



RBI Gr. B 2023

Most Expected Questions For English Language



Direction: Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Certain word (s) are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

The international ice hockey federation (IIHF) has said it will not hold this summer's world championship in Belarus, amid concerns that it would be a propaganda coup for the country's hockey-mad dictator, Alexander Lukashenko.

In a statement, the federation said it had made the decision "in the face of the growing safety and security concerns related to both the rising political unrest and Covid-19". Minsk and the Latvian capital, Riga, were due to co-host the tournament in May and June. The decision comes just a week after the IIHF president, René Fasel, dismissed pressure to cancel the tournament after Lukashenko's ruthless crackdown on a huge protest movement in recent months. Fasel warmly embraced Lukashenko on a visit to Minsk and said he wanted the tournament to go ahead as planned.

Fasel said he believed Lukashenko was committed to serious reform in the country, something most observers of the country over recent months think highly unlikely. "Personally, I think that lot of people are underestimating the capacity of the Belarus government to move forward, modernise, and build a new constitution in the country," Fasel said, after meeting the Belarusian leader.

The IIHF's sudden **change of heart** appears to have come about only after businesses sponsoring the tournament started to pull out, wary of negative publicity. On Saturday, Škoda said it would withdraw as a sponsor of the

tournament if it went ahead in Belarus. "We've been a proud partner to the IIHF world championship for 28 years. But we also respect and promote all human rights," the Czech car manufacturer said in a statement posted on Twitter.

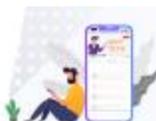
Tens of thousands of people have been arrested, beaten or forced to flee the country since unrest began in Belarus after rigged elections in August. Hosting the tournament would have given Lukashenko a boost at a time when he has become an international pariah. He is passionate about ice hockey and is frequently pictured on state television playing the game.

"This is a very wise step – to support human rights & fair sport, not to _____ with the regime in Belarus," wrote Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, the exiled opposition politician, on Twitter on Monday.

Until Monday, the IIHF had insisted the tournament should be kept separate from politics, but this was always unrealistic in the current climate. Latvia recently banned the head of the Belarusian Ice Hockey Federation, Dmitry Baskov, from entering the country after he was alleged to have been present during an attack on the protester Roman Bondarenko in Minsk in November. Bondarenko later died of his injuries. The IIHF has said it is carrying out its own investigation into the incident.

The hockey federation said it would announce soon whether the tournament would be held only in Riga, or moved to a different location entirely.

Source:
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jan/18/belarus-axed-as-host-of->



ice-hockey-tournament-over-security-concerns

1.

Which of the following statements is TRUE with reference to the passage?

I) The International Ice Hockey Federation nominated Belarus as the host of this summer's world championship to express solidarity with Lukashenko's propaganda coup.

II) Russia has been made responsible for overseeing the arrangements being made by Belarus and Latvia for the world championship to disregard Lukashenko.

III) Shrinking from concerns of making the world championship a propaganda coup for Lukashenko, the International Ice Hockey Federation has decided to remove Belarus as the host of the same.

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

2. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE with reference to the passage?

I) Popular opinion suggest that Lukashenko is dedicated to the welfare of the country, and is the best choice for ushering in any reformation.

II) Belarus' current government is a strong supporter of revolutionary movements, and allows its citizens to express their criticism of the government freely.

III) The International Ice Hockey Federation has decided to pull the tournament out of Minsk after being pressurised by businesses sponsoring the event.

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

3. Which of the following statements should start the third paragraph, that talks about IIHF's sudden change of plans, to form a connection with the second paragraph?

- A. Despite Fasel advocating Lukashenko's government,
- B. Despite Fasel criticising Lukashenko's government
- C. Due to Fasel's criticism of Lukashenko's government
- D. Due to Fasel advocacy of Lukashenko's government
- E. None of the above

4. From the following options, choose a suitable title for the passage.

- A. Horns of a dilemma: How the IIHF is handling the world championship host crisis
- B. Exiled opposition politician criticises the Belarusian government
- C. Human rights vs. Lukashenko
- D. Ice Hockey World Championship leads to political conflict in Belarus
- E. None of the above

5. Which of the following can be said about the current Belarusian government?

I) It is being headed by a dictator who is actively refusing the citizens basic human rights.

