

IBPS PO Prelims 2018 Previous Year Questions (English)



Direction (1 – 6) : 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.

Advice about the art of interview preparation and how to craft the perfect CV isn't enough to put every student on a path to a career they want. About one in three graduates end up being "mismatched" to the jobs they find after leaving university, research by Universities UK suggests.

These mismatched graduates face poorer prospects and lower earnings than their peers who embark on careers that are a better fit for the knowledge and skills they have acquired through three or four years of study. It suggests that traditional careers advice isn't working.

The problem isn't necessarily that too many students are taking the wrong course. There is little evidence that graduates are studying the "wrong" subjects, according to the UUK research, since most are on courses that offer subject knowledge and employability skills that are very much in demand.

Instead, students need better careers advice that will help them define their skills and attributes – and understand how these match different career options. Students also need help finding out which skills they'll need to break into certain industries – particularly in sectors that aren't good at diversifying their recruitment, or when they have no family or social network of contacts to call on for help and advice.

Politicians complain of a skills gap, but graduates face an "experience gap" – with many employers preferring to recruit young people who have spent a couple of years in the workplace rather than raw recruitments from university.

To help graduates find the right jobs for them, lots of universities are experimenting with new ways to make their careers advice more accessible and meaningful.

At the University of Kent, students can use an online Careers Explorer service to match their skills to career options, and a

work-study scheme that provides bursaries for work experience. Students at the University of Dundee can take employability modules in parallel with their academic work, including online and personal career planning sessions.

Source:

<https://www.theguardian.com/higher-education-network/2018/jan/25/too-many-graduates-are-mismatched-to-their-jobs-whats-going-wrong>

1. Which of the following statements is/are true with respect to the passage?

I. The graduates who do not end up getting a job best suited to their knowledge and skill end up earning less than their counterparts who pursue their skills.

II. A lot of universities have come forward to address the problem of mismatched jobs.

III. The lack of good pieces of career advice causes graduates to enter into professions that are not in sync with their skill and profession.

A. Only I

B. Only II

C. Both I and II

D. Both II and III

E. All I, II and III

2. Which of the following myths does the author break in the passage?

A. The skills acquired by graduates is not equivalent to the degree they have achieved.

B. Instead of a wrong choice of an academic course, the problem lies in the lack of provision of a good career advice, which is well-matched with the skill and knowledge of a graduate.

C. The fact that the courses available at universities are not skill oriented, pushes the graduates to be caught up in wrong jobs.

D. The career advices being provided at the universities do not effectively analyse the potential of a graduate and provide them with good career option.

E. None of these.

3. With which of the following statements is the author most likely to agree?

- A. Most of the students often enrol in courses that do not offer subject knowledge and employability skills that are in demand.
- B. The initiatives being taken by the Universities to provide accessible career options may not be successful.
- C. The traditional careers advice would work if they are directed towards skill development rather than imparting theoretical knowledge.
- D. The employers have a tendency to recruit recruits from Universities as they can be hired at significantly low remunerations.
- E. Students require help in finding the skills required to get into employment sectors at a time when they do not have access to good careers advice through their family and peers.

4. With reference to the context of the passage, what can be inferred from the line, "Politicians complain of a skills gap, but graduates face an "experience gap"?"

- A. The politicians have not been able to properly analyse the root cause of the problem that lands up a student in an undesirable job.
- B. The politicians have rightfully identified the major cause of the unemployment problem.
- C. The problem of "experience gap" is identified and well- addressed by the politicians.
- D. The priority of the politicians is disoriented as they emphasize more on experience than on skills.
- E. None of these.

5. Which of the following words is MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the "evidence" as given in the passage?

- A. Result
- B. Proof
- C. Feature
- D. Rustic
- E. Misnomer

6. Which of the following words is MOST OPPOSITE in meaning to "embark" as given in the passage?

- A. Undertake
- B. Process
- C. Reject
- D. Apprehend
- E. Deceive

Direction: In the following question, a word is given that is followed by three statements. All these three statements carry the given word. Identify the sentence(s) in which the word fits to make them grammatically correct and meaningful.

7. Hamper

I. The Centre's move to direct oil marketing companies to lower auto fuel price **hampers** the confidence of oil companies in investments made in India.

II. Metro Railway services were **hampers** for 15 minutes on Monday afternoon.

III. High street retailers, Marks & Spencer and John Lewis & Partners, have also released their own **hampers** which are far more affordable than the luxury offerings.

