

# SBI Clerk Prelims 2021 English Language Practice PDF with Solution



**Direction:** 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) Advertising is pricy, and the \$10, \$20, \$500 signup incentives for riders and drivers add up fast, too.

B) The economic structure of online platforms such as UBER are well-understood by business strategists: platforms must continue to attract users on both sides of the market—both buyers and sellers—since they extract revenue from the economic activity on the platform.

C) But user acquisition costs money.

D) This two-sided market structure means that user acquisition and retention are critical; each side of the market needs the other for the market to succeed.

E) Such platforms also need to discourage participants from leaving—either by leveraging network effects such that its nearly impossible for alternate services to seriously compete since everyone and their friends are already in one place (think Facebook), or by raising switching costs to make it more difficult to defect to competitor platforms.

F) Because marginal costs for is minimal, every new user stands to significantly increase revenue while requiring almost no additional resources.

1. Which of the following sentence should be the FIRST after rearrangement?

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

2. Which of the following sentence should be the THIRD after rearrangement?

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

3. Which of the following sentence should be the FIFTH after rearrangement?

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

4. Which of the following sentence should be the FOURTH after rearrangement?

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



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E. B

5. Which of the following sentence should be the LAST after rearrangement?

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

**Direction:** In the following passage, there are blanks each of which has been numbered. These numbers correspond to the question numbers; against each question, five words have been suggested, one of which fills the blanks appropriately.

Once a cat was (**###Q1###**) in a hunter's net. A mouse used to live in a nearby hole. The mouse seeing the cat in the net started playing around the cat. Soon a mongoose came there. He wanted to kill the mouse. As he lifted his head, he saw an owl (**###Q2###**) on a tree trying to catch him. The mongoose went very near the cat's net to save himself. The mouse thought "When the hunter takes away the cat, the mongoose will not spare me and the owl is there to enjoy both of us." The Mouse went to the cat and said, "I can cut the net if you promise to save my life from the mongoose and the owl." The cat (**###Q3###**). The mouse started cutting the net slowly and freed the cat only when the hunter was just near the cat. The cat took to heels and so ran the mongoose too. The owl was very much (**###Q4###**) to see even the mouse running away to safety. A few days later, the cat being hungry, went to the hole of the mouse and requested him to come out for a game. The mouse (**###Q5###**), "I sought friendship and saved you to save my life." Now you can go home.

6. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Driven
- B. Approached
- C. Supported
- D. Caught
- E. Fought

7. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Running
- B. Sitting
- C. Swimming
- D. Reading
- E. Teaching

8. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Realized
- B. Feared



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- C. Agreed
- D. Fell
- E. Asked

9. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Happy
- B. Disappointed
- C. Overjoyed
- D. Confident
- E. Cleared

10. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Wrote
- B. Replied
- C. Showed
- D. Pondered
- E. Escaped

**Direction:** In this question, two **columns I and II** and three sentences are given, which are divided into two parts. **Column I (A, B and C)** consists of first half of each sentence and **Column II (D, E and F)** consists of second half of each sentence. Match column I with column II, so that the sentences formed are both meaningful and grammatically correct. Choose the option as your answer.

11.

- I.
    - A. You just need to enter Chandigarh to realise
    - B. While Chandigarh is all that, it is
    - C. This quaint little town is peaceful yet brewing
  - II.
    - D. with excitement at the same time.
    - E. by getting wet under the Rock Garden fountain.
    - F. why it's referred to as the City Beautiful.
- 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



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- A) The combination of nutrients in the pulses will give you an energetic feeling for the next few hours,  
B) Alcohol leaves a strong acidic ash in the body, which make the body  
C) It's that time of the year when the smog descends in thick blankets  
II  
D) and chokes up the city with dust and smoke.  
E) and at the same time, you are less likely to feel sluggish.  
F) vulnerable to illness.
- A. A-D  
B. A-F and B-D  
C. A-E and C-D  
D. B-F and C-D  
E. C-F

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13. I

- A) When the fishing was done, he brought  
B) Although Sri Lanka has cuisines of its own, connections of history and geography make much of its  
C) One evening they got chatting with some of the guests and since  
II  
D) quite similar to the Indian cuisines of the south.  
E) everyone was staying away that night, they decided to do a small potluck.  
F) the net to the fisherman.
- A. A-F  
B. A-D and B-F  
C. A-D, B-F and C-E  
D. A-F and C-E  
E. C-E

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14. I.