II) It is being instigated by the secret services of enemy countries, using an intricate network of spies who have infiltrated the government.

III) The government has come to power due to a rigged election.



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

6. Which of the following options correctly describe the tone of the passage?

- A. Caustic
- B. Informative
- C. Assertive
- D. Deprecatory
- E. Condescending

7. What can be used to fill the blank in the fifth paragraph of the passage?

"This is a very wise step – to support human rights & fair sport, not to _____ with the regime in Belarus," wrote Svetlana Tikhanovskaya, the exiled opposition politician, on Twitter on Monday.

- A. Mitigate
- B. Reject
- C. Cooperate
- D. Criticise
- E. None of the above

8. Which of the following words can replace the phrase 'change of heart' as used in the passage?

- A. Reversal
- B. Forward
- C. Flitting
- D. Redemption
- E. Restlessness

Direction: A sentence divided into four parts (A), (B), (C) and (D) is given. The errors are in two parts of the sentence. Determine the parts which require correction and mark it as your answer. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as No error.

9. Research in artificial intelligence had built upon (A)/ the tools and techniques of many different disciplines, (B)/ include formal logic, probability theory, (C)/ decision theory, management science, linguistics and philosophy. (D)

- A. A-B
- B. C-D
- C. B-C
- D. A-C
- E. No error

10. Google announced changes (A)/ to how it will handle claims of sexual harassment between employees, (B)/ including making arbitration optional (C)/ for individual harassment sexual assault claims. (D)

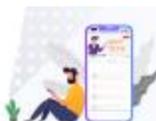
- A. A-C
- B. B-D
- C. B-C
- D. C-D
- E. No error

11. In 6:30 Thursday morning, (A)/ a wildfire of astounding proportions but speed (B)/ broke out in Northern California which was dubbed the Camp Fire, (C)/ and it covered 11 miles in its first 11 hours of life. (D)

- A. A-B
- B. B-D
- C. B-C
- D. C-D
- E. No error

12. The consequences are fires of unprecedented, (A)/ almost unimaginable scale (B)/ and Californian cities are no longer safe from fire, and with climate change, (C)/ things are only bound to get worst from here. (D)

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



- C. B-C
- D. A-C
- E. No error

13. Whoever Satoshi Nakamoto is, (A)/ the genius of his, her, or their idea for bitcoin—(B)/ published almost exactly an decade ago— (C)/ was in solving the key problem with digital currency. (D)

- A. A-C
- B. B-D
- C. B-C
- D. C-D
- E. No error

Direction: The following question carries a statement with two blanks. From the given options, choose the word that would fit in both the blanks to make the sentence grammatically correct and meaningful.

14.

Tarun said that he _____ the file in the _____ drawer of the hotel room.

- A. Run
- B. Turn
- C. Left
- D. Wound
- E. Right

15. I would have brought a GPS but I had no idea that our guide would _____ us in the middle of the _____.

- A. Help
- B. Desert
- C. Give
- D. Fall
- E. Fight

16. Suneeta said that she will not _____ to pick the _____ from the streets and put them in the dustbins.

- A. Cause
- B. Refuse

- C. Indulge
- D. Dull
- E. Want

17. While walking down the _____ of the hall, I said to Primit that the movie will surely _____ both of us.

- A. Exit
- B. Entry
- C. Entrance
- D. Opening
- E. Alley

18. During our _____ to Darjeeling, a small stone caused my sister to _____ due to which she hurt her knees.

- A. Pause
- B. Trip
- C. Visit
- D. Venture
- E. Wonder

Direction: Which of the following phrases (i), (ii), and (iii) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (E) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer.

19.

The printing was poor and **he tried to bind me by science** by saying that it was the fault of the paper and not his machine.