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

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8. Tact

I. The kind judge was **tactful** when he informed the dancer of her elimination from the show.

II. They came up with a **tactfully** to reach their destination in the fastest time possible.

III. He had an engaging personality and used **tact** in dealing with his patients.

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

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9. Adage

I. Despite what that old **adage** says, I like to have my cake, eat it, and then have another piece.

II. Among other things, the writer is famous for **adaging** his philosophical ideals.

III. Tired of all the same old sayings, he **adaged** a new thought.

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

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10. Malaise

I. After his dog died, he remained **malaised** for several months.

II. Many citizens who live near the contaminated river are complaining of a **malaise** that keeps them bedridden.

III. Weeks before his heart attack, Mr Robbin kept mentioning how he felt **malaiseful** and not like his normal self.

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

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consists of the remaining part of those three sentences. Match column I with column II, so that the sentences formed are meaningful and grammatically correct.

11. I.

A) We believe in a circular rather

B) The Rig Veda was written more than 3800 years ago,

C) The word 'Juggernaut' was originally used to denote the Rath Yatra temple car, II.

D) Veda is superior to Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity equation.

E) than a linear concept of time.

F) which was so massive it would crush devotees under the wheels.

- A. B-E and C-F
- B. A-E, B-F and C-D
- C. A-F and C-D
- D. B-F
- E. A-E and C-F

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12. I.

A) A garbage patch in the Pacific Ocean

B) There's a mass of floating rubbish in the Pacific Ocean weighing around

C) About 80 percent of the plastic trash that makes up the Great Pacific Garbage Patch

II.

D) is believed to have originated from land-based activities.

E) to help farmers who depend on weather.

F) has stretched to almost twice the size of France.

- A. B-E and C-F
- B. A-E, B-F and C-D
- C. A-F and C-D
- D. B-F

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13. I.

- A) Overfishing can wreak havoc to marine ecology and completely
 - B) Unsustainable fishing practices over the last few decades have pushed
 - C) Oil destroys the insulating and water-repellent properties of
- II.
- D) eventually accumulating in remote areas of the world's oceans.
 - E) our oceans to a point where they may now be on the verge of collapse.
 - F) the marine animals, exposing them to harsh environment.

- A. B-E and C-F
- B. A-E, B-F and C-D
- C. A-F and C-D
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14. I.

- A) At Harvard, Sheryl founded a group meant to encourage women
- B) Sheryl Sandberg is responsible for spearheading several successful Facebook projects
- C) In the hall of fame of women breaking the glass ceiling and painting their name on it,

II.

- D) and ended up becoming the first Indian woman to obtain a degree in Western medicine in the late 1800s.
- E) to know so much about them as possible.
- F) that have made the social networking site the market giant it is today.

- A. B-E and C-F
- B. A-E, B-F and C-D
- C. A-F and C-D
- D. B-F
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15. I

- A) Elephants prefer one tusk over the other,
 - B) Elephants use their feet to listen, they can pick up
 - C) Elephants herds are matriarchal, with older females taking
- II.
- D) care of the calves and protecting them while travelling from place to place.
 - E) just as humans are mostly either left or right-handed.
 - F) sub-sonic rumblings made by other elephants, through vibrations in the ground.

- A. B-E and C-F
- B. A-E, B-F and C-D
- C. A-F and C-D
- D. B-F
- E. A-E and C-F

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given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., "No correction required".

16. No other region in the world illustrates the **chronic nature of displacing caused by extreme whether** events and climate change more than Asia and the Pacific.

- i. Chronic nature of displacement caused by extreme weather.
 - ii. Chronic nature of displacement caused by extreme whether.
 - iii. Chronic nature of displace caused by extreme weather.
- A. Only i
B. Only ii
C. Only iii
D. Both ii and iii
E. No correction required

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17. The recent incidents of drug **overdose-related deaths has brought the spotlight back in the drug** menace in the state and on the role of the Punjab Police in curbing it.

- i. Overdosing-related deaths have brought the spotlight back over the drug
 - ii. Overdose-related deaths have brought the spotlight back on the drug
 - iii. Overdose-related deaths having brought the spotlight back on the drug
- A. Only i
B. Only ii
C. Only iii
D. Both ii and iii
E. No correction required

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18. More than anything, it is **the human cost of disasters that are the most compelling** argument for action.

