

SBI Clerk Prelims Memory-Based Questions

29 Feb 2020



English

1. **Direction:** In the given question, a statement divided into different segments is given. Rearrange the segments to form a coherent statement. If the sentence is already arranged or the correct sequence doesn't match any of the given sequences, mark (E) i.e., "None of the above" as your answer.

At the (A)/ just happened (B)/ out what had (C)/ he was staring (D)/ water pot trying to figure (E)

- A. DAECB B. CADEB
C. ADCBE D. BCEAD
E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

The correct order is DAECB. EC is a logical pair as the phrasal verb 'figure out' means 'to understand something'. Part D mentions 'he was staring' and the object of staring has been mentioned in E which needs to be connected by a preposition which is provided in A. So, DAE is the sequence.

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Enters the market, then companies have (A)/ to adopt that technology (B)/ when a new technology (C)/ no choice but (D)

- A. ACDB B. CADB
C. DACB D. BCAD
E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol. The correct logical order is CADB. The sentence is a conditional one which needs to start with the conditional 'when' which expresses the effect of a case in which a new technology enters the market. So, C will start the statement and will be followed by A which completes the condition i.e. 'when a new technology enters the market'. The effect of this activity has been explained in part D and B. B will come after D as the two parts will be joined by the conjunction 'but'.

3. **Direction:** In the given question, a statement divided into different segments is given. Rearrange the segments to form a coherent statement. If the sentence is already arranged or the correct sequence doesn't match any of the given sequences, mark (E) i.e., "None of the above" as your answer.

Been waiting (A)/ arrive home (B)/ restlessly for their cousins to (C)/ the boys had (D)

- A. ACDB B. CADB
C. DACB D. BCAD
E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol.

Part D will be followed by A as it completes the past perfect tense structure. A will be followed by C as the verb in A i.e. 'waiting' is aptly modified by the adverb 'restlessly' mentioned in C. C will be followed by B as it completes the 'to-infinitive' structure i.e. 'to+arrive'. So, the correct logical is DACB.

4. **Direction:** A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits in the blank making the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

_____ security checks were put in place by the airport authorities.

- A. Blow
B. Random
C. Despite
D. Amidst
E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

To use 'despite' (without taking any notice of or being influenced by) and 'amidst' (in the middle of or surrounded by) in the sentence we need some additional information. 'Despite' expresses a contrast between two things but the second thing has not been mentioned. The only appropriate option is 'Random' which means 'happening, done, or chosen by chance rather than according to a plan or pattern'.



5. **Direction:** A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits in the blank making the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

There were 2000 applicants but only one-eighth of them were _____ for the interview.

- A. Recruited
- B. Enrolled
- C. Shortlisted
- D. Terminated
- E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol. Since one eighth of the 2000 applicants were selected for the next stage, recruited and enrolled are contextually incorrect. The only appropriate option is 'shortlisted' which means 'a list of people who have been judged the most suitable for a job or prize, made from a longer list of people originally considered, and from which some will be chosen'.

6. **Direction:** A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits in the blank making the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

It is one of the best teams, the company has ever _____.

- A. Drew
- B. Available
- C. Seen
- D. Reveal
- E. Clicked

Ans. C

Sol. We need a verb in the past participle form for which in the context of a 'team', the only possible word to fill in the blank is 'seen' which means 'observed' is C.

7. **Direction:** A sentence with one blank is given, indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the word that best fits in the blank making the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

The letter has been written in a very unique _____.

- A. Marker
- B. Conditions
- C. Parallel
- D. Mystery
- E. Style

Ans. E

Sol. We need a singular noun in the blank. 'Conditions' being plural will be incorrect. As a noun 'Parallel' means 'a similarity or comparison', 'Marker' means 'a felt-tip pen with a broad tip' and 'Mystery' means 'something that is difficult or impossible to understand or explain'. None of them are appropriate for the blank. Only 'Style' is the appropriate noun which is aptly modified by the adjective 'unique'.

8. **Direction:** In the following question, a word is given along with its usage in sentences given in the options. Choose the option in which the use of the given word is contextually and grammatically correct.

