

# IBPS PO Pre 2019 English Question Paper with Solution (DOWNLOAD PDF)

**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.

Invasive pests and weeds can **(###Q1###)** country by flying over the border or by simply growing gratuitously. In such cases, **(###Q2###)** their entry is difficult. However, when they land up at airports and dockyards in cargos of imported grain or with items carried by tourists, the authorities should be able to **(###Q3###)** them out. For this reason, countries have animal, plant and health quarantine facilities at all transborder entry points.

Tanzania, however, seems to have let its guard **(###Q4###)** late, especially with regards to agricultural products, which form the bulk of its imports. It is difficult to establish how pests and weeds are entering the country. What is **(###Q5###)** is that there is no institutional mechanism to even probe these invasions. The concerned ministry has not **(###Q6###)** a single invasion till date.

1. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Reach
- B. Leave on
- C. Protrude
- D. Enter any
- E. Search for

2. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Getting
- B. Allowing
- C. Blocked
- D. Detecting
- E. Checking

3. Find the appropriate word in each case.


- A. Hide
- B. Weed
- C. Grow
- D. Cultivate
- E. Filtered

4. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Closed of
- B. Down of
- C. Loose
- D. Up a bit
- E. Though

5. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Accountable
- B. Understandable
- C. Inexplicable
- D. Pleasing
- E. Efficient



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6. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Investigated
- B. Indicated
- C. Recruited
- D. Accused
- E. Entertain

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7. Several new business (1)/ have come up recently due to (2)/ the various schemes (3)/ introduced by the government. (4)

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

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8. If there is something you want (1)/ to accomplish then simply make (2)/ a decision and do it rather than (2)/ waited for the right time. (4)

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

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9. Experts suggest that (1)/ making work rewarding (2)/ may mean rethinking the way (3)/ company are led. (4)

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

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10. Psychologists has done a (1)/ considerable amount of research (2)/ to assess the effectiveness of various strategies (3)/ for behaviour modification. (4)

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- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
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11. We all have the ability to focus (1)/ and concentrate, but only if we (2)/ decide what is important to us (3)/ and we want to accomplishing. (4)

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- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
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12. Just around two decades ago, (1)/ few imagine that the robust data, (2)/ messaging, voice and video connections (3)/ could be established with such ease. (4)

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

**Direction:** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

There was something pathetic about a minister's wishful thinking as he addressed the media and talked about his vision of 5G mobile generation for country X. He said his vision of 5G for the country was not just a rollout of services, but the creation of intellectual property (IP) in the country and patents in 5G technology.

This may be possible in a couple of decades, but right now we might as well be crying for the moon. While companies around the world, notably the Chinese, have secured thousands of patents in this revolutionary technology that will provide the platform for inventing a host of new products, technologies and services, the companies in country X are yet to start field trials of 5G spectrum for which



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permission was granted just recently.

Equipment for these trials, needless to say, will be provided by foreign vendors. Most people assume that 5G will provide faster speeds than 4G, which bypasses the hinterland and works only **patchily** in the urban area, **but that would be a gross simplification.**

A global 5G network will unify mobile communication and connect people and devices to everything through the Internet of Things. Given that 3G and 4G patent holders have controlled the use of mobile technologies in the smartphone industry, those who own the intellectual property (IP), primarily the standard essential patents, will become the market leaders in a technology that will reshape the future.

Country X has sent missions to the moon but in the area where technological prowess matters most, the country is lost in a black hole. Not a single telecom firm of the country is in the list of 303 deployment of 5G technology worldwide.

This industry list has 20 operators in 294 locations. Worse, although the domestic firms are expected to start their three-month-long trial shortly, it is worth remembering that the industry is in **dire straits** with huge debts and has indicated that it would be in no position to bid for 5G spectrum.

Nor does country X have the kind of resources that China is investing in 5G apart from the sharp research effort on it. No wonder Chinese firms command the lion's share of patents among the clutch of global firms that own IP in 5G. Its star performer Huawei \_\_\_\_\_ to surge ahead with revenues soaring by 23 per cent. Country X has to decide if Huawei is a security threat or not.

Can country X ever catch up? Field trials are just the starting point; it merely allows operators and equipment makers to prove that the network they have designed in a laboratory actually works in practice. Then there is the long haul to a commercial rollout.

As country X obsesses about its technological expertise in a mythical past, the future is looking decidedly dim.

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13. Which of the following carries a similar meaning to DIRE STRAITS?

- A. Lack of employees
- B. Investing Elsewhere
- C. Financially Stable
- D. Facing a paucity of researchers
- E. A difficult situation

14. Which of the following is true with reference to the passage?

- A. 5G connectivity will improve connectivity only in rural areas.