- i. the human cost of disasters that the most compelling
 - ii. the human cost of disasters that is the more compelling
 - iii. the human cost of disasters that is the most compelling
- A. Only i
B. Only ii
C. Only iii
D. Both ii and iii
E. No correction required

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19. Our Integrated Child Development Services, meant to provide nutrition and childcare up to six **year of age, lack greatly in qualitatively and coverage.**

- i. years of age, lack greatly in quality and coverage
 - ii. years of age, lack greatly in qualitatively and coverage
 - iii. year of age, lack greatly in quality and coverage
- A. Only i
B. Only ii
C. Only iii
D. Both i and ii
E. No correction required

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given sentence is correct, your answer is (E), i.e., "No correction required".

20. The role of meritocracy in Chinese history, **focused on the so-called examining system, have** been a matter of long scholarly scrutiny.

- i. focused on the so-called examination system, has
 - ii. focused on the so-said examination system, has
 - iii. focuses on the so-called examing system, have
- A. Only i
B. Only ii
C. Only iii
D. Both ii and iii
E. No correction required

Direction: In the question, one sentence is given, and four words have been given in bold denoted by (A), (B), (C) and (D). You have to decide which of the following is inappropriate in the context. If all the words are appropriate in the context then mark 'All correct' as your answer.

21. **Indigestion** (A) is often a sign of an **underline** (B) problem, such as an **ulcer** (C), rather than a **condition** (D) on its own.

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

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22. A microwave heats food by **causing** (A) the molecules to **vertebrate** (B) but it certainly does not make food **radioactive**, (C) as a **misconception** (D) suggests.

- A. A
B. B
C. C
D. D

E. All are correct

Direction: In the sentence given below, four words printed in bold are given. These are numbered (1), (2), (3) and (4). One of these words may either be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word that is inappropriate or wrongly spelt, if any. The number of that word is your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correctly spelt and appropriate in the context of the sentence then mark option E, i.e. 'All are correct', as your answer.

23. She saw a **fleet** (A)/ of **sheeps** (B)/ in the **nearby** (C)/ sea **shore**. (D)

- A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 4
E. All are correct

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24. The prices of electronic goods have **declined** (A)/ **dew** to the (B)/ **reduction** in (C)/ **import** duty rates. (D)

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

Direction: The following question carries a statement with four highlighted words. The words are denoted by (A), (B), (C) and (D). One of these words may either be misspelt or incorrect in the given context. Identify the incorrect word. If all of the words are correct, mark option E, 'All correct' as your answer.

25. By **created** (A)/ the most **precise** (B)/ lunar **gravity** (C)/ map, **scientists**

(D) hope to find out what is beneath the lunar surface.

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

Direction: In the given question, a statement has been divided into five segments, each of which is denoted by (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Rearrange all the segments to form a coherent statement.

26. A) however, the UPSC decided to
B) cheating, the normal
C) consequence is his disqualification,
D) if an able-bodied student engages in
E) get the guidelines changed
- A. DBCEA
 - B. DBCAE
 - C. CABDE
 - D. ABCDE
 - E. ABECD

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27. A) Harry and Meghan's little one
B) will be seventh in line to the throne
C) when he/she arrives, and will be
D) about a year younger than
E) the reigning baby of the family
- A. ACBDE
 - B. ABCDE
 - C. ACEDB
 - D. BDECA
 - E. CEBAD

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28. A) a brief career in music, where they performed

B) in concerts and as standalone artists to

- C) the couple moved to Mumbai to have
- D) after the wedding,
- E) mesmerised the entire country.

- A. ABCDE
- B. CDABE
- C. None of these
- D. BDCEA
- E. AEBCD

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29. A) the adjective "resilient" and the nouns
B) of disasters and emergencies who recover
C) quickly and from adversities
D) "resilience" and "resiliency" are terms
E) that are normally applied to the victims
- A. ACEBD
 - B. EBCDA
 - C. CDEAB
 - D. ADEBC
 - E. ADBCE

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30. A) Frontwoman Lauren Mayberry
B) complimented the blue neon
C) lights illuminating the band
D) mirrored dress that
E) took the stage in a pastel-colored
- A. ABCDE
 - B. BDACE
 - C. CBDAE
 - D. ECADB
 - E. AEDBC

###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. E.

