

# Memory Based Paper

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Paper-3

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**Direction (1-10):** Which of the following phrases (I), (II), and (III) given below each sentence will fit into the blank to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the grammatically correct sentence.

Q1. We should realize that the chance of accident \_\_\_\_\_ in a train or on the road.

- (I) may be at least as great as compare to our home
  - (II) was at last as greater as in homes
  - (III) may be as great or greater in our homes than
- (a) Only (I) is correct
  - (b) Only (III) is correct
  - (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
  - (d) Both (I) and (III) are correct
  - (e) None is correct

Solution1. 2

“**may be as great or greater in our homes than**” is the correct phrase that fits into the sentence quite comprehensively. If we go by the options considering their grammar syntax, only option (III) fits into the sentence perfectly adding the required meaning to the sentence. The first two phrases are grammatically incorrect as they bear no relevance to the meaning of the sentence. Hence (b) is the correct choice.

Q2. Primitive man \_\_\_\_\_ an imbalance which could be rectified only by punishing the wrongdoer.

- (I) believes that a crime created
- (II) believed that a crime created
- (III) believed that a criminal created

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Only (III) is correct
- (d) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (e) All are correct

Solution2. 2

“**believed that a crime created**” is the correct phrase that makes the sentence grammatically correct. Hence (b) is the correct choice.

Q3. Calamities and indigence in the past \_\_\_\_\_ than at present.

- (I) was afflicted more
  - (II) were more afflict
  - (III) may afflict more
- (a) Only (I) is correct
  - (b) Only (II) is correct
  - (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
  - (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
  - (e) None is correct

Solution3. 5

None of the given options is correct as all three of them do not agree with the correct grammar structure to make the sentence grammatically correct. The correct phrase should be “**were more afflicting**” as ‘Calamities’ and ‘Indigence’ make plural subjects and hence verb should also be plural. Hence (e) is the correct option.

Q4. \_\_\_\_\_ to keep his promise, he will earn the distrust of all the voters.

- (I) If the candidate has failed
- (II) Since the candidate has failed
- (III) If the candidate fails
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (d) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (e) All are correct

Solution4. 3

Both the phrases “**Since the candidate has failed**” and “**If the candidate fails**” can substitute the given blank to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. The correct syntax to be used here should be (**If+S+V1, S+will+V1**). Hence (c) is the correct option.

Q5. It is necessary to prevent assault against environment as \_\_\_\_\_ both floras and faunas.

- (I) those against prevention
- (II) it is against
- (III) preventing them against
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Only (III) is correct
- (d) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (e) All are correct

Solution5. 2

If we follow the correct sentence structure, only the phrase “**it is against**” provides the most apt meaning to the sentence. Hence (b) is the correct option.

Q6. Top managers are often stymied by the \_\_\_\_\_ conflict.

- (I) difficulties of managing
- (II) difficulty for managed
- (III) management of difficulties
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
- (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (e) None is correct

Solution6. 1

“**difficulties of managing**” is the correct phrase to make the sentence grammatically correct. In the context of the correct grammar usage in the sentence, “of” is the correct preposition. However, the phrases (II) and (III) make no relevance to the actual meaning of the sentence. Hence (a) is the correct option.

Q7. Reaching collective decisions \_\_\_\_\_ individual preferences is an imperfect science.

- (I) belonging to
- (II) based on
- (III) concerning
- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (III) are correct
- (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (e) All are correct

### Solution7.5

All the three phrases can fill up the provided blank to make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. It is to be noted that all the three phrases given as options mean the same. Hence (e) is the correct option.

Q8.

\_\_\_\_\_, I could not accept his statement that supernatural beings had caused the disturbance.

- (I) A realist that I am
- (II) Being a realist
- (III) Being that I am a realist

- (a) Only (II) is correct
- (b) Only (III) is correct
- (c) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (d) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (e) All are correct

### Solution8.3

Both the phrases “**A realist that I am**” and “**Being a realist**” can be substituted into the sentence to make it grammatically correct. Both the phrases mean the same and provide an appropriate meaning to the sentence. However, the third phrase is structurally incorrect. Hence (c) is the correct option.

Q9. Taking good decisions and \_\_\_\_\_ are the hallmarks of high performing companies.

- (I) implement those quickly
- (II) implementing those quickly
- (III) quick implementing those

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Only (III) is correct
- (d) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (e) None is correct

### Solution9.2

“**implementing those quickly**” is the correct phrase that makes the sentence grammatically correct. The other two phrases are structurally incorrect. Hence (b) is the correct choice.