- A) Freddie Mercury is remembered as  
B) As soon as the car hit the barricade, it  
C) Drivers are advised to use  
II.  
D) leapt 10 feet above the ground.



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- E) one of the best rock musicians of all time.
- F) in the past there has been such events.
- A. A-F & B-D
- B. B-D & C-E
- C. A-E & B-D
- D. B-F
- E. C-D

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15. I.

- A) If it wasn't for the soldier
- B) The Mi Mix 3 preserves the spirit of the series
- C) Since there was a lot of attempt made

II.

- D) Instead of being there for him when he needed support.
- E) He would have died in the rush.
- F) While seemingly fixing one of its bigger flaws.
- A. B-D and C-F
- B. A-E and B-F
- C. B-D
- D. C-F and A-E
- E. C-E



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## ANSWERS:

1. Ans. D.

The first statement should be option B as it introduces the concept of online platforms and their framework for earning revenue based on profiteering on both sides of the market. Next statement should be option F which further explains how every additional user adds to the revenue earning with negligible cost. It should be followed by option D as it refers to this "two-sided market" and the importance of user acquisition and retention. Now, the next statement should be option C as it presents an issue associated with user acquisition stated in the preceding statement. Option C should be followed by option A which states examples for acquisition methods like advertising and incentives. It should be followed by statement E as it states about the next critical factor i.e. user retention by leveraging network effects and raising switching costs for the users.

The correct sequence is BFDCAE.

2. Ans. B.

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Refer to the last question of the series.

3. Ans. A.

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4. Ans. C.

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5. Ans. D.

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6. Ans. D.

'Catch' means to seize or take hold of something. In this case, the cat gets itself in a tarp which was set up by a hunter. The correct answer is option D.

7. Ans. B.

'Sitting' is the process of remaining at one place, in a leisurely way. In the above passage, there is an owl who was waiting at one place to catch. Hence option B is the correct response.

8. Ans. C.

'Agree' means to say that one will do something which has been suggested by another. In the above passage, the cat agrees to mouse's plan. Thus, the correct answer is option C.

9. Ans. B.

'Disappointed' means to fail to fulfil the hopes or expectations. In this case, the owl was dejected when he couldn't catch anything to eat. The correct answer is option B.



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10. Ans. B.

'Reply' means to say something in response to something someone has said. In this case, the mouse replies the cat to go away since he already knew the cat's intentions. Thus, the correct answer is option B.

11. Ans. C.

Chandigarh has the nickname 'City Beautiful', so A & F go together.

Part B needs an object which would describe Chandigarh. No such object is present in column II.

Part C goes with part A as 'brewing with excitement' is an expression we use to describe the level of enthusiasm.

Hence, the answer is C.

12. Ans. C.

The sentences A and E join together to mean that nutrients give energy on consumption, and at the same time you do not feel sluggish. The sentence does not contain any grammatical error. C and D link together to mean that smog chokes the city with its dust and smoke. This sentence also does not contain any grammatical flaws. The third sentence, i.e. B and F join to give a meaning that alcohol makes a person vulnerable to illness, but since the sentence has an error with the word '**make**', it cannot be included as an option. Since the word 'make' is used with 'ash', which is a singular noun, the word 'make' needs to be changed to 'makes'.

13. Ans. A.

A joins with F to mean that the net was returned to the fisherman, after the fishing was done. This sentence does not contain any error. B and D along with C and E together give meanings to the sentences, however, both the sentences contain errors. The error in B-D is due to a missing word between 'much of its' and 'quite similar'. Both B and D talk about cuisines, so we know that they join together. Error in C-E lies in the use of phrasal verb 'staying away' which means 'avoid or not come'. Potluck is a gathering done to share food, which cannot be done if the ones who are part of it, stay away.

14. Ans. C.

A must be joined with E as it refers to Freddie Mercury, the lead singer of band Queen, being one of the best musicians of all time. B must be joined with D as it talks about what happens with the car in case of hitting a barricade. Rest of the combinations don't make sense. Thus, the correct answer is option C.

15. Ans. B.

A must be joined with E as it tells that the man was alive because of the soldier who saved the man's life in the rush. A-E make a typical Type 3 conditional sentence. B must be joined with F which talks about a phone being better than the last one in a particular series, by eliminating the flaws it had in the last model. Rest of the combinations don't make sense. The correct answer is option B.



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