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B. Country X lags behind other countries in every field of science and technology.

C. None of the given options.

D. Many companies of country X feature in the list of companies holding 5G patents.

E. The government of country X has hugely invested in 5G technology, which has paid huge dividends.

15. What does the author intend to convey from the following segment of the passage?

**"...but that would be a gross simplification..."**

A. 5G technology is a lot more than just improved speed and connectivity.

B. Telecom companies worldwide will incur losses once 5G technology is commercialised.

C. There is not much difference between 4G and 5G technology.

D. Connectivity will be the only issue with 5G technology.

E. 5G technology will provide only internet at a high speed.

16. According to the author, what is the reason country X has not made great strides in 5G technology?

a. Telecom companies of company X are in bad shape financially.

b. Slow pace of research in the field of 5G technology.

c. Economic backwardness of country X.

A. Only a

B. Only c

C. Both a and b

D. Both b and c

E. All a, b and c

17. Which of the following is opposite in meaning to PATCHILY?

A. Decoratively

B. Noisily

C. Consistently

D. Irregularly

E. Inadvertently

18. The author of the passage is most likely to agree with which of the following?

a. The future of 5G in country X is bleak.

b. China is hugely responsible for the bad shape of telecom companies in country X.

c. Getting 5G technology patented is a tedious task.

A. Only a

B. Only c

C. Both a and c

D. Both b and c

E. All a, b and c

19. Which of the following can fill the blank given in the passage?

A. Recedes

B. Go on

C. Continues

D. Rests

E. Emerges



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20. To **carry** (1) the illicit sale of liquor in areas under **limit**, (2) the authorities have laid down a **prohibition** (3) on the amount of alcohol one can **restrict** (4).

- A. 1-4 & 2-3
- B. 2-3
- C. 1-3
- D. 2-4 & 1-3
- E. No exchange required

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21. Employees are **ill** (1) to go to work despite being too **obliged** (2), especially in a **layoffs** (3) where instances of **scenario** (4) are on a rise.

- A. 1-2
- B. 2-3 & 1-4

- C. 1-2 & 3-4
- D. 2-4
- E. No exchange required

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22. Corals are **prone** (1) to temperature **changes**, (2) which affect their structures, **making** (3) them **sensitive** (4) to diseases and even death.

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

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23. A preliminary **diet** (1) by the team of scientists **explains** (2) how restricted **report** (3) affects **molecular** (4) mechanisms.

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

**Direction:** In the given question, a statement with a blank has been given, followed by three word out of which more than one can complete the sentence grammatically and contextually. Find the word (s) which can fill the blank and choose the option accordingly.

24. The minister was \_\_\_\_\_ by the authorities for not paying the taxes.

- I) Hounded
- II) Moved
- III) Pursued
- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Both I & II
- E. Both I & III

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25. The family barely \_\_\_\_\_ the rigours of the summer, but the winter will present far worse problems.

- I. Relished
- II. Survived
- III. Endured
- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Both II & III
- E. Both I & II

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26. Tobacco chewing and smoking has been a \_\_\_\_\_ healthcare challenge in many developing countries.

- I. Serious
- II. Sincere
- III. Seldom
- A. Only II
- B. Only I
- C. Only III
- D. Both I & II
- E. Both I & III

**Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, alternatives to the emboldened part are given as (A), (B), (C) and (D), which may help improve the



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sentence. Choose the correct alternative out of the given five options. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer will be option (E), i.e., "No correction required".

27. Farmers in north India **no only can help** reduce air pollution but also improve the productivity of their soil.

- A. only cannot help
- B. can not only help
- C. can only not help
- D. not can only help
- E. No correction required

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28. The food regulator **are facing a** barrage of criticism ever since it took a decision over making food fortification illegal.

- A. had been facing a
- B. have been facing a
- C. is facing a
- D. has been facing a
- E. No correction required

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29. The sesame seed may seem like an unlikely **representation for trace** the history of the global food trade, but it is the most apt one.

- A. representative to tracing
- B. representative to trace
- C. represent for tracing
- D. representative of the trace
- E. No correction required

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30. Food with its notions of purity and impurity has and still continues to be a bone of **contention among people from** various castes.

- A. contention between people of
- B. contentious among people of
- C. content among people of
- D. contention between people from
- E. No correction required



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## ANSWERS

1. Ans. D.

The concerned sentence implies what Invasive pests and weeds can do by flying over the border of a country. Among the given option "enter any" can fill the blank appropriately. "Reach" is incorrect as the phrase "reach country" will not convey a coherent sense. We need a determiner for the noun "country". Similarly, the phrase "search for country" will be incorrect. Hence, option D is the correct answer.

