



# IBPS Clerk 2022 English Language Questions PDF

**Direction:** 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.

Another round of economic stimulus, probably with a much higher budgetary expenditure component than the one announced earlier this month, may be around the corner, along with a

\_\_\_\_\_ **(1)** push via assorted incentives to capital and infrastructure spending by government and public-sector companies. A two-pronged strategy aimed at boosting both the **aggregate** demand and capital availability for investors simultaneously, is what the policy-makers are employing to revive the badly bruised economy, going by the remarks made by a senior official at an industry event on Wednesday.

The package in the offing would consist of production-linked incentive (PLI) schemes for "a seven-eight more sectors", said the economic affairs secretary. He also hinted at more steps to catalyse the flow of foreign capital into the hands of private investors, including permission for listing of Indian companies on foreign bourses. Implementation of the privatisation policy would be fast-tracked, with Cabinet nod for the so-called "strategic-sectors list" likely soon. Speaking at the CII's 'financial market summit' via video conferencing, he also said invest

vehicles like InvITs and REITs were gaining traction, a development that indicates easier unlocking of equity gains and efficient deleveraging of balance sheets by various investors in infrastructure sectors.

Stating that norms for the listing of India companies directly on foreign bourses were "almost final", the secretary added: "We are seeing positive signs on FPI inflows and assets under management of mutual funds." While the government in March opened up a part of sovereign bond market to overseas investors, he said the government was working with the RBI for the country's inclusion in global bond indices, a step that could **accelerate** inflows of foreign capital.

Referring to additional government capital expenditure of Rs.37,000 crore announced by the finance minister on October 12, the secretary said: "We are looking at what has been the (budget) expenditure so far this year and what is the extra requirement by various sectors. We have actually mentioned to the departments to push capital expenditure given its multiplier effect. If more funds are needed, we will be providing for the same in the revised estimates. The challenge now is to ensure that the departments/units responsible for infrastructure spending actually spend the funds.



1. What is the approach of policy-makers to revive the economy?

- (I) Elevating the demand
  - (II) Providing availability of capital for investors
  - (III) Pushing the existing budget limitations
- A. Both (I) and (III)  
B. Only (II)  
C. Both (I) and (II)  
D. Only (III)  
E. Only (I)

2. What was the purpose behind hinting at more steps by Mr. Tarun Bajaj?

- A. Enabling direct capital flow to private investors
- B. Listing of Indian companies in foreign stock markets
- C. Fast-tracking the privatization policy
- D. All of the above
- E. None of these

3. What was the indication behind gained traction of invest vehicles InvITs and REITs?

- (i) Easier unlocking of equity gains
  - (ii) Efficient deleveraging of balance sheets
  - (iii) Uplifted investments in different sectors
- A. Both (I) and (II)  
B. Only (I)  
C. Both (I) and (III)  
D. Only (II)  
E. Only (III)

4. Which of the following can be inferred from paragraph 3?

- (I) There have been some positive signs on FPI and assets managed by mutual funds
  - (II) A section of sovereign bond market was opened for overseas investors
  - (III) Both the govt and the RBI worked to accelerate foreign capital inflows
- A. Both (I) and (III)  
B. Only (II)  
C. Both (I) and (II)  
D. Only (III)  
E. All of the above

5. Which of the following statements cannot be inferred from the paragraph 4?

- A. The amount of budget spent this year is being calculated
- B. The departments are directed to minimize the capital expenditure
- C. Additional funds will not be provided
- D. It is necessary that departments spend the capital expenditure as directed
- E. All of the above

6. Which of the following can fill in the blank (1) to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful?

- A. Conjure
- B. Edifice
- C. Pervade
- D. Concerted
- E. None of these



7. Which of the following is most SIMILAR in meaning with the given word?

**Aggregate**

- A. Dissipation
- B. Foster
- C. Comprehensive
- D. Admonish
- E. Repeal

8. Which of the following is most SIMILAR in meaning with the given word?

**Accelerate**

- A. Acquiesce
- B. Slew
- C. Usurp
- D. Sentinel
- E. Expedite

**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) Referring to Centre-State relations and roles in education, he asked whether the new policy gives the Centre a predatory role.

(B) The trend has been to assume that a national system will evolve and iron out provincial variations.

