

IBPS PO Pre 2016 English Question Paper with Solution (DOWNLOAD PDF)

Direction: Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow.


Economic interdependence and globalization has resulted in a system in which each country is largely dependent upon other countries for economic sustainability (though to varying degrees). This results in a substantial national security threat in the form of conflicting or offensive trade strategies between countries. Indeed, economics is often used directly as a weapon of war and conflict via trade sanctions. This highlights a critical protectionist argument pertaining to the very real risk of dependency upon other nations for economic sustainability.

An interesting discussion in economics is the relationship between trade and conflict. It has been noted, somewhat intuitively and empirically, that conflict reduces trade. However, is it also the case that trade reduces conflict? This question is largely unanswered, although the stances are becoming more highly developed. It is hypothesized that trade does not necessarily reduce conflict, but instead changes the nature of the conflict. Economic levers are much more practical than military levers, and are often used for similar reasons. For this reason,

it is difficult to separate trade and conflict completely because there is some critical overlap between the two. This is a fundamental foundation for the trade protectionism logic from a national security perspective.

A more specific context for trade and conflict can be the way in which trade is complicated during wartime. Indeed, trade during wartime can be a substantial threat to a nation depending on the scale and scope of the conflict (most notably who is involved). For example, consider World War II. In this scenario Germany was largely isolated in the conflict, and therefore had extremely limited trade partners. Direct conflict will almost always result in a complete cease in trading not only between the country in which the war is occurring, but also any of that country's allies (who may or may not be directly involved). However, some argue self-sufficiency (via protectionism) in war is not necessary, as friendly nations will still provide trade and economic support.

Sanctions also play a dramatic role as an offensive militaristic manoeuvre. Iran and North Korea are strong modern examples as well as the recent history of the U.S.-Iraq war. In all of these circumstances, either the U.S. alone



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or along with a number of allies (representing substantial consumption percentages) actively limited the ability for these countries to trade and generate economic value for their nations (and subsequently their people). While this looks purely economic, it has important social and humanitarian implications as well.

Combining these ideas, it is clear that there is substantial national security value to trade protectionism. However, the opportunity cost of leveraging the ever-growing global markets makes this an unattractive prospect if taken to any extreme, as the benefits of global trade rapidly offset the risk of economic dependency upon hostile nations.

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1. Why trade is specifically complicated for a nation during wartime?

- A. nations and their allies that are in direct conflict mostly cease the trade altogether
- B. the economy of the warring nation collapses completely
- C. even friendly nations cease trading and economic support during the wartime
- D. it is impossible to carry out trade during war and conflict
- E. None of these

2. What is the motive of the author behind writing this passage?

- A. To analyse the effects of conflict on trade and vice versa
- B. To explain the irrelevance of trade protectionism in the globalized world
- C. To evaluate the arguments in favour of the use of trade protectionism for national security
- D. To analyse social and humanitarian implications of trade protectionism
- E. To highlight the importance of self-sufficiency for national security

3. Which of the following can be used as a weapon of war and conflict?

- A. Extreme economic dependence
- B. Trade sanctions
- C. Currency manipulation
- D. Withdrawal of bilateral treaties
- E. All of the above

4. Which of the following statements can be definitely concluded in the context of trade and conflict?

- (i) They are overlapping in nature
 - (ii) It is believed that conflict reduces trade
 - (iii) Trade changes the nature of conflict
- A. Only (i)
 - B. Only (iii)
 - C. (i), (ii) and (iii)
 - D. Both (i) and (ii)
 - E. Both (i) and (iii)



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5. How did sanctions play a dramatic role as an offensive militaristic manoeuvre during the U.S-Iraq war?

- (i). By isolating Iraq on various cultural and religious platforms
- (ii). By hindering the flow of technology and innovation
- (iii). By inhibiting the trading capacity of Iraq

- A. Only (i)
- B. Only (iii)
- C. Both (ii) and (iii)
- D. Both (i) and (ii)
- E. Both (i) and (iii)

6. Which of the following statements is a substantial protectionist argument pertaining to the risk of dependency upon other nations for economic sustainability?