Strength : I. Most of the old part of the city was strengthened by bombs during the war.

II. Her speech was full of excuses and evasions and never properly strengthened the issue.

III. He showed great strength of character when he refused to accept the bribes.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Both I & II
- E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol.

'Strength' means 'the ability to do things that need a lot of physical or mental effort'.

I. The word does not fit in the context of the sentence as exploding bombs during a war when related to strengthening a city is contextually absurd. Hence, "strengthened" is incorrect in the given context and should be replaced by 'destroyed'.

II. The word does not fit in the context of the sentence as strengthening an issue with a speech full of excuses and evasions is contextually absurd. Hence, "strengthened" is incorrect in the given context and should be replaced by 'addressed'.

III. The word has been correctly used here.

Hence, the correct answer is option C.



9. **Direction:** In the following question, a word is given along with its usage in sentences given in the options. Choose the option in which the use of the given word is contextually and grammatically correct.

Broken

- I. Most heart attacks are broken by blood clots.
 - II. She had an X-ray to see if any of her ribs were broken.
 - III. If there's anything you don't understand, I'll be happy to break.
- A. Only I B. Only II
C. Only III D. Both I & II
E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

'Broken' means 'damaged, or no longer able to work'.

I. The word does not fit in the context of the sentence as heart attacks being broken by something is contextually absurd. Hence, "broken" is incorrect in the given context and should be replaced by 'caused'.

II. The word has been correctly used here.

III. The word does not fit in the sentence as if somethings isn't clear, it needs to be explained. Hence, "break" is incorrect in the given context and should be replaced by 'explain'.

Hence, the correct answer is option B.

10. **Direction:** In the following question, a word is given along with its usage in sentences given in the options. Choose the option in which the use of the given word is contextually and grammatically correct.

Shred

- I. He ordered his secretary to shred important documents to protect himself from the investigation.
 - II. She always wore a coat, even in the shred of summer.
 - III. Demonstrators arrived in shred to protest against the military action.
- A. Only I B. Only II
C. Only III D. Both I & II
E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

'Shred' means 'to destroy a document by tearing it into strips, especially in a machine'.

I. The word has been correctly used here.
II. The word does not fit in the context of the sentence as . Hence, "shred" is incorrect in the given context and should be replaced by 'heat'.

III. The word does not fit in the context of the sentence as shred is a verb and we need a noun here. Hence, "shred" is incorrect in the given context and should be replaced by 'strength'.

Hence, the correct answer is option A.

Quant

Direction (1-5): What value will come in place of the question mark (?) in the following question?

1. $\frac{75\% \text{ of } 504}{?} = 21$

- A. 22 B. 18
C. 16 D. 24
E. 15

Ans. B

Sol.

$$\frac{75\% \text{ of } 504}{?} = 21$$

$$\frac{3}{4} \times 504 = 21 \times ?$$

$$\frac{378}{21} = ?$$

$$? = 18$$


2. $\frac{2155 - 1240 + 3144}{3}$

- A. 1353 B. 1253
C. 1383 D. 1293
E. 1159

Ans. A

Sol.

$$\frac{2155 - 7240 + 3144}{3} = 1353$$



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3. $\frac{255 + 655}{3} = ? + \frac{320}{4}$

- A. $\frac{650}{3}$ B. $\frac{670}{3}$
 C. $\frac{530}{4}$ D. $\frac{610}{4}$
 E. $\frac{620}{3}$

Ans. B
 Sol.

$\frac{255 + 655}{3} = ? + \frac{320}{4}$

$\frac{910}{3} = ? + 80$

$? = \frac{910}{3} - 80$

$? = \frac{910 - 240}{3}$

$? = \frac{670}{3}$

4. $12 \times 14 + ? \div 5 = 222$

- A. 260 B. 270
 C. 320 D. 285
 E. 335
 Ans. B
 Sol.