Refer to the following sentences from the passage:

I. "These **mismatched graduates** face poorer prospects and lower earnings than their peers who embark on careers that are a better fit for the knowledge and skills they have acquired through three or four years of study. It suggests that traditional careers advice isn't working." The mismatched graduates are those who do not end up getting the job that they are skilled in. Thus, alternative I is correct.

II. "To help graduates find the right jobs for them, lots of universities are experimenting with new ways to make their careers advice more accessible and meaningful." This means that many universities are addressing the problem of mismatched jobs.

III. "The problem isn't necessarily that too many students are taking the wrong course. There is little evidence that graduates are studying the "wrong" subjects, according to the UUK research, since most are on courses that offer subject knowledge and employability skills that are very much in demand...Instead, students need better careers advice that will help them define their skills and attributes." The passage discusses how graduates end up being mismatched to the jobs they find after university. He/ She finds that the lack of a good career is the root cause of this problem.

All the statements are correct and option E is the correct answer.

2. Ans. B.

The third and the fourth paragraphs of the passage suggest that students are not opting for the wrong courses, but they have not been counselled appropriately to get the job that matches their knowledge and skills. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

3. Ans. E.

The author of the passage supports the university graduates need to be provided professional advice with respect to the

career they must opt for. This would save them from making unsuitable career choices. According to the passage, "Students also need help finding out which skills they'll need to break into certain industries - **particularly in sectors that aren't good at diversifying their recruitment, or when they have no family or social network of contacts to call on for help and advice.**"

Thus, option E is the most suitable answer.

4. Ans. A.

Option A is the correct answer. The author of the passage points out that many employers prefer recruiting young people who have spent a couple of years in the workplace rather than raw recruitments from university. This implies that the problem lies in the lack of experience as opposed to the lack of skills, something which the politicians complain of. Thus the mentioned sentence implies that the politicians have not been able to properly analyse the root cause of the problem that lands up a student in an undesirable job. Option A is the correct answer.

5. Ans. B.

"Evidence" means proof. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

Rustic- made in a plain and simple fashion.

Misnomer- a wrong or inaccurate use of a name or term.

6. Ans. C.

"Embark" means to begin (a course of action). Thus, option A is the synonym of "embark". "Reject" is the correct antonym of the given word.

Apprehend- understand or perceive.

7. Ans. E.

All the three statements use the word "hamper" in the correct form. In the first and the second sentence, the word has been used as a verb in the present and the past tense respectively. "Hamper" means to cause hindrance. The third sentence uses the word as a noun which means a basket or a container. The word

fits appropriately in the given question. Since the word has been used correctly in all the sentences, option E is the correct answer.

8. Ans. D.

Tact— skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues

Tactfully— with skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues

Tactful— having or showing skill and sensitivity in dealing with others or with difficult issues

"Tactful" fits in statement I as an adjective is required to define the judge.

"Tact" fits in statement III as it has been correctly used as a noun in the sentence.

"Tactfully" is an adverb which can modify a verb, an adjective or another adverb.

The word does not fit in the second sentence as one cannot come up with a "tactfully", but with a tact.

Since only statements I and III are correct, option D is the correct answer.

9. Ans. A.

"Adage" is a noun which means a proverb or short statement expressing a general truth. The word cannot be used in the verb or a gerund form, thus, statements II and III are incorrect. The word has been used correctly only in statement I. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

10. Ans. B.

"Malaise" (noun) means uneasiness or restlessness. The word has been correctly used only in statement II. The other two sentences use the forms of the word which do not exist in the Standard English language. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

11. Ans. E.

When we use 'rather', we mention the opposite of that action in the next phrase. Since circular and linear are opposite, A & E go together. C and F also connect appropriately.

12. Ans. C.

All the given sentences are about oceans. Nothing is related to farmers. B ends with 'around' which indicates there must be a location mentioned in the next part of the statement. None of the segments in column II does that. Both D & F can follow A. But none of the options mentions A- D

as a pair. So, D will follow C and F will follow A. Hence, the correct answer is C.

13. Ans. A.

Statement A ends with 'completely', an adverb. This means the part following it must start with a main verb. None of the clauses in column II do so. Statement C ends with 'of' which indicates that the next part must describe an attribute of the subject (Unsustainable fishing practices). Grammatically, both E & F can do that. But, none of the options has C- E as a pair. So, F would be more appropriate after C. B & E can be joined correctly. Hence, the correct answer is A.

14. Ans. D.

There is only one 'social media market giant' in column I, i.e. is Facebook. So, B goes with F. No other combinations can be formed correctly. Hence, the correct answer is option D.