- (i). Dependency on other nations indirectly influences the domestic and foreign policies of a nation
- (ii). Threat in the form of conflicting or offensive trade strategies between countries
- (iii). Subservience on various economic and sovereignty issues

- A. Only (i)
- B. Only (iii)
- C. (i), (ii) and (iii)
- D. Only (ii)
- E. None of these

7. Which of the following statements is definitely FALSE in the context of the given passage?

- A. Trade and conflict are interrelated

B. Germany was largely isolated during the World War II

C. The ever growing global markets have weakened the importance of trade protectionism as a national security measure

D. Sanctions as an offensive militaristic manoeuvre have important social and humanitarian implications

E. None of the above

Direction: Rearrange the following six sentences A, B, C, D, E and F in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph, then answer the questions given below them.

A) While the reference point for the former is the state, for the latter it's society.

B) India's strategic community' comprises two distinct circles with little overlap.

C) Consequently, mainstream strategists have an external orientation to their discourse, concentrating on high politics; the latter is more internal oriented.

D) Their prescriptions too are understandably poles apart and thus, the state, to which both their commentary is directed, has to play balancer, and ends up being at the receiving end of criticism from both sides.

E) Out of the two, one can be termed the 'mainstream' and the other 'alternate'.

F) To further elaborate on the external and internal concept—while



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one is enamored of India's rise and place in the global order, the other is more sensitive to its vulnerabilities and inadequacies.

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

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

9. Which of the following should be the SIXTH sentence after rearrangement ?

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

10. Which of the following should be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement ?

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

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

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

12. Which of the following should be the THIRD 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 are printed below the passage and against each, five words are suggested, one of which fits the blank appropriately. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

Invention should not be (###Q1###) with innovation though both involve creativity to design a new product or conceive a new idea or process. Innovation is more than just invention, for, after creating something new, innovation would make it a/an (###Q2###) through action and implementation. The best innovators are those who constantly seek to make components that are better, faster, cheaper and more efficient, thereby increasing the (###Q3###) of what they make and sell. After they have implemented this upgrade, the innovator will then file a (###Q4###) to protect his/her interests. While some may actually succeed using this (###Q5###) an/a (###Q6###) number of such creations fail because they are often



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theoretical, without a basis for marketability. Therefore, a more (###Q7###) approach is to look at market data, talk to (###Q8###) customers, understand their requirements and then devise a solution to address a particular problem.

13. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. bound
- B. confused
- C. entangled
- D. jumbled
- E. interlinked

14. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. reality
- B. authenticity
- C. basis
- D. justification
- E. achievement

15. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. benefit
- B. desirability
- C. availability
- D. purchase
- E. value

16. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. share
- B. case
- C. patent
- D. certificate
- E. privilege

17. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. technology
- B. policy
- C. rule
- D. scheme
- E. methodology

18. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. irresistible
- B. overwhelming
- C. negligible
- D. massive
- E. insignificant


19. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. energetic
- B. precarious
- C. feeble
- D. robust
- E. vigorous

20. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. potential
- B. empathetic
- C. accomplished
- D. patronizing
- E. influential

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



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21. It was a long (1)/ and uncomfortable journey (2)/ but he managed (3)/ to reach with time. (4)

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

22.**Direction:** Read each sentence to find out whether there is an error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If there is no error, the answer will be "No Error".

- A. Just as a letter's physical presence
- B. resists the rationalisations of the public
- C. sphere, its temporal idiosyncrasies resisted the
- D. efficiencies of capitalist production.
- E. No error.

23.**Direction:** Read each sentence to find out whether there is an error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If there is no error, the answer will be "No Error".

- A. Linking traditional American Native stories
- B. to historic records of a Japanese tsunami
- C. was considered an exception, not the start
- D. of a fruitful geological collaboration.
- E. No error.

24.**Direction:** Read each sentence to find out whether there is an error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If there is no error, the answer will be "No Error".

- A. This is one of London's most
- B. important and ancient axial routes,
- C. roughly following the line of
- D. a Roman through-road.
- E. No error

Direction: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If there is no error, the answer is (E), ie 'No error'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.)

