

### Courses of Action

**Direction (1):** Study the following instructions carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

**1. Statement:**

Many teachers of the local school have rendered their resignation to the principal to protest the management's decision for not implementing revised pay scales.

**Courses of Action:**

I. The school management should accept the resignations and appoint new teachers.

II. The school management should persuade the teachers to continue with an assurance of considering the pay hike issue.

III. The school management should approach the govt. for guidelines.

(A) None follows

(B) Both II and III follows.

(C) Only III follows.

(D) Only I follow.

(E) Only II follows.

**Direction (2-3):** In each question below is given a statement, followed by three courses of action numbered I, II and III. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and then decide which of the three given suggested courses of action logically follows for pursuing.

**2. Statement:**

There have been quite a few incidents of highway robbery on the super expressway between cities A and B during recent months.

**Courses of action:**

I. The local administration should immediately set up police along the expressway to prevent robbery.

II. The local administration should immediately close down the expressway till the robbers are apprehended.

III. More and more people should be given training on how to tackle with the robbers.

(A) Only I follow

(B) Only I and II follows

(C) Only I and III follow

(D) All follow

(E) None of these

**3.**

**Statement:**

It has been reported by one of the TV channels that the answer papers of Board examination of one State are evaluated by students studying in the same standard with the help of model answer as instructed by the examiners.

**Courses of action:**

I. All such examiners should be immediately suspended from their official positions.

II. All such papers evaluated by the students should be immediately confiscated and got evaluated by qualified teachers.

III. The Board should explore possibilities, even though they are remote, of getting the answer papers of this examination evaluated by computerized machines.

(A) Only I follow

(B) Only II follows

(C) Only III follows

(D) Only I and II follow

(E) All follow

**Direction (4-5):** In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true and on the basis of the information given in the statement, decide which of the suggested

courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

**Give answer**

**4. Statement:**

A large number of employees have gone on a mass casual leave in protest, against the company's new recruitment policy.

**Courses of action:**

I. The company should immediately withdraw the new recruitment policy.

II. All these employees should immediately be suspended from their service.

(A) If only I follows

(B) If only II follows

(C) If either I or II follows

(D) If neither I nor II follows

(E) If both I and II follow.

**5. Statements:**

A large cache of live ammunition has been found in the scarp-yard of a local steel factory.

**Courses of action:**

I. The steel factory should immediately be closed down till all these ammunitions are located and shifted to safe places.

II. The Government should immediately set up an enquiry to unearth the details and take corrective measures to avoid such incidence in future.

(A) If only I follows

(B) If only II follows

(C) If either I or II follows

(D) If neither I nor II follows

(E) If both I and II follow.

**Direction (6-8):** In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy etc. on the basis of the information given in the statement. You have to assume everything in the statement to

**6.**

**Statement:**

According to a report, energy-guzzling technologies that we use at home destroy the environment.

**Courses of action:**

I. An effort should be made to discourage use of energy-guzzling technologies.

II. A special tax should be imposed on the use of such technologies.

(A) If only I follows.

(B) If only II follows.

(C) If either I or II follows.

(D) If neither I nor II follows.

(E) If both I and II follow.

**7.**

**Statement:**

Militants are now attacking the police in several states of India in a bid to demoralize them and to choke the intelligence network.

**Courses of action:**

I. Government should formulate a plan to equip its policemen with sophisticated weapons and equipment besides making an effort to end militancy in a peaceful way.

II. The police department should send strict instructions to all the police officers concerned that every policeman on duty should have proper gear like a bullet-proof vest and automatic weapons to counter any sudden attack.

(A) If only I follows.

(B) If only II follows.

(C) If either I or II follows.

(D) If neither I nor II follows.

(E) If both I and II follow.

**8.**

**Statement:**

With more airlines crossing the Indian skies and air travelling become more affordable, the

infrastructure facilities at airports have remained grossly inadequate.

**Courses of action:**

- I. All airports in India should be privatized.
- II. A committee should be made to look into the matter and their recommendation should be sought to deal with the situation.

- (A) If only I follows.
- (B) If only II follows.
- (C) If either I or II follows.
- (D) If neither I nor II follows.
- (E) If both I and II follow.

9. **Direction:** In the question below are given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action regarding the problem, policy, etc. Based on the information given in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement:

In India, thousands of people die due to consumption of toxic alcohol. The government has taken certain steps previously but none of them were effective. Faizal, who has been recently appointed as the officer of narcotics department is given the project to suggest some of the schemes/ advice to stop the consumption of toxic alcohol. After certain research, Faizal found that most of the toxic alcohol contains the XYZ component. The XYZ component is mainly used to build certain types of medicines. The permit of XYZ component is accessible to any small companies.

Course of Actions:

- I. Faizal suggests allowing the usage of XYZ components to only Pharmaceutical companies.
- II. Faizal suggests to publish an order that using XYZ components in alcoholic drinks would be punishable by law.

- (A) Only I follows.
- (B) Only II follows.
- (C) Either I or II follows.
- (D) Neither I nor II follows.
- (E) Both I and II follow.

10. A statement is given below in the question followed by three courses of actions numbered I, II and III. On the basis of the information given, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and then decide which of the following suggested courses of actions logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement: Jet Airways has defaulted on salary payments again. The cash-strapped airline on Wednesday sought over 10 more days from its employees to pay balance 25 per cent of their salaries for August. Jet Airways had paid 50 per cent of August salaries to its employees on September 11 and the rest was to be paid on Wednesday. But it could pay only half of the balance amount.

