

SBI Clerk 2020 English Language Previous Year Ques. Paper

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1. He **fell (1)** off the ledge as he **tried (2) looking (3)** over and lost his **balance (4)**.

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4
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2. Ram **prepared (1)** the report but **forgot (2)** to email it to his teacher **within (3)** the **stipulated (4)** time.

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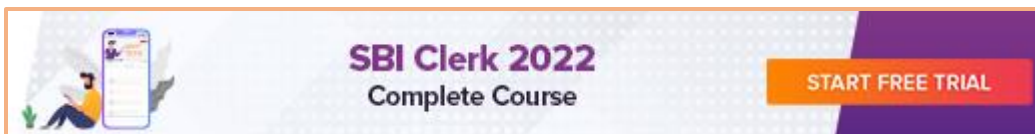
3. The year **might (1) technically (2)** start in January, but **springtime (3)** is the season of **rejuvenation (4)**.

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- B. 2
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4. The federal government's fight to _____ a bankruptcy settlement was rejected by the Supreme Court.

- A. Install
- B. Instruct
- C. Block
- D. Obstruction
- E. None of these



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5. They got _____ because they had been late on several occasions for 3 weeks.

- A. Legalized
- B. Rewarded
- C. Submitted
- D. Penalised
- E. Tendered

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6. There were hundreds of people _____ for the exam, even when there were only a few vacancies.

- A. Appearing
- B. Offering
- C. Excellent
- D. Wrecking
- E. Successful

Direction: In the following question, a word is given, which is used in three sentences. Find the sentence(s) in which it has been used correctly.

7. **Docile**

I. They have a big dog, but he's really friendly and **docile**.

II. Despite the **docile** of his voice, I could tell he was angry.

III. She developed into a **docile**, difficult child.

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

8. **Marginal**

I. The fuel-price increase will have only a **marginal** effect on the road fuel market.

II. The contribution of the new consultants to business strategy has been **marginal**.

III. Compared with FinTech sectors, EdTech is of **marginal** interest to investors

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

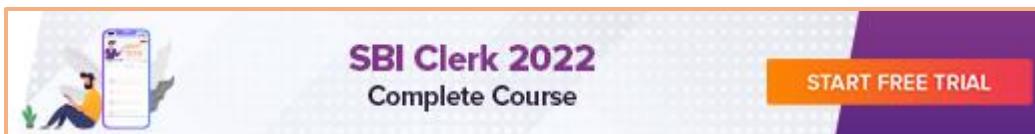
9. **Analyse**

I. Sickness, **analyse** with terrible weather, contrived to ruin the trip.

II. It's in the poorer, underdeveloped eastern region of the country that the biggest problems **analyse**.

III. The chatty, easy-going tone of the notes may **analyse** some but should amuse most.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Only III
- D. Both I & II
- E. None of the above

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Direction: Rearrange the following six sentences, (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph, then answer the questions that follow.

A) On the other hand, for the employer, it greatly reduces the employee turnover rate because employees enjoy their work and feel that they are working for a great company.

B) It is important to know that there are many benefits of separating your work life from your personal life.

C) When your life is all about work, you don't enjoy your personal life, and, if you spend too much time in your personal life, you will lack the fulfilment and satisfaction from work and career achievement.

D) Hence, it is quite important to achieve a true balance between one's personal and work life, as striving for it will give tremendous benefit, be it an employee or an employer.

E) On the one hand, it simply means more relaxation and less burnout for the employee, which makes them able to work at a better pace, with more productivity.

10. Which of the following will be the **second** sentence after rearrangement?

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

11. Which of the following will be the **third** sentence after rearrangement?

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

12. Which of the following will be the **fourth** sentence after rearrangement?

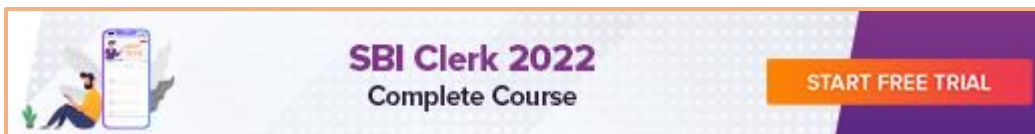
- A. C
- B. A
- C. D
- D. E
- E. B

13. Which of the following will be the **fourth** sentence after rearrangement?

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

14. Which of the following will be the **fifth** sentence after rearrangement?

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



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15. Which of the following will be the **first** sentence after rearrangement?

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

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.