25. The consolation messages (1)/ received on the (2)/ demise of Mrs. Malhotra (3) / speaks highly of her enormity. (4)

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

Direction: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error or idiomatic error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. The letter of that part is the answer. If there is no error, mark the answer as No error. (Ignore errors of the punctuation if any).



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26. Do you wanted / to discuss this/
project today or can / we do it
tomorrow?

- A. Do you wanted
- B. to discuss this
- C. project today or can
- D. we do it tomorrow
- 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.

27. The home minister announced a
waivered of the service charge (1)/
on e-tickets and spoke about a
number of steps (2)/ to improve
passenger amenities (3)/ such as a
'coach mitra' facility. (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.

28. The reason why he failed (1)/ to
attend the meeting (2)/ with a

complete presentation (3)/ was
because he was unwell. (4)

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

Direction: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If there is no error, the answer is 'No error'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.)

29. Their innovative zeal has /
touched the lives of 125 crore /
Indians and make India/proud
worldwide./ No error

- A. Their innovative zeal has
- B. touched the lives of 125 crore
- C. Indians and make India
- D. proud worldwide.
- E. No error

Direction: Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in one part of the sentence. If there is no error, the answer is 'No error'. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any.)

30. The coverage of schemes
remain /patchy because of rampant
/ leakages, and poor execution /
and monitoring. / No error

- A. The coverage of schemes remain
- B. patchy because of rampant
- C. leakages, and poor execution
- D. and monitoring
- E. No error



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ANSWERS

1. Ans. A.

This can be interpreted from the following lines, "Direct conflict will almost always result in a complete cease in trading not only between the country in which the war is occurring, but also any of that country's allies (who may or may not be directly involved)."

2. Ans. C.

The passage revolves around the idea that trade protectionism plays an important role as a weapon of the war and conflict through trade sanctions. It also states various arguments in the favour of trade protectionism as economic levers are much more practical than military levers. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

3. Ans. B.

This can be interpreted from these lines of the passage, "Sanctions also play a dramatic role as an offensive militaristic manoeuvre" and "Indeed, economics is often used directly as a weapon of war and conflict via trade sanctions."

4. Ans. C.

Statement (i) can be interpreted from these lines, "it is difficult to separate trade and conflict completely because there is some critical overlap between the two." Statement (ii) can be concluded from these lines, "... that conflict reduces trade." Statement (iii) can be interpreted from these lines "trade does not necessarily reduce

conflict, but instead changes the nature of the conflict." Hence, option C is the correct answer.

5. Ans. B.

The US sanctions inhibited the trading capacity of Iraq which can be interpreted from these lines of the passage, "In all of these circumstances, either the U.S. alone or along with a number of allies (representing substantial consumption percentages) actively limited the ability for these countries to trade". Hence, option B is the correct answer.

6. Ans. D.

Statement (ii) can be interpreted from the first paragraph of the passage. The other statements can't be inferred from the passage in the same context. Hence, option D is the most suitable response.

7. Ans. E.

Statement A can be interpreted from these lines, "For this reason, it is difficult to separate trade and conflict completely because there is some critical overlap between the two." Statement B can be interpreted from these lines, "Germany was largely isolated in the conflict, and therefore had extremely limited trade partners." Statement C can be interpreted from these lines, "However, the opportunity cost of leveraging the ever-growing global markets make this an unattractive prospect if taken to any extreme, as the



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benefits of global trade rapidly offset the risk of economic dependency upon hostile nations." Statement D can be interpreted from these lines, "In all of these circumstances, either the U.S. alone or along with a number of allies (representing substantial consumption percentages) actively limited the ability for these countries to trade and generate economic value for their nations (and subsequently their people). While this looks purely economic, it has important social and humanitarian implications as well." Hence, option E is the correct answer.

8. Ans. C.

Refer to the last question of the series.

9. Ans. D.

Refer to the last question of the series.

10. Ans. A.

Refer to the last question of the series.

11. Ans. B.

Refer to the last question of the series.

