

SBI Clerk 2021 English Language Previous Year Ques. Paper

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.

1. The people watching (1)/ the movie were not (2)/ entertained as the (3)/ acting was poor. (4)

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

2. The minister advised (1)/ the king to stop threatening (2)/ the neighbouring kingdom (3)/ by war. (4)

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

Direction: In the given question, five words are printed in bold and are numbered A, B, C, D and E. The positions of some highlighted words may be incorrect and need to be exchanged with another highlighted to make the sentence correct. Find the words that need to be exchanged.

3. The coral trees **bloomed (A)** in front of a **house (B)**, by **pools (C)** of water and fully **stood (D)** **flowers (E)**.

- A. A-B & C-E
- B. A-D
- C. C-E
- D. C-D & A-B
- E. No exchange required

4. On a **sleepy (A)** afternoon, while the sun **continued (B)** to **shine (C)**, the skies **started (D)** up and it **opened (E)** to rain.

- A. A-B
- B. B-C
- C. D-E
- D. C-D & A-B
- E. No exchange required

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.

- 5.
- A) Also invested in properties
 - B) The bank not only sanctioned
 - C) Whose value have now dropped
 - D) Now cannot be repaid but
 - E) Too many risky loans which
- A. EDCBA
 - B. EDABC
 - C. BEDAC
 - D. BCADE
 - E. None of the above

- 6.
- A) The theft accusation
 - B) Ruined the banker's
 - C) Reputation even though
 - D) He hadn't actually
 - E) Stolen the money

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- A. ABCDE
- B. ABDEC
- C. CEADB
- D. EADBC
- E. None of the above

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.

Studies have shown that **(###Q1###)** sleep, between seven and nine hours for adults, can improve cognition, mood and immune functioning. But new research reveals that it's not just hours of sleep that count toward mental health benefits. It's whether that sleep occurs on a regular or irregular schedule. A recently published study looked at the sleep habits of more than 2,000 first-year medical residents. The researchers found that variability in sleep habits significantly **(###Q2###)** their mood and depression — no matter how many total hours they slept. Keeping a regular sleep schedule is as important as, if not more **(###Q3###)** than, having enough sleep time for one's mental health. Sleep is vital to our physical and mental well-being. While we're in dreamland, our brains are **(###Q4###)** the new information we've learned that day, activating our immune systems and producing growth hormones to help

our bodies repair and recover. Fatigue affects our mood because of our biology. It's really **(###Q5###)** for humans to not get enough sleep. When we're sleep-deprived, our body reacts as if we're in danger and activates the fight-or-flight system, which explains why we tend to overreact. This is **(###Q6###)** with research showing a relationship between elevated cortisol, a stress hormone, and sleep loss.

7. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Tolerable
- B. Sketchy
- C. Adequate
- D. Capable
- E. Slack

8. Find the appropriate word in each case.

- A. Laboured
- B. Affected
- C. Modified
- D. Disregarded
- E. Mocked

Direction: In the following question, a word is given that is followed by three statements. All these three statements carry the given word. Identify the sentence(s) in which the word fit (s) to make the sentence (s) grammatically correct and meaningful.



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9. Guilt

I. The **guilt** held its annual meeting every November to elect its board members.

II. The king's heart was filled with **guilt** at having shouted at the minister.

III. The **guilt** of the sword we found was plated with silver.

- A. Only I
- B. Only II
- C. Both I and II
- D. Both II and III
- E. All I, II, and III

10. Grant

I. He was **granted** three wishes by the fairy queen.

II. The pigs were **granting** with satisfaction while eating.

III. She had to struggle for three years before convincing the University to give her the **grant**.


- A. Only I
- B. Both I and II
- C. Both I and III
- D. Both II and III
- E. All I, II, and III

11. Despite of all (1)/ the hours of practice (2)/ and training, the (3)/ mariners lost the game.(4)

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

12. While both the killer whale (1)/ and the great white shark (2)/ is top predators, in a fight between the two, (3)/ the killer whale will win. (4)

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



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ANSWERS

1. Ans. E.

The sentence is contextually and grammatically correct. Thus, option E is the correct answer.

