



IBPS PO Pre 2020 English Question Paper with Solution (DOWNLOAD PDF)

Direction: In the given question, a word has been printed in bold. Below the sentence, alternatives to the emboldened word have been given as (A), (B), (C) and (D), which may help improve the sentence. Choose the correct alternative out of the given five options. In case the given sentence is correct as it is, your answer will be option (E), i.e., "No replacement required".

1. After an **deliberate** period of inactivity, Vesuvius erupted with devastating force in AD 79.

- A. enlarged
- B. essential
- C. amplified
- D. extended
- E. No replacement required

2. The wedding received extensive **welcoming** in the newspapers.

- A. accounts
- B. critic
- C. coverage
- D. hunt
- E. No replacement required

3. The modern publishing industry is dominated by a small number of large companies that have **abandoned** on more or less the same business model for decades.

- A. frowned
- B. relied
- C. caught
- D. influenced
- E. No replacement required

4. E-learning has a considerable **talent** to improve the quality and effectiveness of traditional education.

- A. potential
- B. future
- C. impact
- D. degree
- E. No replacement required

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 the these.

If you're concerned that automation and artificial intelligence are going to disrupt the economy over the next decade, join the club. But while policymakers and academics agree there'll be significant disruption, they differ about its impact.

On one hand, techno-pessimists argue that new forms of automation will displace most jobs without creating new ones. In other words, most of us will lose our jobs. On the flip side of the debate, techno-optimists contend that continued investments in education and research and development will offset the job losses and generate many new human tasks that complement AI.

Researchers have been studying jobs that involve digital skills for years to try to understand their **merit**. But what does it really mean for a job or skill to be "digital"?



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In earlier research, all it meant was that a worker used a computer. Since nearly all workers use a PC today, we need a more **refined** definition of digital skills that takes into **account** how much a job depends on doing things like programming, crunching data in Excel spreadsheets and even using a smartphone.

In a particular research, a new way was created to measure digital or information technology skills in the labour market based on how frequently they're used in an occupation. For example, how much time does a financial adviser spend analyzing data or an event planner use a computer?

It was found that workers in occupations that rank higher in IT industry earn more than demographically similar peers in other occupations – and that this earnings gap has been growing. Not only that, but it was also found something interesting on the **impact** of a college degree on the lifetime earnings of a person in IT industry. Historically, workers with a college degree have earned a lot more than peers without one. Even the level of the college makes a difference. Recent research has shown that this so-called college premium has been flattening.

The main cause, according to the analysis, is that the college premium for occupations requiring fewer digital **skills** has been

declining, while it has been rising for those we identified as digital jobs such as software developers, programmers and aerospace engineering. At least some of the flattening in the college premium is due to the increasing number of bachelor's degrees that convey few skills that are valued in the marketplace.

Another research compares the measures of job quality – such as a sense of purpose, enjoyability and career advancement – with income, occupations and a range of demographic characteristics. It found that jobs that require greater interaction with technology tended to score higher in quality, particularly in terms of measures like career advancement.

The fact that these jobs not only pay more but also provide greater levels of employee satisfaction and engagement paints a more optimistic picture about the future of work. And that gives hope, particularly since the digital economy is growing at a **pace** nearly four times faster than the broader economy.

The key is making tomorrow's jobs "robot-proof" by designing them in a way that takes advantage of the digital skills described above. And universities must play a big **role** in this by identifying what a good job looks like and ensuring future generations learn the necessary skills.



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Source:

<https://theconversation.com/dont-fear-a-robot-apocalypse-tomorrows-digital-jobs-will-be-more-satisfying-and-higher-paid-132075>

5. According to the passage, why are some people concerned with the ongoing transformation of the economy brought by the use of automation and AI?

- A. In the labour market, opportunities for acquiring skills for handling automated machines are scant.
- B. More automation will mean lesser requirement of manual labour and thus will result in loss of jobs.
- C. People do not find it enjoyable to expand their knowledge base and avoid embracing new technology.
- D. It is not possible for automated machines to do all the jobs currently being done by manual labour.
- E. Products produced by automated machines driven by AI are cheaper and more in demand.