12. Ans. A.

The third sentence after rearrangement is option A.

While arranging sentences in a paragraph it is essential to understand the central theme and then arrange the following subthemes. Here, the first sentence should be statement B as it introduces the main topic. It should

be followed by statement E as it talks about the terminologies for the two distinctions. Statement A should follow as it talks about the description of difference being talked about. Next should be statement C. It should be followed by statement F as it is a continuing statement about the internal and external concept. Last should be statement D as a concluding sentence.

Hence, the correct sequence is BEACFD.

13. Ans. B.

The author of the passage tries to explain the difference between invention and 'Innovation'. According to him, these two are generally confused. Many people use one in place of the other. Hence they are often 'confused'. None of the other options conveys the same meaning.

14. Ans. A.

The author goes on to explain what innovation is. It is not just creation'. It also involves 'implementation'. Hence it transforms one's creativity into 'reality'. It is not 'authenticity' or 'basis' or 'justification'. It becomes an 'achievement' only when it is acknowledged to be so by experts.

15. Ans. E.

The sentence says what the best innovators would do making their component cheaper, better, faster and more efficient will increase the



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'value' of the component. Other options are not apt.

16. Ans. C.

The innovator gets a government license or a patent which gives him/her the sole right to use or sell the invention. This is not a 'case' or a 'share' or a 'privilege'. It is not just a 'certificate' as it is legally recognized. Hence 'patent' is more appropriate.

17. Ans. E.

The innovators or the creators use this methodology or procedure to obtain a patent to their creation and thus benefit by it. It is not a policy, rule scheme offered by someone. It is just a method or a modus operandi or a procedure. It has nothing to do with technology. It can even be just an idea that the innovator has conceived and thus the best option is methodology.

18. Ans. B.

The sentence suggests a contrast. While some benefit by this, a lot many don't. This is the idea suggested here. Hence the best option for this blank is an overwhelming number fail. 'Negligible' and 'insignificant' can be easily eliminated as they express a meaning that is opposite to the one suggested. 'Irresistible' is absurd in this context and 'massive' is generally used with size and not with number.

19. Ans. D.

Many of these creations fail because they are not practical and they don't

have a basis for marketability". So, the author here suggests a more "strong" or practical or realistic approach. None of the other options are apt in this context.

20. Ans. A.

What is the robust or the practical approach suggested by the author? It is that the innovators should first look for potential or prospective or future customers, understand their requirements and then create something that they need. In that case the product would certainly find its market easily.

21. Ans. D.

Here, "to reach on time" should be used. Idiom 'on time' means, not late, with enough time, to be able to do something.

22. Ans. C.

In C part, use of 'resisted' is incorrect. 'Resist' should replace 'resisted'. The given sentence is in present tense. So, present form of verb will be used.

Hence C is the correct choice.

23. Ans. A.

In A part, use of 'Native' after 'American' is incorrect. Also 'traditional' should come before 'stories'. Native is an adjective that is used here for American and not stories. So native will come before American. Traditional is used as an adjective for stories. This is a case of misplaced modifiers.

Hence A is the correct choice.



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24. Ans. E.

The given statement is grammatically correct.

Hence E is the correct choice.

25. Ans. D.

Here, the error is in part D. As 'messages' is plural "speaks" will be replaced by "speak". The rule applied is of subject verb agreement.

26. Ans. A.

Look at the structure of the sentence in interrogative in present simple.

Do/Does + subject + Verb

Hence, do you want should be used.

27. Ans. A.

The presence of indefinite article 'a' means it will be followed by a countable noun. 'Waiver' should be used to make the sentence correct.

28. Ans. D.

The group of words "the reason why" already indicates the reason. There is no need to use the word "because". The word connecting the two clauses should be "that".

29. Ans. C.

'and made India' should be used to make the sentence grammatically correct. You use 'made' when referring to things already done in the past.

'Make' is present and its continuous has still been done unlike 'made' which refers to what has been done.

30. Ans. A.

'The coverage of schemes remains' should be used to make the sentence correct. Here the noun is 'coverage' that's why we should use 'remains' instead of 'remain'.



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