(C) The use of the word 'predatory' felt a bit sharp in the context of education, but the intention obviously was to ascertain whether the new policy observes federal courtesy.

(D) Towards the end of a recent webinar on the National Education Policy 2020, a retired civil servant asked a question.

(E) That is a strange assumption because for education to fulfil its social role, it must respond to the specific milieu in which the young are growing up.

(F) Even the 1986 policy didn't fully acknowledge the variety prevailing in provincial practices and the legacies those practices are rooted in.

9. Which of the following will be the fourth statement after rearrangement?

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

10. Which of the following will be the sixth statement after rearrangement?

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

11. Which of the following will be the first statement after rearrangement?

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



12. Which of the following will be the second statement after rearrangement?

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

13. Which of the following will be the third statement after rearrangement?

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

**Direction:** Read the sentence to find out whether there is an error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.

14. The need to effectively address (1)/ air pollution, from traffic primary (2)/ and burning wood, has never been (3)/ more urgent than it is now. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. No error

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corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.

15. Cattle is fed grains (1)/ because they are nutritious, (2)/ energy-rich, and can be stored (3)/ easily for later use. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. No error

**Direction:** Read the sentence to find out whether there is an error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The number corresponding to that part will be your answer. If the given sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as 'No error'. Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.

16. He witnessed (1)/ a car accident (2)/ and stopped (3)/ to rendering aid. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. No error

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17. Healthy eating is (1)/ one of the best thing (2)/ you can do to prevent (3)/ and control health problems. (4)

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
- E. No error

**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.

18. Vijay \_\_\_\_\_ in the darkness looking for the light switch, but when he finally found it there was someone already there.

- A. reigned
- B. fumbled
- C. clustered
- D. greased
- E. removed

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19. Although it wasn't a pot of gold, Nancy was still \_\_\_\_\_ at what she found at the end of the rainbow.

- A. Abjured
- B. Allowed
- C. Closed
- D. Enthralled
- E. Investigated

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20. The US President made a firm \_\_\_\_\_ about support from India, which could be controversial in the long run.

- A. Assertion
- B. Aberration
- C. Accretion
- D. Alias
- E. Anathema

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21. We must remember the examples set by great minds who not \_\_\_\_\_ only \_\_\_\_\_ endured \_\_\_\_\_ plagues, but also came out triumphant.

- A. Limp
- B. Creasing
- C. Surfing
- D. Devastating
- E. Devastate



**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 would fill the blank appropriately. Mark the suitable word as the answer.

Liza was one of those pretty and **(###Q1###)** girls born, as if by an error of fate, into a family of clerks. She had no dowry, no expectations, no **(###Q2###)** of becoming known, understood, loved or wedded by a man of wealth and distinction. So, she let herself be married to a **(###Q3###)** official at the Ministry of Education. She dressed plainly because she had never been able to **(###Q4###)** anything better, but she was as unhappy as if she had once been wealthy. She **(###Q5###)** endlessly, feeling she was entitled to all the delicacies and luxuries of life.

22. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Handsome
- B. Ugly
- C. Charming
- D. Beauty
- E. Dreary

23. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Fashion
- B. Means
- C. Path
- D. Pavement
- E. Cash

24. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Major
- B. Sophisticated
- C. High
- D. Minor
- E. Chief

25. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Think
- B. Sell
- C. Ask
- D. Send
- E. Afford

26. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Enjoyed
- B. Allowed
- C. Sustained
- D. Suffered
- E. Longed

**Direction:** In the following question, a sentence with four words printed in bold is given. These words are numbered as (1), (2), (3) and (4). One of these four words may either be misspelt or inappropriate in the context of the sentence. Find out the word(s) that is wrongly spelt or inappropriate and mark the relevant option as your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark option (E), i.e. 'All are correct', as the answer.



27. The journalist **took (1)** to social media to **announce (2)** his **resignation (3)** as the news channel's **buraeu (4)** chief in the state.

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

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28. The **latter (1)** to the president **exposes (2)** the **murky (3)** affairs inside the government **organisation (4)**.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
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is wrongly spelt or inappropriate and mark the relevant option as your answer. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark option (E), i.e. 'All are correct', as the answer.