6. Which of the following statement (s) can be inferred about holding a higher rank in IT intensity?

- I. Degrees from better colleges offering skillsets hold value in the marketplace.
- II. Demographic background has either no or not much influence on the rank a person holds.

III. A person at a higher rank has a greater sense of purpose and enjoys his role more than someone at a lower rank

- A. Only I
- B. Only III
- C. Both II & III
- D. Both I & II
- E. All of the above

7. Which of the following is TRUE with respect to the context of the passage?

- I. In terms of quality, jobs that involve a greater interaction with technology, tend to score higher than ones that require lesser interaction.
- II. The rate at which digital economy is sluggish when compared with the rate at which the broader economy is growing.
- III. Even with continued investments in education and research it will not be possible to cover up the job losses which will happen due to increased use of automated technology.

- A. Only I
- B. Only III
- C. Both II & III
- D. Both I & II
- E. All of the above

8. Which of the following is/are a reason for the flattening in the college premiums?

- I. the college premium for occupations requiring fewer digital skills has been declining



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II. the college premium for digital jobs such as software developers, programmers and aerospace engineering

III. the increasing number of bachelor's degrees that convey few skills that are valued in the marketplace.

- A. Only I
- B. Only III
- C. Both II & III
- D. Both I & II
- E. All of the above

9.A "digital" job or skill means

A. The remuneration & perks generated by utilizing the digital or IT skills

B. A worker using a computer

C. Frequency of using digital or information technology skills

- A. Only A
- B. Only C
- C. Both B & C
- D. All A, B & C
- E. Both A & B

10.Which of the following words as used in the passage can be replaced by the word "value"?

- A. impact
- B. account
- C. skills
- D. merit
- E. role

11. Which of the following is the MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the given word as used in the passage?

Refined

- A. novice
- B. gallant
- C. natural
- D. improved
- E. purity

12. Which of the following is the MOST SIMILAR in meaning to the given word as used in the passage?

Pace

- A. stride
- B. speedy
- C. rate
- D. crawl
- E. inhibit

Direction: Three statements are given below at A, B and C . There may be some errors in the given statements. Mark the correct statement as the answer. If all the statements are incorrect, mark option E, i.e., "All are incorrect" as the answer.

13.

A) The supervisor charged his assistant of negligence towards duty.

B) The report state that the project have been running on time.

C) The government is heavily relying on the Atmanirbhar project to cope with the economic slump.

- A. Only A
- B. Only B
- C. Only C
- D. Both A and C
- E. All are incorrect



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14.

A) The centre and the service has been under development for the last one and a half years.

B) The centre will run on advanced technologies and AI / ML tools to mitigate potential threats.

C) We will be continue to invest in the centre in all forms as the business expands.

A. Only A

B. Only B

C. Only C

D. Both A and C

E. All are incorrect

15.

A) The minister took full responsibility on the disaster and resigned.

B) The government have come under attack from all sides for cutting education spending.

C) The Republicans are relying on their agricultural policies to deliver the farmers' votes.

A. Only A

B. Only B

C. Only C

D. Both A and C

E. All are incorrect

Direction: In the given question, a statement has been divided into five segments, each of which is denoted by (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E). Rearrange all the segments to form a coherent statement.

16.

A) to larger entities such as customers

B) and suppliers and reach out

C) adoption of the cloud enables business giants

D) to global customers efficaciously

E) to run their processes, connect

A. CEBAD

B. CAEBD

C. CEABD

D. CBEAD

E. CDEAB

17.

A) manage music playback and

B) calls with just a few

C) clicks on the back of the earbud

D) touch controls that can help you

E) OnePlus earbuds offer

A. EABDC

B. EDBAC

C. EADBC

D. EDACB

E. EDABC

18.

A) to localise in the vicinity of the cancerous site

B) the study highlighted

C) by manoeuvring nanomotors inside

D) a new way of targeting cancer cells

E) a tumour and waiting for them

A. BCDEA

B. BDCEA

C. BECDA

D. EBCAD

E. EABCD



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19.

- A) a press conference in Ottawa,
 - B) on family members, study permit
 - C) holders, and people entering on compassionate grounds
 - D) as announced at
 - E) Canada is planning to ease travel restrictions
- A. DEABC
 - B. DBCAE
 - C. DAEB C
 - D. DABEC
 - E. DCAEB

Direction: In the following passage, some of the words have been left out, each of which is indicated by a number. Find the suitable word from the options given against each number and fill up the blanks with appropriate words to make the paragraph meaningfully complete.