- i. he tried to blind me with science
- ii. he tried to bind me with science
- iii. he tried to blind me by science

- A. Only i
- B. Only ii



- C. Only iii
- D. Both ii and iii
- E. No correction required

20. Solar flares are highly energetic phenomena that happen inside the sunspots, where the energy stored in the sun's magnetic structures **is converted to light or heat energy.**

- i. is converted into light or heat energy
 - ii. is converted into light and heat energy
 - iii. is converted to light and heat energy
- A. Only i
 - B. Only ii
 - C. Only iii
 - D. Both ii and iii
 - E. No correction required

21. Helen uncovered her cup, checking to see **if her tea leaf was sunken all the way** to the bottom yet.

- i. if her tea leaf was sunk all the way
 - ii. if her tea leaves had sunken all the way
 - iii. if her tea leaves had sunk all the way
- A. Only i
 - B. Only ii
 - C. Only iii
 - D. Both ii and iii
 - E. No correction required

22. **She settled him in his chair**, and was relieved to see that he seemed to be calming down a little

- i. She settled him in him chair
 - ii. She settled him in hisself chair
 - iii. She settled him in his chaired
- A. Only i
 - B. Only ii
 - C. Only iii
 - D. Both ii and iii
 - E. No correction required

23. Decades of unchecked discharge of untreated municipal, industrial and agricultural **effluents and solid waste have changed** the Ravi into a massive sewer.

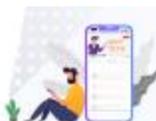
- i. effluents and solid waste have changed
 - ii. influent and solid waste have changed
 - iii. effluence and solid waste have changed
- A. Only i
 - B. Only ii
 - C. Only iii
 - D. Both ii and iii
 - E. No correction required

Direction: Select the phrase/connector from the given options which can be used to form a single sentence from the two sentences given below, implying the same meaning as expressed in the statement sentences. Pick out the option which when used to start a sentence combines both the above sentences in one.

24. The Naga tryst with modernity continues to develop very rapidly, inherent with significant global implications. Most of India, however, isn't paying attention to it.

- A) Even while most of
 - B) With very rapid developments
 - C) However, most of India
- A. Only A and B
 - B. Only A
 - C. Only C
 - D. Only A and C
 - E. None of these

25. He was small and quick like a fox. He could slink his way through the tight walkways of the harbour market with his eyes closed.



- A) He was small and quick
- B) Small and quick like
- C) Slinking his way
- A. Only A and B
- B. Only B
- C. Only C
- D. Only A and C
- E. None of these

26. Every book was stamped with a flat 20 per cent discount. This was in keeping with the philosophy that the joy of reading should never be hampered by one's budget.

- A) The philosophy of joy
- B) In keeping with the
- C) Stamped with a flat
- A. Only A and B
- B. Only B
- C. Only B and C
- D. Only A
- E. None of these

27. XAP's Rajasthan ally National Democracy Party quit NOP over 'anti-work' laws. K Haasan-led MMM's general secretary joined XAP.

- A) Meanwhile
- B) Due to differences over farm laws
- C) Despite
- A. Only A and B
- B. Only B
- C. Only B and C
- D. Only A and C
- E. None of these

Direction: Choose the word from the following options which is OPPOSITE in meaning to the other words.

28.

- A. Accord
- B. Forgiveness
- C. Vendetta
- D. Agreement
- E. Harmony

Direction: In the given question, some words are given of which two are most nearly the same or opposite in meaning. Find the two words and indicate your answer by marking the option which represents the correct combination.

29.

- A. Impair
- B. Damage
- C. Destroy
- D. Repair
- E. Spoil

30.

- A. Accusation
- B. Charge
- C. Allegation
- D. Conjecture
- E. Testimony



###ANSWERS###

1. Ans. E.

Statement I and III counter one another, making any one of them correct. Referring to the following quote in the first paragraph of the passage, "The international ice hockey federation (IIHF) has said it will not hold this summer's world championship in Belarus, amid concerns that it would be a propaganda coup for the country's hockey-mad dictator, Alexander Lukashenko," it becomes clear that statement III is correct while statement I is incorrect.

Statement II finds no mention in the passage, and is hence irrelevant to it.

