked about in sentence C. It should be followed by statement E which describes the related information about the probe. Next should be statement D which talks about the unknown force mentioned in statement $E$. It should be followed by statement A which further talks about the effect of the force. Thus, $A B$ is a mandatory pair. Hence, the correct sequence is CFEDAB.
21. Ans. B.
'Attracting the buzz' is a phrase that is used to signify 'generating atttention', which is also indicated by the context of the passage. So, option $B$ is the most suitable response.
22. Ans. C.

This question is better solved by understanding the latter part of the statement which talks about geographical distance and thus 'located' is the most appropriate response.
23. Ans. A.

This question is tricky because on the first reading, all the options seem probably the correct responses. On looking closely, it becomes clear that none of the options except 'innovation' fits in the context as it is closely associated with the word "technology".
24. Ans. D.
"Ready", "convinced" and "motivated" are unsuitable for the blank as they will entail that the action in future, which isn't factually correct as the companies, are already established there.
"Willing" is ousted on grammatical grounds as the blank is followed by 'for', which will render the statement without meaning.
So, option D is the most suitable response.
25. Ans. B.
'Methods' is incorrect because the blank needs a singular word as article 'an' has been used before the blank.

The providers in this statement are the companies and thus, 'society' and 'temperature' become irrelevant. 'Software' can't be picked because it limits the scope of involvement, which is inconsistent with the tone of the passage. So, option $B$ is the most suitable response.
26. Ans. E.

There is no error in the given sentence. Hence, option $E$ is the right answer.
27. Ans. C.

The error lies in the third part of the sentence.
In the given sentence, the superlative degree of the adjective 'near', i.e., 'nearest' should be used.
28. Ans. A.

Before the names of the branches of the government, article "the" is used. Therefore, "the" should be added before "judiciary".
29. Ans. D.

The preposition 'to' has been incorrectly used in the sentence and it should be replaced with 'on' to make it grammatically correct. Thus, the correct answer is option (D).
30. Ans. A.

The verb 'were' is used incorrectly in the sentence. It should be replaced with 'was' to make the sentence grammatically correct. Thus, the correct answer is option (A).

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