Many of us have a wide variety of responsibilities- _____ familial, employment, educational, social – most of us even have all at the same time. Considering all our duties and the fact that time management is a **(###Q1###)** factor in our mental health, we cannot **(###Q2###)** to ignore any of them. If we plan our time better, we not only get more done, we are more efficient, satisfied and **(###Q3###)** yet relaxed; we are less likely to procrastinate over time. We experience less stress and more self-confidence and self-

esteem. Put simply, this way we can attain **(###Q4###)** and reach our goals easily.

To do this, firstly it is important to identify what your personal obstacles are. Then write a to-do list of what needs to be done. Start with the most to least important. **(###Q5###)** your work based on your values. Sometimes we won't get everything done, but if we get the right things done, your day has a good ending. Keep in mind that time management is not about doing everything that needs to be done, at all costs but rather using appropriate time **(###Q6###)**. Finally, remember to take a break and know your **(###Q7###)** for stress. Overworking is counterproductive and more often than not results in burn out. Remember, it doesn't matter what the tasks are, learning to better manage your time to do them will result in less stress and more focus, productivity, efficiency and (in the end) relaxation.

20. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Important
- B. Additional
- C. Sole
- D. Crucial
- E. Only



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21. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Deny
- B. Falter
- C. Afford
- D. Forget
- E. Bestow

22. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Annoyed
- B. Stressed
- C. Unrestricted
- D. Acknowledged
- E. Motivated

23. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Ability
- B. Anxiety
- C. Stability
- D. Attention
- E. Advanced

24. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Scatter
- B. Neglect
- C. Estimate
- D. Prioritise
- E. Calculate

25. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Indecently
- B. Awfully
- C. Egregiously
- D. Scantly
- E. Effectively

26. Find out the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Level
- B. Capacity
- C. Scope
- D. Proportion
- E. Magnitude

Direction: In the given statement some words have been highlighted. These words may not be at the correct place making the sentence grammatically and contextually incorrect. Choose the option which represents the correct sequence of words, which will make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct. If the sentence is correct as it is choose 'E' i.e. 'No rearrangement required' as your answer.

27. Coco Chanel's great **comfortable** (A) to fashion was to make clothes elegant and **functioning** (B) for a person **contribution** (C) in a rule bound public sphere.

- A. ACB
- B. BCA
- C. CAB
- D. CBA
- E. No rearrangement required

28. In **state** (A), authority is vested in the rule of citizenship that **politics** (B) the powers of the **limits** (C).

- A. ACB
- B. CAB
- C. BAC
- D. BCA
- E. No rearrangement required



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29.Regular exercise can help **boost** (A) stress levels, **lead** (B) your chances of appetite control and **reduce** (C) to significant weight loss.

- A. CBA
- B. BCA
- C. CAB
- D. ACB
- E. No rearrangement required

30.The minister **resources** (A) an **needed** (B) to arrange better **application** (C).

- A. ACB
- B. CAB
- C. BCA
- D. CBA
- E. No arrangement required



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ANSWERS

1. Ans. D.

There was a "period of inactivity" after which the volcano erupted. Since, it is not a human being, the word 'deliberate' is inappropriate. Only 'extended' meaning 'lasting longer than is usual or expected; prolonged' fits the context.

So, the correct answer is D.

2. Ans. C.

It is given in the sentence, it is mentioned that the wedding received something extensively in the newspapers. As per the context, only 'coverage' meaning 'the treatment of an issue by the media' is an appropriate word.

So, the correct answer is C.

3. Ans. B.

Among the given options, the only verb that can be followed by the preposition 'on' is 'relied'.

So, the correct answer is B.

4. Ans. A.

The only word which can contextually fit in the given sentence is 'potential'.

So, the correct answer is A.

5. Ans. B.

It is mentioned in the passage that "If you're concerned that automation and artificial intelligence are going to disrupt the economy over the next decade, join the club...On one hand, techno-pessimists argue that new forms of automation will displace most jobs without creating new ones."

So, the correct option is B.