15. Ans. B.

Care of calves and humans cannot be picked up for listening. So, B goes with F. Preferring one appendage over another, is a habit also see, in humans i.e. being right or left handed. So, A & E go together. Older females do care of the young ones. so, C goes with D. Hence, the correct answer is option B.

16. Ans. A.

"Displacing" is a continuous verb which does not make much sense here. Thus, the noun "displacement" should be written instead of "displacing". Also, the sentence talks about climatic changes, thus, the word "weather" should be used instead of "whether". Since only (i) is correct, thus, option A is the correct answer.

Note that "weather" (alternative i) and whether (alternative ii) are two different words carrying different meanings.

17. Ans. B.

The subject here is "incidents" which is plural, thus, the verb should be plural too. Hence, "have" should be used instead of "has". Moreover, 'spotlight in' will get replaced by the 'spotlight on' as there should be a proper use of preposition. 'To put the spotlight on' something means to highlight it. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

18. Ans. C.

"Cost" is a singular subject, thus the auxiliary verb "is" should be used. Thus, option C is the correct answer.

"More" represents comparative degree, hence, "the" cannot be used before it, hence, (ii) is incorrect.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

19. Ans. A.

"Six" is a plural number, thus, 'years' should be in plural as the preposition "of" is used after it. In contrast, in compound nouns, the singular forms are used. E.G. I saw a **ten year** old boy steal from the shop.

Additionally, in the highlighted part, the phrase "in qualitatively" is incorrect as "qualitatively" is an adverb. To make the sentence correct, the noun "quality" should be used. Since (i) makes both the corrections, option A is the correct answer.

20. Ans. A.

The subject here is "meritocracy", hence, the singular verb "has" should be used instead of "have". "Examing" as given in alternative (iii) is not a word in Standard English, hence incorrect. Thus, option A is the answer.

21. Ans. B.

The error is in part B of the sentence, which means the word "underline" has been used wrongly here. Note that the word mentioned after "underline" is "problem", which is a noun. So, we need an adjective to modify this noun. Thus, "underlined" should replace the highlighted word mentioned in B. An underlined problem means an emphasised problem.

22. Ans. B.

The error is in part B of the sentence, which means the word "vertebrate" has been used wrongly here. Note that the sentence mentions that the heat causes some action in the molecules, which means we need a verb instead of the noun "vertebrate" (an animal of a large group distinguished by the possession of a backbone or spinal column). Thus, the word "vibrate" must be used which means move continuously and rapidly to and fro.

23. Ans. B.

Fleet is the collective noun used for ships. Here, 'sheeps' has been used in the first part, which needs to be replaced with 'ships'.

24. Ans. B.

Dew should be replaced by due. Dew means tiny drops of water that form on cool surfaces at night, when atmospheric vapour condenses. Due to means owing to something or because of something.

25. Ans. A.

Here "creating" should be used in place of "created" in order to make sentence context appropriate.

26. Ans. B.

The usage of "however" in one of the segments suggests that a contradiction to a mentioned clause will be presented in the other clause. The sentence cannot start with the conjunction, "however". This eliminates options D and E. Part C cannot begin the sentence either as it would fail to make a logical sentence. E cannot immediately follow C, thus, the correct sequence is DBCAE and option B is the correct answer.

27. Ans. B.

The sentence should start with the main subject, which in this case is "Harry and Meghan's little one". The little one's objective is given by segment B and hence that should follow A. Of all the options, it is option B which has AB as the opening pair. Option B is the correct answer and the correct sequence is ABCDE.

28. Ans. C.

The segments cannot be arranged in any of the given sequences as there are grammatical errors in it.

29. Ans. D.

The theme of the sentence is centred around the given words, "resilient" "resilience" and "resiliency". Thus, A and D can be used to start the sentence. Of the two, A must be followed by D. Now E tells us about the use of the words, which is applied to victims. Thus, the sequence so far is ADE. The option with the same sequence is D and the correct sequence is ADEBC.

30. Ans. E.

The sentence is about Lauren Mayberry. Thus, segment A should start the sentence. Frontwoman means the leading singer in a band, thus, logically she got on to the stage must follow A. She took the stage in something that was pastel coloured. This inadvertently means that she was dressed up in a dress which was pastel in colour. What must follow E is D. The option with the sequence AED is option E and AEDBC is the correct order.

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