2. Ans. E.

Since it has been established that invasive pests can fly over borders, one can infer that it is difficult to stop their entry. Hence, "check", which means to stop or slow the progress of (something, typically something undesirable), is the correct word for the blank.

"Allowing" would convey the opposite meaning of what is intended. "Detecting" does not fit in the context of the passage as we are talking about the invasion of pests that need to be stopped. Option C is grammatically incorrect. Thus, option E is the correct answer.

3. Ans. B.

The concerned sentence expresses that though the invasive pests cannot be stopped from flying over the border or growing gratuitously, they can be prevented from entering through airports and dockyards. The phrasal verb "weed

out" means to remove a person or thing that is not suitable or good enough, especially from a group or collection. This fits in the blank appropriately to convey that the airport and the dockyard facilities should be vigilant about the imported grains (and items carried by tourists) entering a country. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

4. Ans. B.

"To let (one's) guard down" means to become less guarded or vigilant; to stop being cautious about potential trouble or danger. The phrase fits well in the fourth blank to imply that Tanzania is less vigilant about the imported agricultural products that carry invasive pests. "Of late" means recently. Thus, option B is the correct answer.

5. Ans. C.

The sentence prior to one under concern states, "It is difficult to establish how pests and weeds are entering the country". So, we have the context of uncertainty with reference to the entry of pests and weeds. The concerned sentence must take the idea forward. "Inexplicable" means unable to be explained or accounted for. Thus, the word fits in the fifth blank to convey that it is surprising how even the institutional mechanism is unable to probe the invasions. The other words do not fit in the blank.



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Hence, option C is the correct answer.

6. Ans. A.

With reference to the context of the passage, the concerned ministry of Tanzania must have probed or investigated the invasion, which it has not done so far. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

7. Ans. A.

The error is in the first part of the sentence.

We need to replace 'business' with 'businesses'. The determiner 'several' implies the context of 'more than two', so we need to use plural noun 'businesses'.

So, the correct answer is option A.

8. Ans. D.

The error is in the fourth part of the sentence.

We need to replace 'waited' with 'wait' or 'waiting' (means the verb in its base form or gerund). Note that 'Rather than' is used with the infinitive form of a verb to indicate negation as a contrary choice or wish. So, the correct answer is option D.

9. Ans. D.

The error is in the fourth part of the sentence.

We need to replace 'company' with 'companies'. The use of the plural auxiliary verb 'are' indicates the requirement of plural subject 'companies', in accordance to the rule of subject verb agreement.

So, the correct answer is option D.

10. Ans. A.

The error is in the first part of the sentence.

We need to replace 'has' with 'have'. Plural subject 'Psychologists' should be accompanied by plural auxiliary verb 'have' in accordance with the rule of subject-verb agreement.

So, the correct answer is option A.

11. Ans. D.

The error is in the fourth part of the sentence.

We need to replace 'we want to accomplishing' with 'what we want to accomplish'. Grammatically the verb after the infinitive "to" seeks a verb in its base form.

So, the correct answer is option D.

12. Ans. B.

The error is in the second part of the sentence.

We need to replace 'few imagine' with 'few could imagine'. The modal is required to express possibility here.

So, the correct answer is option B.

13. Ans. E.

The phrase "dire straits" means in a very bad or difficult situation. Thus, option E is the correct answer.

14. Ans. C.

All the given statements are incorrect with reference to the given passage.

1. Option A is not mentioned in the passage.

2. Since country X has sent missions on the moon, it cannot be said that it lags behind other countries in every field of science



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and technology. Hence option B is incorrect.

4. The passage states the opposite of what has been stated in option D.

5. Option E also states the opposite of what has been stated in the passage.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

15. Ans. A.

Refer to the following lines of the passage, "Most people assume that 5G will provide faster speeds than 4G, which bypasses the hinterland and works only **patchily** in the urban area, **but that would be a gross simplification.**"

Here, it is implied that the reality about 5G is unlike what most people assume it to be. So, the "gross simplification" in this case is the belief that 5G technology is just about improved speed and connectivity. So, with reference to this context, the author wants to convey that it is foolish to consider 5G technology in this way and that it is a lot more than that.