Q10. Innovation \_\_\_\_\_ the top corporate agenda.

- (I) has always been
- (II) is
- (III) have been

- (a) Only (I) is correct
- (b) Only (II) is correct
- (c) Both (II) and (III) are correct
- (d) Both (I) and (II) are correct
- (e) All are correct

### Solutio10.4

Both the phrases “**has always been**” and “**is**” are the correct replacement to the blank provided in the sentence. Both the helping verbs make the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence (d) is the correct option.

**Direction (11-15): There are two different sentences with a blank space in each sentence. Choose the word from the given options which fits appropriately in both the blanks adding a proper and logical meaning to the sentences.**

Q11.

[I] Mitch has such an \_\_\_\_\_ to eating liver that he breaks out in hives whenever someone mentions the meat.

[II] As evidenced by the handcuffs on his wrists, the troubled teenager seems to have an \_\_\_\_\_ to authority.

- (a) delight
- (b) elation

- (c) aversion
- (d) function
- (e) cognizance

#### Solution 11.3

The blank can be filled with the word 'aversion' making the sentence meaningful. Aversion means a strong dislike or disinclination. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (c) is the correct choice.

Delight means take great pleasure in.

Elation means great happiness and exhilaration.

Cognizance means knowledge or awareness

#### Q12.

[I] Since the police have not given a statement yet, the reporter can only make a \_\_\_\_\_ about the crisis

[II] Your argument is being ignored because it is basically nothing but \_\_\_\_\_!

- (a) conjecture
- (b) feint
- (c) homage
- (d) case
- (e) evidence

#### Solution 12.1

The blank can be filled with the word 'conjectures' making the sentence meaningful. Conjectures means an opinion or conclusion formed on the basis of incomplete information. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Feint means make a deceptive or distracting movement, especially during a fight.

Homage means special honour or respect shown publicly.

#### Q13.

[I] Because he was not ready to be tied down, Mark felt a great deal of \_\_\_\_\_ about caring for his sick mother on a full-time basis

[II] Sarah's \_\_\_\_\_ about the best birthday present for her mother led her to spend four hours at the mall.

- (a) illumination
- (b) glee
- (c) triumph
- (d) significance
- (e) ambivalence

#### Solution 13.5

The blank can be filled with the word 'ambivalence' making the sentence meaningful. Ambivalence means the state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something or someone. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (e) is the correct choice.

Illumination means lighting or light.

Glee means great delight, especially from one's own good fortune or another's misfortune.

Triumph means a great victory or achievement.

#### Q14.

[I] Although going on a cruise sounds like a great vacation plan, the option does have the \_\_\_\_\_ drawback of being quite costly for a family of eight.

[II] Before I make an offer on the diamond, I need to know its \_\_\_\_\_ worth aside from the band which contains it.

- (a) illusory
- (b) inherent
- (c) imminent
- (d) impassive
- (e) ingenious

#### Solution14. 2

The blank can be filled with the word 'inherent' making the sentence meaningful. Inherent means existing in something as a permanent, essential or characteristic attribute. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (b) is the correct choice.

Illusory means based on illusion; not real.

Imminent means about to happen.

Impassive means not feeling or showing emotion.

Ingenious means (of a person) clever, original, and inventive.

#### Q15.

[I] Because John found it difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ his love for Jessica, he wrote her a poem about his feelings

[II] Although Lisa had an intellectual disability, she was still an \_\_\_\_\_ speaker who could hold an audience's attention.

- (a) articulate
- (b) languish
- (c) linguistic
- (d) perceive
- (e) perforate

#### Solution15. 1

The blank can be filled with the word 'articulate' making the sentence meaningful. Articulate means having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently. Other words are irrelevant and do not fit in the context of the sentence here. Hence option (a) is the correct choice.

Languish means be forced to remain in an unpleasant place or situation.

Linguistic means relating to language or linguistics.

Perceive means become aware or conscious of (something); come to realize or understand.

Perforate means pierce and make a hole or holes in.