Thus, option E is the correct answer.

2. Ans. D.

Refer to the following quote in the second paragraph of the passage: "Fasel said he believed Lukashenko was committed to serious reform in the country, something most observers of the country over recent months think highly unlikely." Thus, statement I is incorrect.

Refer to the following statement in the fourth paragraph of the passage: "Tens of thousands of people have been arrested, beaten or forced to flee the country since unrest began in Belarus after rigged elections in August." Thus, statement II is incorrect.

Refer to the following quote in the third paragraph of the passage: "The IIHF's sudden change of heart appears to have come about only after businesses sponsoring the tournament started to pull out, wary of negative publicity." Thus, statement III is correct.

Thus, option D is the correct answer.

3. Ans. A.

The second and third paragraphs of the passage indicate a **contrast** between

the opinions of the IIHF president and the actions later being taken by the IIHF. This negates options C and D as possible choices since they try to establish a cause-and-effect relationship between the two paragraphs. Of options A and B, option A is the best fit since it not only indicates the contrast between the paragraphs, but also adheres to the right tones of the passages. The second paragraph clearly indicates Fasel's inclination towards Lukashenko's government, making 'advocating' the right word to explain his stance towards the Belarusian government.

Thus, option A is the correct answer.

4. Ans. A.

The paragraph is elaborating on a crisis the IIHF is facing, that of choosing a suitable host for the summer's world championships. In its various paragraphs, the passage is outlining the causes, effects, and possible ways out of the crisis. While it relates tangentially to the ongoing political crisis in Belarus, the IIHF's tournament is still the point of focus of the passage. As such, options B and C can be negated as possible titles for the passage.

Of the remaining options, option D is an assumption, that is reversing the order of the facts being stated by the passage. The political unrest is disrupting the championship; the championship is not causing the political unrest. Thus, option D is also not the right choice for a title.

Option A pinpoints the main theme of the passage, and is thus the most appropriate choice for a title.

Thus, option A is the correct answer.



Note: Horns of a dilemma (idiom): having to choose between two things, both of which are unpleasant or difficult.

5. Ans. C.

Refer to the following quotes in the first paragraph of the passage:

i. "...amid concerns that it would be a propaganda coup for the country's hockey-mad dictator, Alexander Lukashenko."

ii. "...Lukashenko's ruthless crackdown on a huge protest movement in recent months."

Thus, statement I is correct.

Statement II is completely irrelevant to the passage.

Refer to the following quote in the fourth paragraph of the passage:

"...since unrest began in Belarus after rigged elections in August." Thus, statement III is correct.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

6. Ans. B.

The meanings of the given tones are:

Caustic: sarcastic in a scathing and bitter way.

Assertive: having or showing a confident and forceful personality.

Deprecatory: expressing disapproval; disapproving.

Condescending: having or showing an attitude of patronizing superiority.

Informative: providing useful or interesting information.

Since the passage provides information about the actions being taken by the IIHF following concerns over the political situations in Belarus, the tone of the passage is **informative**.

Thus, option B is the correct answer.

7. Ans. C.

The meanings of the given words are as follow:

Mitigate: to lessen, alleviate

Reject: refuse, decline

Cooperate: to work and act together

Criticise: to find fault

Since the opposition politician is against the ongoing violence in Belarus, 'cooperate' is the best fit for the blank.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

8. Ans. A.

The meanings of the given words are as follows:

Change of heart (idiomatic) (noun): a reversal of one's feelings, intentions, opinions

Reversal: the act or instance of being opposite or contrary in position, direction, order, or character

Forward: directed toward a point in advance; moving ahead

Redemption: atonement for guilt

Restlessness: being agitated

In the context of the passage, 'change of hearts' and 'reversal' are synonymous, and can be used to replace one another.

Thus, option A is the correct answer.

9. Ans. D.

The correct answer: Option D.

Reason: 'Had' is used in sentences in the past tense. The **correct verb** here should be '**has**' as research in a contemporary topic like artificial intelligence is in the present time. So, segment A contains an error.