29. India has **demonstrated (1)** capabilities for highly **complex (2)** technology that will serve as the building **bloc (3)** for next-generation **hypersonic (4)** vehicles.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
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30. Metro **services (1)** in New Delhi are going to **resume (2)** after twenty **weeks (3)** of a halt due to the coronavirus **pandemic (4)**.

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



## ANSWERS

Refer to the first paragraph, the hint can be drawn from the lines, **A two-pronged strategy aimed at boosting both the aggregate demand and capital availability for investors simultaneously, is what the policy-makers are employing to revive the badly bruised economy.**

Here, both statement (I) and (II) justify the above quoted lines. Hence, **option (c)** is the right answer choice.

Refer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, the hint can be drawn from the lines, **He also hinted at more steps to catalyse the flow of foreign capital into the hands of private investors, including permission for listing of Indian companies on foreign bourses. Implementation of the privatisation policy would be fast-tracked, with Cabinet nod for the so-called "strategic-sectors list" likely soon.**

All options (a), (b), and (c) justify the above quoted lines. Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Refer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, the hint can be drawn from the lines, **Speaking at the CII's 'financial market summit' via video conferencing, he also said invest vehicles like InvITs and REITs were gaining traction, a development that indicates easier unlocking of equity gains and efficient deleveraging of balance sheets by various**

**investors in infrastructure sectors.**

Both (i) and (ii) statements justify the above quoted lines. Hence, **option (a)** is the right answer choice.

Refer to the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, **"We are seeing positive signs on FPI inflows and assets under management of mutual funds." While the government in March opened up a part of sovereign bond market to overseas investors, he said the government was working with the RBI for the country's inclusion in global bond indices, a step that could accelerate inflows of foreign capital.**

Here, all the given statements are inferred from the above quoted lines. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Refer to the 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph, Referring to additional government capital expenditure of `37,000 crore announced by the finance minister on October 12, the secretary said: "We are looking at what has been the (budget) expenditure so far this year and what is the extra requirement by various sectors. We have actually mentioned to the departments to push capital expenditure given its multiplier effect. If more funds are needed, we will be providing for the same in the revised estimates. The challenge now is to ensure that the departments/units responsible for



infrastructure spending actually spend the funds.

Here, all the options (a), (b), (c), and (d) can't be inferred with the above quoted lines. Hence, **option (e)** is the right answer choice.

Concerted: jointly arranged or carried out; coordinated.

Conjure: summon into action or bring into existence

Edifice: a structure that has a roof and walls

Pervade: spread or diffuse through  
Hence, **option (d)** is the right answer choice.

Aggregate: formed or calculated by the combination of several separate elements; total.

Comprehensive: including or dealing with all or nearly all elements or aspects of something.  
Hence, **option (c)** is most similar in meaning with the given word.

Dissipation: the squandering of money, energy, or resources.

Foster: promote the growth of

Admonish: scold or reprimand; take to task

Repeal: cancel officially

Accelerate: increase in rate, amount, or extent.

Expedite: make (an action or process) happen sooner or be accomplished more quickly.

Hence, **option (e)** is most similar in meaning with the given word.

Acquiesce: agree or express agreement

Slew: a large number or amount or extent

Usurp: seize and take control without authority

Sentinel: a person employed to keep watch for some anticipated event

Refer to the last question in the series.

The first sentence should be **statement (D)** because it introduces the main theme of the given paragraph, that a retired civil servant asked a question towards the end of a webinar on the National Education Policy 2020. This means that the paragraph is about the NEP 2020 and education. Further will come the sentence that will contain what the person asked. So, the second sentence will be **statement (A)**. Referring to the Centre-state relations and their roles in education, he asked the new policy provided the Centre a predatory role. The third sentence will be **statement (C)** because is it connecting with the previous statement A 'that the use of word predatory' was a bit sharp in the context of education'. Now, the fourth sentence of the rearranged paragraph will be **statement (F)** stating that even the 1986 policy couldn't acknowledge entirely the array prevailing in provincial



practices and the legacies those practices are rooted in (which the retired civil servants wants to ascertain with the new policy if it observes federal courtesy or not in statement (C). Moving forward, **statement (B)** will come next stating that the trend till date has been to assume that a national system will evolve and resolve all the provincial variations (which are previously mentioned in statement F). At last will come the **statement (E)** stating that the above assumption (in statement B) is strange because for fulfilling the social role, the education must respond to the specific milieu in which the young are growing up. So, the correct rearrangement will be **DACFBE**.