**Directions (Q.16-20): In the question given below, some sentences/phrases are given which have to be arranged in a proper sequence. Select the option which best defines the proper sequence and arranges the sentence.**

#### Q.16

monsters scattered throughout the Universe and (A)/ one of the star-devouring (B)/ atronomers on April 10 unveiled (C)/ obscured by impenetrable shields of gravity (D)/ the first photo of a black hole (E)/

1. BACED
2. CEBAD
3. DECAB
4. EBCAD
5. BACDE

#### Solution16: B

: Option (b) is the most appropriate choice which gives the best arrangement for the statement. The sentence will be arranged as follows: "Astronomers on April 10 unveiled the first photo of a black hole, one of the star-devouring monsters scattered throughout the Universe and obscured by impenetrable shields of gravity."

#### Q.17

the supercapacitor can be used for powering GPS location-based (A)/ and when stitched to the fabric (B)/ The idea is when the supercapacitor is integrated with a piezoelectric energy (C)/ devices or a LED lamp or even charge small electronic devices (D)/ generator then it will become completely self-sustaining (E)/

1. ABCED
2. BAEDC
3. CEBAD
4. DBACE
5. EDACB

Solution17:C

: Option (c) is the correct choice as it provides a better arrangement of the sentence. The sentence will be as follows: “The idea is when the supercapacitor is integrated with a piezoelectric energy generator then it will become completely self-sustaining and when stitched to the fabric, the supercapacitor can be used for powering GPS location-based devices or a LED lamp or even charge small electronic devices.”

Q.18

the PSLV is also used to launch the (A)/ satellites of lower lift-off mass of up to about 1400 Kg to (B)/ satellites to Sun-synchronous polar orbits (C) / the elliptical Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (D)/ Apart from launching the remote sensing (E)/

1. EBDAC
2. EACBD
3. ECADB
4. ECABD
5. EDBCA

Solution18:D

: Option (d) is the correct choice as it provides the most suitable arrangement for the sentence. The corrected sentence will be as follows: “Apart from launching the remote sensing satellites to Sun-synchronous polar orbits, the PSLV is also used to launch the satellites of lower lift-off mass of up to about 1400 Kg to the elliptical Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.”

Q.19

Indian gene pool over the last 12,500 years or so (A)/ until recently, only data on matrilineal DNA

(B)/ transmitted only from mother to daughter (C) / were available and that seemed to (D)/ suggest there was little external infusion into the (E)

1. CDABE
2. BCDEA
3. DECAB
4. ACBED
5. EBDAC

Solution19:B

: Option (b) is the most appropriate choice as it arranges the sentence in a most suitable way. The sentence will be as follows: “Until recently, only data on matrilineal DNA, transmitted only from mother to daughter, were available and that seemed to suggest there was little external infusion into the Indian gene pool over the last 12,500 years or so.”

Q.20

scientists are interested in (A)/ and weather were very different from today’s (B)/ because the patterns that (C)/ drove its circulation, climate (D) / reconstructing the last Ice Age (E).

1. CDABE
2. BAECD
3. DCBAE
4. AECDB
5. EDBAC

Solution20:D

: Option (d) is the most apt choice. The arranged sentence will be as follows: “Scientists are interested in reconstructing the last Ice Age because the patterns that drove its circulation, climate and weather were very different from today’s.”

**Directions (21–25): Read each of the following four sentences to find out whether there is any grammatical mistake/error in it. Choose the**

**sentence with no grammatical error as the correct answer. If all the given sentences are grammatically incorrect, choose (e) i.e., “None of these” as an answer. If all the given sentences are grammatically correct then choose “All are correct”.**

Q21.

- (a) Warriors of light always keep a certain gleam in their eyes.
- (b) Riya as well as some of her friends have fallen in love with Monty, who is the eldest son of an I.A.S officer.
- (c) Pakistan’s rhetoric of nuclear strike would then remained mere ranting and raving.
- (d) The triangle is one of the most elementary symbolic figure due to its geometric aspect
- (e) None of these

Solution21. 1

Only option (a) is grammatically correct.

In option (d) ‘figures’ should be used as we use this construction---- one of+ the+ Noun(plural)

In option (b) ‘has’ should be used in place of ‘have’ because the main subject is ‘Riya’

In option (c) remain should be used.

Q22. (a) A life which ends with futile death, is a worthless life.

(b) In almost all aspects of life, the application of this process will bringing improvements.

(c) The attractiveness of democracy lies in its ability to giving us a peaceful transfer of power.

(d) There is no minefields as farmers till their lands almost up to the international border.

(e) None of these

Solution22. 1

Option (a) is grammatically correct.