In part C of the sentence, the **verb include** fails to introduce the succeeding clauses. The **participle 'including'** is more correct as it introduces the following clauses.

Thus, parts A and C carry the error.

This makes option D the correct answer.

10. Ans. B.

The correct answer: Option B.



Reason: 'Between' is used to refer to concepts/things that are completely separate. The correct preposition to be used here is 'among' which would indicate that 'sexual harassment' and 'employees' are not two different concepts as they are a part of the same group. So, the error lies in part B.

Part D is **missing a conjunction**. 'Harassment' and 'sexual assault' are two different phrases and need to be joined by a conjunction like 'and'. Thus, parts B and D carry the error. This makes option B the correct answer.

11. Ans. A.

The correct answer: Option A.

Reason: In part A instead of the **preposition 'in'** which is used for months and years, the preposition 'at' should be used for the specific time mentioned in the sentence.

In part B, the **conjunction 'but'** has been incorrectly used. 'But' is used when two phrases are equal in importance but in contrast with each other. The correct conjunction to be used here is 'and' as the two phrases are not in contrast.

Thus, parts A and B carry the error. This makes option A the correct answer.

12. Ans. A.

The correct answer: Option A.

Reason: In part A, 'Consequence' being singular should be followed by the singular verb 'is' instead of the plural 'are' to maintain subject-verb agreement.

In part D, 'worst' being the superlative adjective is used for comparing three or more things. But it is evident from the sentence that the comparison is between two things – the condition of the 'things' before and after the

incident. Thus, the comparative adjective 'worse' should be used here. Thus, parts A and D carry the error. This makes option A the correct answer.

13. Ans. C.

The correct answer: Option C.

Reason: In part B, 'there' is an adverb for place or position. This part needs a determiner like 'their'.

In part C, the article 'an' should not precede the word 'decade' as it starts with a consonant.

Thus, parts B and C carry the error. This makes option C the correct answer.

14. Ans. C.

'Left' should be used here.

'Left' in the first case means 'abandoned'. [Fits in the first blank]

'Left' in the second blank refers to 'the left-hand part'. [Fits in the second blank]

Hence, option C is the correct choice here.

The word 'wound' means an injury to living tissue caused by a cut, blow, or other impact, typically one in which the skin is cut or broken

'Wound' also means to encircle or wreath, as with something twined, wrapped, or placed about.

'Right' (as an adjective) means 'morally good, justified, or acceptable.'

'Right' (as an adverb) means 'to the furthest or most complete extent or degree.'

'Right' also means 'the right-hand part, side, or direction.'

15. Ans. B.

Desert should be used here as it fits both the blanks.

Desert here means abandon a person, cause, or organization in a way



considered disloyal or treacherous.
[Fits in the first blank]

Desert in the second blank means a barren area of landscape where little precipitation occurs and, consequently, living conditions are hostile for plant and animal life. [Fits in the second blank]

Hence, option B is the correct choice here.

Fall means lose one's balance and collapse. Fall can also mean be captured or defeated. Again it can also refer to autumn, depending on the context.

16. Ans. B.

"Refuse" is the correct answer here.

When the word 'refuse' is used as a verb it indicates or shows that one is not willing to do something. [Fits in the first blank]

When the word 'refuse' is used as a noun, it refers to matter thrown away or rejected as worthless; rubbish. [Fits in the second blank]

Hence, option B is the correct choice here.

Indulge means 'to allow oneself to enjoy the pleasure of'.

17. Ans. C.

'Entrance' should be used here, as it fits both the blanks.

'Entrance' here refers to an opening, such as a door, passage, or gate, which allows access to a place. It is used as a noun here. [Fits in the first blank]

'Entrance' is used as a verb in the second blank. Here it means to enchant, charm, or enamour [Fits in the second blank]

Hence, option C is the correct choice here.

18. Ans. B.

'Trip' fits both the blanks here and hence it should be used here.

Trip when used as a Noun refers to a journey or a tour. [Fits in the first blank]

Trip when used as a Verb means to stumble, to miss a step and fall. Sometimes, it is also used as a noun. [Fits in the second blank]

Hence, option B is the correct choice here.