The error is in the second part of the sentence. The syntax of the part is wrong and needs to be changed to 'air pollution, primarily from...' to denote traffic and burning wood as the main sources of pollution. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

The error is in the first part of the sentence. The word **cattle** is defined as a group of bovine animals, and is a plural noun, requiring a plural verb. Thus, we need to replace 'is' with 'are' here to rectify the sentence.

The error is in the 4<sup>th</sup> part of the sentence. The use of gerund 'rendering' is incorrect after the particle 'to'. We need to have the verb in its base form to make the sentence grammatically correct. So,

replace 'rendering' with 'render' to rectify it.

While using 'one of', the noun or a pronoun used after the phrase must always be in the plural form (as we are talking of **one** person/place/thing **out of many**). So here it should be 'best things' and not 'thing'.

We are talking about Vijay here, who is trying to find the light switch. The term 'fumble' means: move clumsily in various directions using the hands to find one's way. It fits in the blank perfectly. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

The other terms meaning: reigned: be the best or most important in a particular area or domain'. It does not make any sense here.

Clustered: form a cluster or clusters  
Greased: smear or lubricate with grease

Nancy felt something when she found something at the end of the rainbow. Out of all the options, option D makes most sense as 'enthralled' means to capture the fascinated attention of someone. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

Abjured means to renounce a belief or claim.

The meaning of the following words is:

Assertion: a confident and forceful statement of fact or belief

Aberration: a departure from what is normal, usual, or expected, typically an unwelcome one



Accretion: growth or increase by the gradual accumulation of additional layers or matter

Alias: a false or assumed identity

Anathema: something or someone that one vehemently dislikes

Given the context where the president is trying to make a claim firmly, option A is the correct answer.

We need an adjective to describe the noun 'plague'. Out of all the options, Option D makes most sense and fit in the blank perfectly. Plagues can be devastating. Devastating means highly destructive or damaging.

Thus option D is the correct answer. As we are describing the beauty of Liza here stating her 'pretty' we need another appropriate adjective to justify the meaning. "handsome" is used to describe a man's personality and not a lady so we can negate the option. Adjectives like 'Ugly' and 'dreary' are opposite in meaning. 'Beauty' is a grammatical misfit as it is a noun and not an adjective. The correct option is 'charming' which means very pleasant or attractive.

In the given context we need a word to state that Liza had no way at her disposal to become known or famous or be special to someone. Of the given alternatives:

Fashion- a manner of doing something.

Means - an action or system by which a result is achieved; a method/ substantial resources; wealth.

Path - a course of action or way of achieving a specified result.

Pavement- a raised paved or asphalted path for pedestrians at the side of a road.

Cash- money in any form

In the given context, only 'Means' Option B best fits the given blank.

Here we need an adjective to describe the noun 'official'. As the passage states that Liza did not think that she could have a great life or even hope of marrying a rich man. The most suitable adjective would be 'minor' which means lesser in importance, seriousness, or significance.

Note that in the given sentence it is mentioned that she used to dress very simply and plainly. It was not because she did not long for it. But because she had married a minor clerk, she was not able to 'afford' it which means that she did not have enough money to pay for any good dress.

As the entire passage talks about the depressed feelings of Liza, the sentence aims to elaborate upon that. Of the given alternatives, she never 'allowed' or 'longed' or 'sustained' anything 'endlessly'. But yes, she did suffer endlessly. So, the correct answer is D.

The correct spelling of 'buraeu' is 'bureau'. To make the sentence correct, we need to change it. Thus, option D is the correct answer.

The term 'latter' means 'to denote the second or second mentioned of two people or things'. Out here, the situation does not talk about two people or things. It needs to be



changed with 'letter' to make the sentence correct. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

The error is in the third word. The term 'bloc' means a group of countries or political parties with common interests who have formed an alliance. On the other hand, 'building block' means a basic unit from which something is built up. Contextually, the latter makes more sense as the complex technology will work as a building block for next generation hypersonic vehicles.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

The error is in the third word.

Weak means lacking the power to perform physically demanding tasks; having little physical strength or energy.

While Week refers to the period of seven days.

Given the context, travelling for 'weeks' is correct. So, the correct answer is option C.