When you are feeling overwhelmed at work, it is important to find out why you feel that way. Do you have too many responsibilities, or feel there are too few hours in the day? Is your boss piling on the pressure? Or is the company culture getting you down?

Feeling overwhelmed is actually a stress response when we feel the **demand** on us outweighs our resources. Feeling out of control and under pressure is a form of emotional overloading and can also trigger the release of stress hormones such as cortisol and adrenaline. Keeping a journal of thoughts, feelings and actions can help you identify what causes this reaction. Once we understand what triggers the stress, we can perhaps understand why that is and we can build strategies around those things.

If your workload is unmanageable, it's a good idea to speak to your boss. This can be a **daunting prospect**, but making a plan before your discussion will help. Revisit your job description before the meeting. Explain to your boss the tasks you are involved in, how long they take, the resources they require, why you find them challenging, and practical suggestions for a solution. Try to control your emotions in the meeting, remain calm and professional. Focus on concerns about quality to demonstrate you are still committed to doing a good job. It is not a sign of weakness, asking for help, and your manager may not realise how much work you have on.

Learn to say no as it is must to survive and have a stress free work life. Often people who say yes to everything have this instilled in them in childhood because they think if they do not obey rules they will be rejected. In a working environment, people might think they are lucky to have a job, so it is best to keep their head down and not **fuss**. Challenging this type of work programming can take some time, but it can be done.

If your boss is professional, you should get a positive reaction when raising the issue. The situation may be because of a temporary factor you are unaware of, and they may be able to help in some way. This is an ideal scenario, but unfortunately

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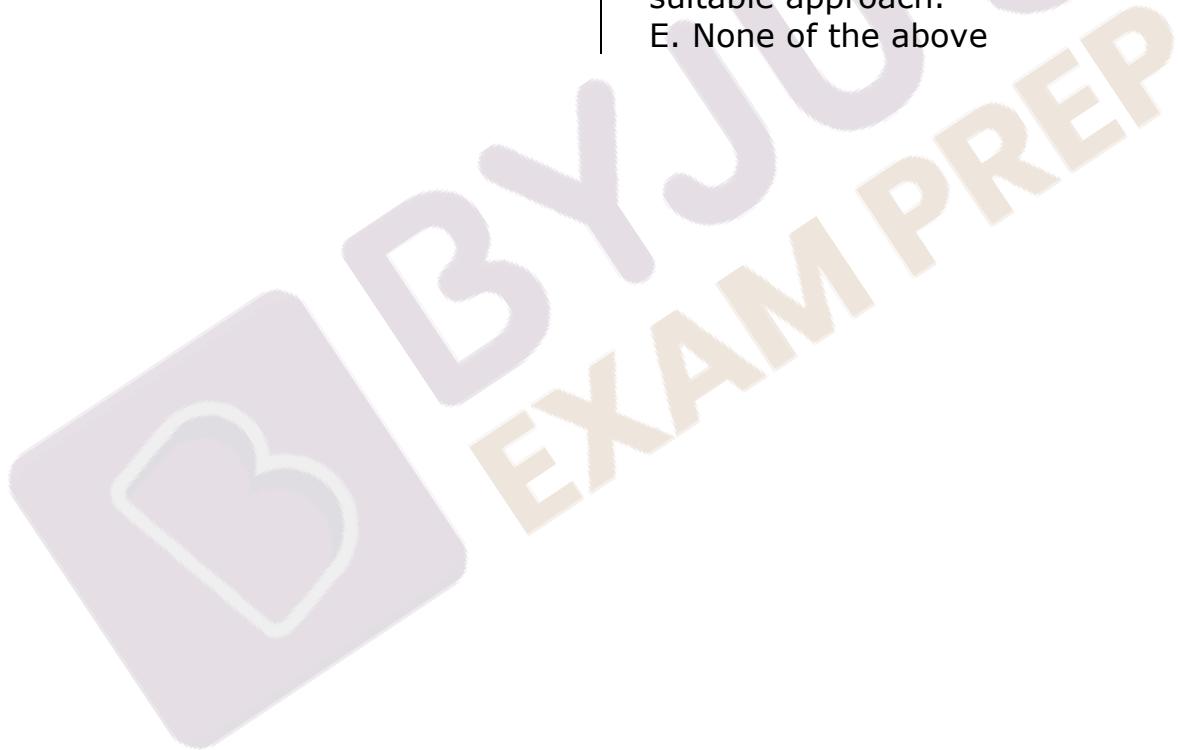
not always the case. If a bad boss is putting extra work on you without caring, then that's a more difficult situation. In these circumstances, it is worth speaking to a trade union or employee representative and look into the company's grievance procedure.