Venture means a risky or daring journey or undertaking. Venture also refers to a business enterprise, typically one that involves risk.

19. Ans. A.

The correct idiom is "to blind me with science". It means to tell someone about something in a complex or technical way so that they have great difficulty in understanding it. Hence, the correct answer is A.

20. Ans. B.

Conjunction "or" is used to show options. Here, both "light" and "heat" energy are the result. So, it should be "and", not "or".

Convert into means to change from one thing to another; convert to means to switch allegiance, loyalty, or obligation. Here, the energy stored in the sun is changed into light and heat energy.

Hence, the correct answer is B.

21. Ans. C.

Usually, in a cup of tea, there are more than one tea leaf. It should be "leaves", not "leaf". "Sunken" is an adjective. Here, we need a verb for the noun "tea leaves". It should be "sunk". Hence, the correct answer is C.

22. Ans. E.

The sentence is correct and no corrections are required. Hence, the correct answer is E.

23. Ans. C.

Affluents means having a great deal of money; wealthy.



Effluents means liquid waste or sewage discharged into a river or the sea.

Influent means a stream, especially a tributary, which flows into another stream or lake.

Effluence means a substance that flows out from something.

Here, we're talking about the discharge i.e., waste flowing out of different areas. Hence, the correct answer is C.

24. Ans. B.

The first sentence states an event in Nagaland. The second sentence states what the rest of India was doing when this event took place. "While" can be used to state such parallel events.

New sentence: Even while most of India isn't paying attention, the Naga tryst with modernity continues to develop very rapidly, inherent with significant global implications.

Hence, the correct answer is B.

25. Ans. A.

The two sentences are describing "he". The first sentence states his physical build and the second sentence states how he utilises it. We could use the first sentence as an adjective for he, by placing it before the pronoun from the second sentence, which will act as our main sentence. Or, we could remove the pronoun "he" after we join both the sentences using the conjunction "and".

New sentence: Small and quick like a fox, he could slink his way through the tight walkways of the harbour market with his eyes closed.

New sentence: He was small and quick like a fox and could slink his way through the tight walkways of the harbour market with his eyes closed.

Hence, the correct answer is A.

26. Ans. B.

The first sentence states a fact (every book was stamped with a flat 20 per

cent discount) about the selling price of the book. The second sentence states the reasoning behind this fact. The combined statement can be framed by stating the reason first and then followed by the fact as if the fact was the result of the philosophy.

New sentence: In keeping with the philosophy that the joy of reading should never be hampered by one's budget, every book was stamped with a flat 20 per cent discount.

Hence, the correct answer is B.

27. Ans. E.

The sentences state two different actions over the same issue (laws). But, these two actions themselves are not similar in any way. So, the sentences cannot be combined. Hence, the correct answer is E.

28. Ans. C.

Vendetta: a prolonged bitter quarrel with or campaign against someone

Accord: a formal agreement, or the condition of agreeing:

Amity: a good relationship

Agreement: harmony or accordance in opinion or feeling

Harmony: the state of being in agreement or concord

Options A, B, D, and E are synonyms.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

29. Ans. D.

Consider the meanings of the following words:

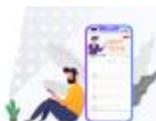
Impair: to spoil something or make it weaker so that it is less effective.

Damage: to harm or spoil something.

Destroy: to damage something so badly that it cannot be used.

Spoil: to destroy or reduce the pleasure, interest, or beauty of something.

Repair: to put something that is damaged, broken, or not working



correctly, back into good condition or make it work again.

Impair, damage, spoil, and destroy are synonymous to each other while repair is an antonym.

So, the correct choice is option D.

30. Ans. E.

The meanings of the given words are as follows:

Accusation: a charge or claim that someone has done something illegal or wrong

Charge: formally accuse (someone) of something, especially an offence under law

Allegation: a claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof

Conjecture: an opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information. Testimony: evidence or proof of something

Options A, B, C, and D are synonyms.

Thus, option E is the correct answer.



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