16. Ans. C.

Refer to the following sentences of the passage:

a. "Worse, although the domestic firms are expected to start their three-month-long trial shortly, it is worth remembering that the industry is in dire straits with **huge debts and has indicated that it would be in no position to bid for 5G spectrum.** This implies that

the telecom companies of company X are in bad shape financially.

b. "...those who own the intellectual property (IP), primarily the standard essential patents, will become the market leaders in a technology that will reshape the future.... Nor does country X have the kind of resources that China is investing in 5G apart from the **sharp research** effort on it." Patenting is all about inventing a product after carrying out research. According to the passage, country X definitely experiences a slow pace of research in the field of 5G technology.

c. Since country X has sent missions on the moon, one cannot say that it is economically backward.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

17. Ans. C.

"Patchily" means unevenly or inadequately. Thus, "consistently" is opposite in meaning to the word.

18. Ans. A.

According to the last line of the passage, "As country X obsesses about its technological expertise in a mythical past, the future is looking decidedly dim." Option (a) implies the same. The other two options are not discussed in the passage. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

19. Ans. C.

The concerned context states how Chinese firms command the lion's share of patents among the clutch



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of global firms that own IP in 5G. So, obviously, the company which is its star performer would "continue" to surge ahead. Hence, option C is the correct answer.

20. Ans. A.

Words placed at 1 & 4 need to be mutually exchanged. Also, words placed at 2 & 3 need to be mutually exchanged to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

'Carry' at 1 is contextually incorrect as the word alone implies the sense of moving something from a place to another. 'Restrict' means 'to put a limit on something' which is appropriate in the context of 'the illicit sale of liquor'. 'Carry' fits contextually at 4.

'Areas under limit' is absurd. 'Prohibition' means the action of forbidding something, especially by law. Thus at 2 we need to use 'prohibition' and at 3 'limit' is appropriate.

So, the correct answer is option A.

21. Ans. C.

At 3, the use of the article 'a' before the plural noun 'layoffs' is erroneous and must be exchanged with the singular noun 'scenario' placed at 4. As per the context of the sentence, people despite being ill, feel obliged to go to work. So, words at 1 & 2 need to be interchanged as well to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

So, the correct answer is option C.

22. Ans. A.

The context of the sentence is that corals are easily affected by slight changes, the temperature in the given case. Due to temperature change, their structures change making them more likely to be consumed by some disease. In this regard, 'sensitive' should be used at 1 and 'prone' should be used at 4.

So, the correct answer is option A.

23. Ans. C.

A report is an account given of a particular matter, especially in the form of an official document, after thorough investigation or consideration by an appointed person or body. A report will contain the information required to explain something. So, we need to use 'report' at 1. A restricted form of diet having an effect on molecular mechanisms is contextually correct. So, 1 & 3 need to be exchanged.

So, the correct answer is option C.

24. Ans. E.

Pursued means to follow or chase (someone or something). Hounded means to harass, persecute, or pursue relentlessly. The context of the given sentence implies that because the minister was not paying the taxes, authorities were following him. So, 'Pursued' and 'Hounded' fit appropriately.

So, the correct answer is option E.

25. Ans. D.

The word 'rigours' means harsh and demanding conditions. In this context, the only possible words are



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'survived' which means manage to keep going in difficult circumstances and

'endured' which means to remain in existence; last.

Note that Relish means to enjoy greatly, hence it is incorrect as per the given context.

So, the correct answer is option D.

26. Ans. B.

In the context of a healthcare challenge, the only possible word that meaningfully completes the sentence is 'serious' which means significant or worrying because of possible danger or risk. 'Seldom' (not often; rarely) and 'sincere' (free from pretence or deceit; proceeding from genuine feelings) do not fit in the sentence.

So, the correct answer is option B.

27. Ans. B.

The error in the highlighted part is that of the inappropriate use of correlative conjunction 'not only..but also' It should not be 'no' rather it should be 'can not only help'. The modal 'can' should come before 'not only' to maintain parallelism in the sentence, as the non-highlighted part 'but also improve' contains verb in the base form without any auxiliary.

So, the correct answer is option B.

28. Ans. D.

The use of 'since' in the statement indicates the requirement of present perfect tense. We know the present perfect gives the idea of completion while the present perfect continuous suggests that something is unfinished. In the given statement the issue is still rife, so we need to use present perfect continuous tense i.e. the structure 'has been facing a'.

So, the correct answer is option D.

29. Ans. B.

The error in the highlighted part is that of the inappropriate use of noun 'representation' and the preposition 'for'. We have the adjective 'unlikely', which needs to be followed by an appropriate noun. 'Representative' meaning 'an example of a class or group' is the appropriate noun. The preposition 'for' needs to be replaced by 'to' so as to complete the 'to-infinitive' structure and provide the context of 'a purpose'.

So, the correct answer is option B.

30. Ans. E.

The sentence is grammatically correct.

So, the correct answer is option E.



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