In option (b) use ‘bringing’ in place of ‘bring’

In option (d) use ‘are’ in place of ‘is’ because of minefields.

In option (c) ‘give’ should be used in place of ‘giving’

Q23.

(a) You drown not by falling into a river, but by staying submerged in it.

(b) If you start by promising what you don’t even have yet, you’ll lose your desire to work towards getting it

(c) When you are enthusiastic about what you do, you feel this positive energy. It’s very simple.

(d) The act of discovering who we are will force us to accept that we can go further than we think

(e) All are correct

Solution23. 5

All the given options are grammatically correct.

Q24.

(a) Don’t waste your time with explanations, people only hear which they want to hear.

(b) When you repeat a mistake, it is not a mistake anymore: it is a decision.

(c) People are capability at any time in their lives, of doing what they dream of.

(d) The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only wise can see them.

(e) All are correct

Solution24. 2

Option (b) is grammatically correct.

In option (a) use “which” should be used at the place of “who”.

In option (c) ‘capable’ should be used in place of ‘capability’

In option (d) use ‘the before “wise”.

Q25.

- (a) Whenever you are coming here, you bring a lot of sweets for me.
- (b) All battles in life serve to teach us something, even the battles we lose.
- (c) We got everything ready for all of them long before they are arrived.
- (d) I feel a certain problems in the execution of this plan.
- (e) None of these.

Solution25. 2

Only Option (b) is correct.

In option (a), Use 'you come' because for present habits we use simple present tense.

In option (c) Use 'we had got' because when we talk about the two events of the past then for the event which happened earlier we use "past perfect"

In option (d), "problems" should be replaced with "problem".

**Directions (26-30): In each of the question given below a/an idiom/phrase is given in bold which is then followed by five options which then try to decipher its meaning as used in the sentence. Choose the option which gives the meaning of the phrase most appropriately in context of the given sentence.**

Q26.

The team started the season so well, but they've been **on the skids** for the last few games.

- (a) subservience
- (b) destroyed
- (c) panned
- (d) glib
- (e) garbled

Solution26. 2

The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase "on the skids" is "destroyed" as 'on the skids' means certain to fail/destroy. Hence, the word 'destroyed' provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Subservience means willingness to obey others unquestioningly.

Panned- criticized severely.

Glib- fluent but insincere and shallow

Q27.

Last weekend's Gold Coast Boat Show has proved a **shot in the arm** for the marine industry.

- (a) accent
- (b) gist
- (c) boost
- (d) bulge
- (e) brim

Solution27. 3

The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase "shot in the arm" is "boost" as 'shot in the arm' means to encourage. Hence, the word 'boost' provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option(c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Accent means a special or particular emphasis.

Gist means the substance or general meaning of a speech or text.

Bulge means a rounded swelling which distorts an otherwise flat surface.

Brim means be full to the point of overflowing.

Q28.

Those standards to which artists have gradually accustomed the public will not see lightly **set at naught**.

- (a) limit
- (b) abuse
- (c) defy
- (d) appreciate
- (e) adore

Solution 28. 3

The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase “set at naught” is “defy” as ‘set at naught’ means to disregard. Hence, the word ‘defy’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (c) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Adore means love and respect (someone) deeply.

Q29. We may have lost the election, but we **take heart** in the fact that so many young people are now engaged and excited about politics.

- (a) emboldened
- (b) mediocre
- (c) navigable
- (d) dwindle
- (e) revitalize

Solution 29. 5

The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase “take heart” is “revitalize” as ‘take heart’ means to feel encouraged. Hence, the word ‘revitalized’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (e) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Revitalized-re-energize

Navigable means (of a website) easy to move around in.

Dwindle means diminish gradually in size, amount, or strength.

Mediocre- of only average quality; not very good.



Q30.

You'll never win the case with him as your lawyer—he's just out of law school and still **wet behind the ears!**

- (a) impair
- (b) naive
- (c) taper
- (d) slump
- (e) expatiate

### Solution 30.2

The correct word that deciphers the meaning of the phrase “wet behind the ears” is “naive” as ‘wet behind the ears’ means inexperienced. Hence, the word ‘naive’ provides the intended meaning to the sentence without altering the context of the sentence. Hence, option (b) becomes the most suitable answer choice.

Impair means weaken or damage (something, especially a faculty or function).

Taper means diminish or reduce in thickness towards one end.

Expatriate means speak or write in detail about.

Slump means sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply.

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