Source:

<https://www.theguardian.com/careers/2017/feb/28/overwhelmed-at-work-six-tips-on-how-to-beat-stress>

16. According to the passage, which of the following can be considered as a likely characteristic of a professional boss?

- A. Revision of the employee's job description followed by a demotion.
- B. Reminding the employee that others are also sharing a similar workload.
- C. Suggesting the employee that he/she should visit a psychiatrist.
- D. Sharing personal experience with the employee and suggesting a suitable approach.
- E. None of the above



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ANSWERS

1. Ans. D.

The correct spelling of 'balance' is 'balance'. So, the correct option is D.

2. Ans. E.

All the spellings are correct. So, the correct option is A.

3. Ans. D.

The correct spelling of '**rejuvination**' is '**rejuvenation**'. So, the correct option is D.

4. Ans. C.

A bankruptcy settlement cannot be "installed" or "instructed". Thus, A and B are incorrect. Option D is a noun, but we need a verb in the blank. "Block" is the most appropriate answer.

5. Ans. D.

Being late will amount to punishment. Hence, "penalised" which means subjected to a penalty or punishment, is the correct answer.

6. Ans. A.

You 'sit for', 'take' or 'appear' an exam in order to attempt it. Thus, option A is the correct answer

7. Ans. A.

"Docile" (Adjective) - ready to accept control or instruction; submissive

The word has been used correctly in the first sentence.

The word has been used as a noun in the 2nd sentence, thus, the sentence is incorrect.

A difficult child cannot be "docile" at the same time. Thus, III is also incorrect.

Hence, the correct answer is A.

8. Ans. E.

Marginal (Adjective)

Relating to or at the edge or margin.

Minor and not important; not central.

The word has been used correctly in all the sentences.

9. Ans. E.


Analyse (Verb)- examine (something) methodically and in detail, typically in order to explain and interpret it.

None of the sentences uses the word correctly. Thus, option E is the answer.

10. Ans. B.

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talk about the employers. Since A mentions the pronoun "it", we need a sentence that mentions the subject it is referring to. The subject is carried in B, that mentions the 'act of separation'. Hence B, E and A are the first three sentences in the given sequence. Now, between C and D, D will follow C as D draws a conclusion from the statement given in C. Hence the correct sequence is BEACD.

So, the second is sentence E.

While BCDEA may seem like a probable alternative; based on the structuring of the passage, the benefits need to be mentioned before providing a reason for why those benefits should be worked towards.

11. Ans. D.

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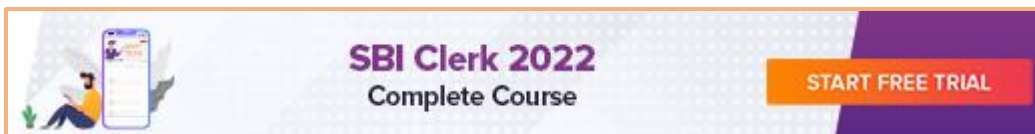
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So, the third is sentence A.

12. Ans. A.

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So, the fourth is sentence C.

13. Ans. A.

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14. Ans. D.

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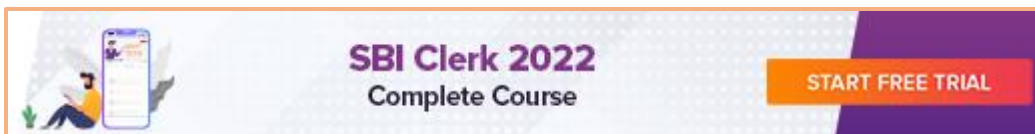
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So, the fifth is sentence D.

15. Ans. C.

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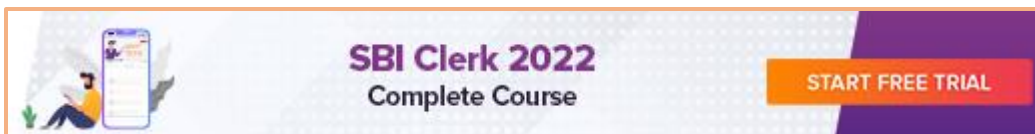
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So, the first is sentence B.

16. Ans. D.

The passage revolves around the idea of unmanageable workload and an employee getting overwhelmed due to it and suggests ways to tackle the same. The passage mentions "it's a good idea to speak to your boss". "If your boss is professional, you should get a positive reaction when raising the issue". In this regard, a professional boss will try to help the employee. A possible method is illustrated in option D which is the correct choice.



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