2. Ans. D.

The error lies in the fourth part of the sentence. By is used to indicate someone's action and with indicates what was used to act and is usually accompanied by something or someone. Thus, 'by' needs to be replaced with 'with' to relate to 'war.'

Thus, option D is the correct answer.'

3. Ans. B.

Solution: The correct option is B.

Reason: Bloom means to come into or be in full beauty. Trees do not bloom. They grow. And here, they were standing in front of the house. Thus, the words A-D needs to be exchanged.

The correct sentence is

"The coral trees **stood (A)** in front of a **house (B)**, by **pools (C)** of water and fully **bloomed (D) flowers (E)**."

4. Ans. C.

Solution: The correct option is C.

Reason: The correct phrase is "*sky opened up*", which means there was heavy rain. Thus, D-E needs to be exchanged to make the sentence correct.

The correct sentence: On a **sleepy (A)** afternoon, while the sun **continued (B)** to **shine (C)**, the skies **opened (D)** up and it **started (E)** to rain.

5. Ans. C.

Solution: The correct option is C.

Reason: The first part of the sentence is part B as introduces the subject 'bank'. This is followed by part E as banks can sanction loans. This is followed by part D as loans sanctioned cannot be repaid back now.

"Not Only" is always paired with "But Also". Part D ends with But. And part A begins with 'also'. Thus, Part A follows part D. Part C concludes the sentence by stating the properties in which bank invested, the value dropped.


The correct sequence is BEDAC.

6. Ans. A.

Solution: The correct option is A.

Reason: The first part of the sentence is part A as the subject is 'theft accusation'. The accusation was against someone, here the banker. The second part is thus part B. Now there is an apostrophe in the word 'banker's', signifying possession. "Banker's reputation" makes sense. Thus, part C follows B.

The option with part ABC as a sequence is in option A. Thus, option A is the correct answer.



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7. Ans. C.

The correct option is C. The statement talking about a certain amount of sleep that can improve cognition, mood and immune functioning. Thus option C fits the blank perfectly.

8. Ans. B.

The correct option is B.

9. Ans. B.

Guilt: noun

1. the fact or state of having committed an offense, crime, violation, or wrong, especially against moral or penal law; culpability.

2. a feeling of responsibility or remorse for some offense, crime, wrong, etc., whether real or imagined. (as used in statement II)

The tone of statement I indicates the correct word to be used in the context of the statement is 'guild': an organization of persons with related interests, goals, etc., especially one formed for mutual aid or protection. (as in a guild of businessmen)

The tone of statement III indicates that the correct word to be used in the context of the statement is 'hilt': (n.) the handle of a sword or dagger.

Thus, option B is the correct answer.

10. Ans. C.

Grant:

1. verb (used with object): to bestow or confer, especially by a formal act: (as used in sentence I)

2. Noun: something granted, as a privilege or right, a sum of money, or a tract of land. (as used in sentence III)

The tone of sentence II indicates that 'grant' needs to be replaced by 'grunt': verb (used without object): to utter the deep, guttural sound characteristic of a pig.

Thus, the word '**grant**' has been used correctly in both I and III, making option C the correct answer.

11. Ans. A.

The usage is either 'in spite of' or 'despite' to introduce a contradiction in the sentence. The usage of the preposition 'of' after 'despite' is redundant and needs to be omitted. Thus, option A is the correct answer.

12. Ans. C.

When two things joined by the conjunction 'and' refer to two different things, as indicated by 'both', the noun phrase takes a plural verb. Thus, 'is' needs to be replaced with 'are' in the third part of the sentence to maintain subject-verb agreement.

Thus, option C is the correct answer.

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