6. Ans. D.

It can be inferred from the passage, "It was found that workers in occupations that rank higher in IT industry earn more than demographically similar peers in other occupations – and that this earnings gap has been growing. Not only that, but it was also found something interesting on the impact of a college degree on the lifetime earnings of a person in IT industry. Historically, workers with a college degree have earned a lot more than peers without one. Even the level of the college makes a difference."

So, the correct answer is D.

7. Ans. A.

From the following statements, as given in the passage,

"It found that jobs that require greater interaction with technology tended to score higher in quality."

"And that gives hope, particularly since the digital economy is growing at a pace nearly four times faster than the broader economy."

"On the flip side of the debate, techno-optimists contend that continued investments in education and research and development will offset the job losses and generate many new human tasks that complement AI."

It can be seen that only statement I is True.



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8. Ans. E.

From the passage,
"Historically, workers with a college degree have earned a lot more than peers without one. Even the level of the college makes a difference. Recent research has shown that this so-called college premium has been flattening.

The main cause, according to the analysis, is that the college premium for occupations requiring fewer digital skills has been declining, while it has been rising for those we identified as digital jobs such as software developers, programmers and aerospace engineering. At least some of the flattening in the college premium is due to the increasing number of bachelor's degrees that convey few skills that are valued in the marketplace."

So, the correct option is E

9. Ans. C.

The passage states two meanings of a "digital" job or skill:

1. In earlier research, all it meant was that a worker used a computer.
2. In a particular research, a new way was created to measure digital or information technology skills in the labour market based on how frequently they're used in an occupation.

Thus, both B & C are correct.

10. Ans. D.

The passage states "Researchers have been studying jobs that involve digital skills for years to try to understand their **merit**."

It means the researcher is studying jobs that involve digital skills to understand their value.

The correct answer is D.

11. Ans. D.

Note the word refined otherwise means: **free from impurities**. But as the question asks we need to find the word that is most similar in meaning to the word (As used in the passage).

Now the passage mentions 'more refined definition' which means an improved version. Thus, the correct option will be D.

The meanings of the words given as options are:

purity: the condition or quality of being pure

improved: to increase in value, excellence, etc.; become better

natural: based on the state of things in nature; constituted by nature

gallant: brave, spirited, noble-minded, or chivalrous

novice: a person who is new to the circumstances, work, etc.

The correct answer is D.

12. Ans. C.

Pace means a rate of movement, especially in stepping, walking, etc.

Note the meanings of the given alternatives:



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inhibit: to restrain, hinder, arrest, or check (an action, impulse, etc.)
crawl: to move in a prone position with the body resting on or close to the ground, as a worm or caterpillar
stride: to walk with long steps, as with vigour, haste, impatience, or arrogance.

rate: a certain quantity or amount of one thing considered in relation to a unit of another thing and used as a standard or measure:

The correct answer is C.

13. Ans. C.

Statement A: 'With' must be used instead of 'of' to rectify the sentence.

Statement B: It should be 'stated/states' in place of 'state' and 'has' in place of 'have' since the noun 'project' is singular.

Statement C is grammatically correct.

14. Ans. B.

Statement A: Instead of 'has been' it should be 'have been' as we are talking of two entities 'center' and 'service' joined by conjunction 'and'.

Statement B is grammatically correct

Statement C: The use of 'be' is incorrect and we need to omit to rectify the sentence.

Thus, option B is the correct answer.

15. Ans. C.

The errors in the sentences are:

A. The preposition 'on' needs to be replaced by 'for'.

B. There is an error of subject verb agreement. Singular noun 'government' needs to be agreed by singular auxiliary verb 'has'.

Only sentence C is grammatically correct. So, the correct option is C
16. Ans. C.

To start rearranging the sentence, we need to locate the introductory segment. This is being done by segment C, since it is the only segment that begins with a noun rather than words like 'to', and 'and'. Since the segment is ending in 'business giants', the next segment needs to state what they are doing. The only segment that serves the purpose is segment 'E'. This will be followed by a subject for 'connects', which is being done by segment A. The only option that states the sequence is CEABD.

The correct answer is CEABD and the statement is:

Adoption of the cloud enables business giants to run their processes, connect to larger entities such as customers and suppliers to reach out to global customers efficaciously."

