

IBPS Clerk Prelims 2021 English 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) 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.

1. Which of the following will be the **SIXTH** sentence after rearrangement?

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

2. Which of the following will be the **FOURTH** sentence after rearrangement?

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

3. Which of the following will be the **FIRST** sentence after rearrangement?

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

4. Which of the following will be the **THIRD** sentence after rearrangement?

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

5. Which of the following will be the **FIFTH** sentence after rearrangement?

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



E. E

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.

A little-known virus spread by mosquitoes is (**###Q1###**) one of the most alarming health crises to hit Brazil in decades. Thousands of cases of brain damage, in which babies are born with (**###Q2###**) small heads, have been reported. Many pregnant women across Brazil are in a (**###Q3###**). The government, under criticism for not acting sooner, is urging them to take every precaution to (**###Q4###**) mosquito bites, with one official suggesting women living in mosquito-prone areas to postpone having children.

The mosquito-borne virus - Zika- has caused a huge surge in babies with microcephaly, a rare, (**###Q5###**) condition in which their heads are abnormally small. Brazilian officials have registered at least 2,782 cases this year, compared with just 147 in 2014. Those who survive may face impaired intellectual (**###Q6###**) for the rest of their lives.

However, researchers are still to prove the dangerous link (**###Q7###**) the virus and brain damage. "Why this may have happened in Brazil and not elsewhere is at this stage difficult to answer," said Alain Kohl, a virologist, adding that the link between Zika and microcephaly could be related to particular (**###Q8###**) of the virus. The Zika virus has already reached several countries in Latin America, including Mexico, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (**###Q9###**) that it could spread in parts of the US as well. "I had never heard of Zika or microcephaly," said Gleyse da Silva, 27, a toll road attendant, describing how an ultrasound exam had (**###Q10###**) microcephaly in the seventh month of her pregnancy. She had sought medical attention after experiencing Zika's symptoms: fever, joint pain and a red rash.

6. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. producing
- B. creating
- C. causing
- D. developing
- E. making

7. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. normally
- B. unusually
- C. ordinary
- D. differently
- E. unsecured

8. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. dilemma



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- B. support
- C. care
- D. risk
- E. panic

9. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. avoid
- B. ignore
- C. not in touch
- D. stay away
- E. in contact with

10. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. curable
- B. unusual
- C. incurable
- D. long lasting
- E. permanent

11. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. development
- B. disease
- C. cause
- D. problems
- E. illness

12. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. with
- B. in between
- C. with in
- D. between
- E. among

13. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. stress
- B. injury
- C. strain
- D. damage
- E. breakage

14. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. aware
- B. responsible
- C. tells
- D. alert
- E. warns



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15. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. discover
- B. found
- C. noticed
- D. detected
- E. identify

ANSWERS

1. Ans. E.

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5. Ans. A.

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6. Ans. C.

It is easier to fill this blank with some prerequisite knowledge about the verb usage in the phrasal contexts. When talking about any 'crisis' in accordance with the factor responsible for it, the verb used should be 'cause'. It is also relevant in the context of the statement. So, the correct response is option C.

7. Ans. B.

The latter part of the passage notes that the small heads of the babies are of unusual proportions. Thus, option B is the most appropriate response. Also, it is able to give proper meaning to the statement.

8. Ans. E.

Dilemma means a situation in which a difficult choice has to be made between two or more alternatives, especially ones that are equally undesirable. This is incorrect because the case does not involve two choices.

Options B and C are contextually inappropriate. Option D can't be adopted because it would render the structure of the statement inappropriate.

So, option E is the most appropriate response.

9. Ans. A.

The context of the passage makes it sure that the virus is spread through mosquito bites and thus it would be advisable to 'avoid' mosquito bites.

10. Ans. C.

The discussion is about the Zika virus and as it has been mentioned in the passage that the virus causes the children to be born with abnormally small heads, it is clear that this is an 'uncurable' complication as no matter what the treatment be, the size of the child's head can't be cured.

11. Ans. A.



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This blank is best answered by looking closely at the context of the statement. The issue that is associated with Zika virus is that the children have abnormally small heads at the time of birth, which leads to them having some issues regarding the mental 'development'.

So, option A is the most appropriate response.

12. Ans. D.

The statement tries to link the virus and the brain damage associated with the infliction. 'Between' is used to indicate the linkage between two entities, which is the case here, so the correct response is 'between'.

13. Ans. C.

This one is a technical question.

Strain as a scientific term means a particular breed, stock, or variety of an animal or plant. Here, the context is of pointing to a specific breed of the virus and holding it responsible for the medical complications. Thus, 'strain' is the correct response.

14. Ans. E.

This is an easy question as it can be easily solved by looking at the structure of the statement. The blank requires a verb in simple present tense for a singular noun and thus will take (-s/-es) form of the verb. There are only two such options: tells and warns.

Warns is a better word than tells because the context talks about the spread of a hazardous disease.

Hence, warns is the correct answer.

15. Ans. D.

'Noticed' and 'detected', both give proper meaning to the statement. But as here the context is predominantly of a medical examination and the observation made through it, thus 'detected' is a more appropriate word usage.

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