$12 \times 14 + \frac{?}{5} = 222$

$168 + \frac{?}{5} = 222$

$\frac{?}{5} = 222 - 168$

$? = 54 \times 5 = 270$

5. ? % of 8150 + 148 = 2430

- A. 26 B. 22
 C. 18 D. 28
 E. 32
 Ans. D
 Sol.

? % of 8150 = 2282

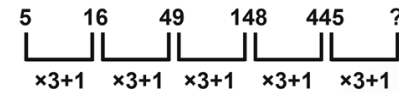
$? = \frac{2282}{8150} \times 100$

? = 28

Direction (6-10): What should come in place of the question mark '?' in the following number series?

6. 5, 16, 49, 148, 445, ?
 A. 1032 B. 1336
 C. 1286 D. 1156
 E. 1396

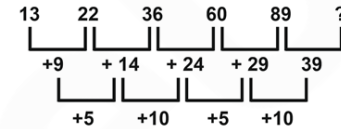
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7. 13, 22, 36, 60, 89, ?

- A. 128 B. 112
 C. 132 D. 106
 E. 136

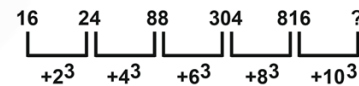
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8. 16, 24, 88, 304, 816, ?

- A. 932 B. 1648
 C. 1816 D. 1548
 E. 1616

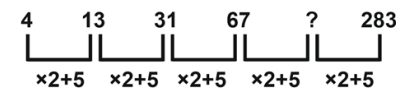
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9. 4, 13, 31, 67, ?, 283

- A. 89 B. 98
 C. 139 D. 123
 E. 118

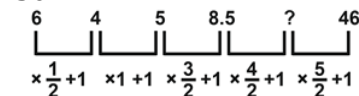
Ans. C
 Sol.



10. 6, 4, 5, 8.5, ?, 46

- A. 16 B. 19
 C. 22 D. 24
 E. 18

Ans. E
 Sol.



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Reasoning

Direction (1-5): Study the following data carefully and answer the questions accordingly.

A certain number of people are sitting in a straight line facing the north direction. At most six people are sitting between H and J. Four people are sitting between Z and H. G sits second to the right of L. H sits immediate right of P. Six people are sitting between J and Z. More than three people are sitting between P and G. Five people are sitting between P and L.

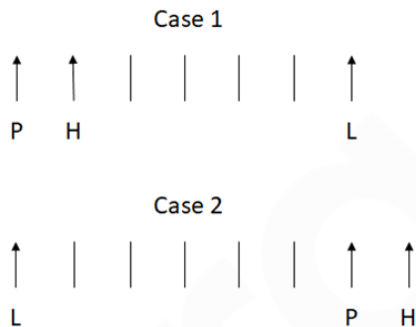
1. How many people are sitting in this arrangement?

- A. 15
- B. 13
- C. 14
- D. 11
- E. None of these

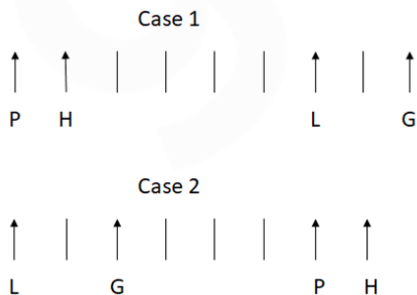
Ans. B

Sol.

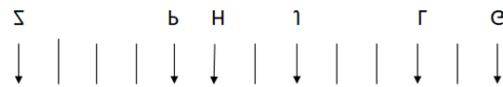
- 1) H sits immediate right of P.
- 2) Five people are sitting between P and L.



- 3) G sits second to the right of L.
 - 4) More than three people are sitting between P and G.
- (Here, case 2 will be eliminated and we will continue with the case 1)



- 5) Four people are sitting between Z and H.
- 6) Six people are sitting between J and Z.
- 7) At most six people are sitting between H and J.



Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

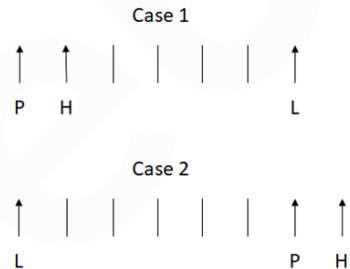
2. Who sits at the right end?