17. Ans. E.

The correct answer is EDABC.

The sentence begins with segment E, since it provides a subject for the sentence. This will be followed by an apt verb to complement 'offer'. This is being provided by segment D. Segment D ends with 'manage', so the following segment will need to begin with another verb to provide



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an object. This is being done by segment A. Segments A and B form a pair since they are joined by the coordinating conjunction 'and'. This will be followed by segment C, which concludes the statement.

New sentence: OnePlus earbuds offer touch controls that can help you manage music playback and calls with just a few clicks on the back of the earbud.

18. Ans. B.

The correct order is BDCEA.

The sentence will begin with segment B, since it provides a subject. This will be followed by segment D, since it states what is being highlighted. This will be followed by segments C and E, which form a pair by being connected with the conjunction 'and'. Segment A will come last to conclude the statement.

New sentence: "The study highlighted a new way of targeting cancer cells by manoeuvring nanomotors inside a tumour and waiting for them to localise in the vicinity of the cancerous site."

19. Ans. C.

The correct order is DAEBBC.

The sentence will begin with segment D and A, which forms a pair to provide a subject for the statement. This will be followed by segment E, which states the country where Ottawa is located. The concluding segments will be B and C, which outlines the announcement.

"As announced at a press conference in Ottawa, Canada is planning to ease travel restrictions on family members, study permit holders, and people entering on compassionate grounds."

20. Ans. D.

As we have the indefinite article placed before the blank, we certainly cannot have any adjective starting with a vowel, as it will make the sentence grammatically incorrect. So, we can rule out option A, B and E. Now of the remaining ones, D- 'Crucial' is the most appropriate choice.

21. Ans. C.

The correct word completing the phrase with 'to ignore' is 'afford'. We never say 'deny to ignore', 'falter to ignore' or 'forget to ignore'. So, the correct answer is C.

22. Ans. E.

Quoting the effects of effective time management one can feel satisfied and 'motivated' and never more stressed or annoyed. Unrestricted and acknowledged are out of context. So, option E is the correct answer.

23. Ans. C.

Effective time management can help us achieve 'stability' which means strength and mental balance in the given context. So, option C is the correct answer.

24. Ans. D.

Talking of multiple responsibilities and managing time, 'Prioritise' fits



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aply in the given context, making option D the correct answer.

25. Ans. E.

Note that here we are talking about using time in a proper way to maintain mental health and avoid stress. So, the only word with a positive connotation is E- 'effectively', which can be outrightly marked as the correct answer.

26. Ans. B.

As we need a word that would mean 'the maximum amount that something can contain'. The apt word in the given context is 'Capacity'.

27. Ans. C.

We need a noun at A as we have an adjective 'great' preceding it. Of the emboldened words, 'contribution' being a noun takes the first place. At B we need an adjective to maintain the parallel structure and match with 'elegant'. So, 'comfortable' takes the 2nd place and B takes the third position. The correct sentence is :

Coco Chanel's great **contribution** (C) to fashion was to make clothes elegant and **comfortable** (A) for a person functioning (B) in a rule-bound public sphere.

28. Ans. D.

The words at positions A and C need to be nouns to form the subject and object of the sentence. Among the emboldened words, only politics and state are nouns. This leaves 'limits' for position B. Of the two remaining words, politics will come

at position A, since it provides a basis where authority can be exercised, leaving 'state' for position C.

The correct arrangement is BCA and the statement is :

In **politics**, authority is vested in the rule of citizenship that **limits** the powers of the **state**.

29. Ans. C.

Nobody exercises to boost or increase their stress. Thus, 'boost' is incorrect at position A. Similarly, 'appetite controls' can't be lead. They can be boosted. Finally, weight loss can't 'reduce', but be the outcome of something. Thus, the correct order is CAB and the correct sentence is:

Regular exercise can help **reduce** stress levels, **boost** your chances of appetite control and **lead** to significant weight loss.

30. Ans. C.

The word at position A needs to be a verb to denote the action being performed by the subject. The remaining words need to be nouns to provide objects for the action. In this sequence, 'application' will come first, followed by 'resources' to be contextually correct. The correct order is BCA and the statement is:

The minister **needed** an **application** to arrange better **resources**.



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