- A. P
- B. Z
- C. L
- D. G
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

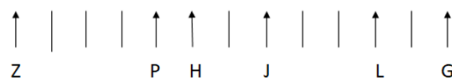
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- 6) Six people are sitting between J and Z.
- 7) At most six people are sitting between H and J.



Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

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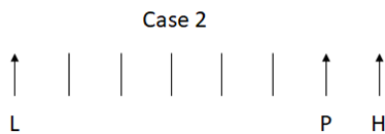
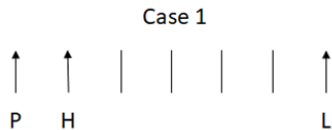
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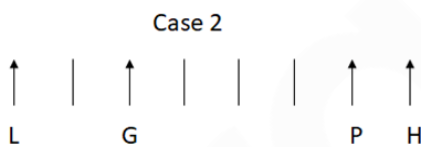
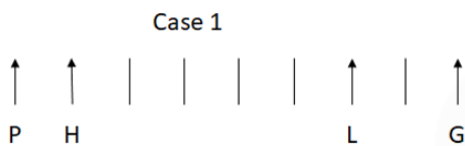
3. How many of them sit to the left of J?
 A. Three B. Seven
 C. Five D. Nine
 E. None of these

Ans. B
 Sol.

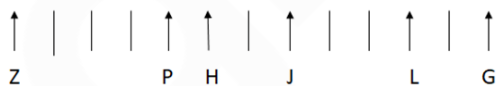
- 1) H sits immediate right of P.
 2) Five people are sitting between P and L.



- 3) G sits second to the right of L.
 4) More than three people are sitting between P and G.
 (Here, case 2 will be eliminated and we will continue with the case 1)



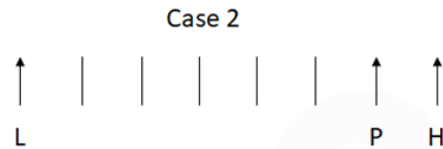
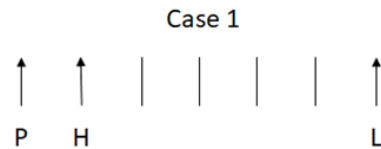
- 5) Four people are sitting between Z and H.
 6) Six people are sitting between J and Z.
 7) At most six people are sitting between H and J.



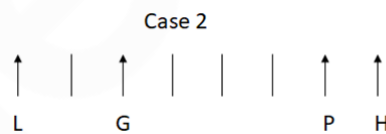
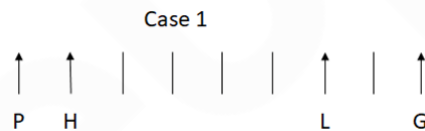
Therefore, option B is the correct answer.

4. Find the odd one.
 A. P, Z B. G, L
 C. P, L D. J, L
 E. H, Z
 Ans. C
 Sol.
 1) H sits immediate right of P.

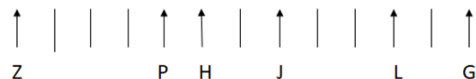
- 2) Five people are sitting between P and L.



- 3) G sits second to the right of L.
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 6) Six people are sitting between J and Z.
 7) At most six people are sitting between H and J.



Former one is right to later one in all the given option except option C.
 Therefore, option C is the correct answer.

5. Find the correct statement.
 A. 3 people are sitting to the right of L
 B. P and H are immediate neighbors
 C. Two people are sitting between J and H
 D. Z is not sitting at the end
 E. None is correct
 Ans. B
 Sol.
 1) H sits immediate right of P.
 2) 5 people are sitting between P and L.

10.If one is added to each of the even digits and two is subtracted from each of the odd digits then which of the following will be the second digit of the largest number?

- A. 5
- B. 8
- C. 9
- D. 7
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

756 964 364 564 768

After adding one and subtracting two -

537 775 175 375 579

Second digit of the largest number - 537

775 175 375 579

Therefore, option D is the correct answer.

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