Courses of action:

- I. The cash-strapped airline, which is struggling to meet its cost of operations, had earlier attempted to cut salaries of its employees, but the move was met with stiff resistance that forced it to defer the plan.
- II. Jet Airways will today remit half of the second installment of pending emoluments of its pilots, AMEs and senior management for August 2018.
- III. While the management regrets the attendant inconvenience, it also appreciates the continued support and understanding of its employees.

- (A) Only III follows
- (B) Neither II nor III follows
- (C) Only I follows
- (D) All except III and I
- (E) All I, II and III follow

11. In the question below, a statement is given followed by three courses of actions

numbered I, II and III. On the basis of the information given, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and then decide which of the suggested course of action logically follow (s) for pursuing.

Statement: Tesla and its CEO Elon Musk have agreed to pay a total of \$40 million and make a series of concessions to settle a government lawsuit alleging Musk duped investors with misleading statements about a proposed buyout of the company. The settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission allows Musk to remain CEO of the electric car company but requires him to relinquish his role as chairman for at least three years.

Courses of action:

I. Tesla must hire an independent chairman to oversee the company, something that should please a number of shareholders who have criticised Tesla's board for being too beholden to Musk.

II. The deal could remove one cloud that hangs over Tesla. Investors fretted about the company's ability to cope without Musk, a charismatic entrepreneur whose penchant for coming up with revolutionary ideas has drawn comparisons to one of Silicon Valley's most revered visionaries, Apple co-founder Steve Jobs.

III. Besides paying a fine and stripping Musk of his chairman's title, Tesla also must appoint two more directors who have no ties to the company or its management. Musk will be allowed to remain on the board.

- (A) Only III follows
- (B) Neither II nor III follows
- (C) None follows
- (D) All except II follow
- (E) All I, II and III follow

12. In the question below a statement is given followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in

regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement to be true, decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement- There was a heavy storm just after the monsoon and before the elections, bringing misfortune to many people.

Course of action

The election should be postponed to give time to restore the normalcy of the place and then campaigns should start.

The government should provide special aid to those who are affected.

- (A) Only I follows.
- (B) Only II follows.
- (C) Either I or II follows
- (D) Neither I nor II follows
- (E) Both I and II follow.

13. A statement is given below in the question followed by three courses of actions numbered I, II and III. On the basis of the information given, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and then decide which of the following suggested courses of actions logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement: Hindustan Unilever and Nestlé plan to selectively increase prices of their products to take into account higher crude oil and petrol costs, the rupee's depreciation against the dollar and more expensive commodities such as wheat. If crude remains where it is and if the rupee has depreciated, of course, there are headwinds as far as costs are concerned.

I. Nestlé India's logistics providers are looking to renegotiate rates after record-high petrol and diesel prices. Nestlé declined to comment on when and by how much prices would increase.

II. Nestlé commented that HUL had dropped prices in November after the Goods & Services Tax was introduced last year and an



increase in prices now would likely not hurt consumers.

III. Petrol prices have crossed Rs 90 a litre in Mumbai on increasing global prices of crude oil, of which India is a net importer, further impacted by the falling rupee. Crude derivatives, which are key inputs for FMCG companies, and petroleum derivatives used in packaging material including bottles and tubes, have also become more expensive.

- (A) Only III follows
- (B) Neither II nor III follows
- (C) None follows
- (D) All except III and I
- (E) All I, II and III follow

14. Statement-The Indian Council of Medical Research issued a warning two years ago, based on studies conducted in hospitals that resistance to antibiotics was found in 50% of patients. A large number of infants were dying due to infections that did not respond to treatment.

Courses of action-I .The revision of antibiotics classes by the World Health Organisation in its list of essential medicines is a welcome step in the global initiative to push back against antimicrobial resistance, the phenomenon of bacteria becoming resistant even to the most potent drugs.

II. Close scrutiny of these by national stewardship programmes such as those initiated by the ICMR is needed.

Which of the following will be the course of action?

- (A) Only I
- (B) Both I and II
- (C) Either I or II
- (D) Only II
- (E) None of these

15. Directions: In the question below, are given a statement followed by three courses of actions numbered I, II, and III. On the basis of the information given, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and then decide which of the following suggested

courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement: The people who share the border of X and Y are generally involved in fights regarding the distribution of water, usage of national highways, and many more. The problem occurs when these fights hamper the other citizens as well. Due to this conflict, many a time they block the highways or destroy the national properties.

Courses of Action:

I: The local police station should immediately deploy policemen round the clock in the borders of X and Y.

II: The police need to identify the people involved in such fighting activities and put them behind bars.

III: All the transport facilities should be stopped between the two states.

- (A) Only II follows
- (B) Neither II nor III follows
- (C) None follows
- (D) All except III
- (E) All I, II and III follow

16. Direction: In the question below are given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy, etc. On the basis of the information given in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Statement: The management of XYZ Ltd has been at the receiving end of constant complaints from its employees about the HR department. The management is concerned that poor HR management will likely spread to impact all levels of the company causing issues such as employee conflict, poor team building, personality conflicts among many others.

Which of the following statements is/are a viable course of action to tackle the problem?

I. Replacing the HR personnel with an HR management software.

II. Develop an effective training program for HR which includes guidance on the company's interdepartmental communications improvement.

(A) Only I follows

(B) Only II follows

(C) Both I and II follow

(D) Neither I nor II follows

(E) Either I or II follows

17. The critical reasoning question is based on a short argument, a set of statements, or a plan of action. For each question, select the best answer of the choices given and explain why the chosen answer is the right fit.

Question: Most people like to wake up every morning to a hot cup of tea and a newspaper. Newspaper gives people a fair idea of the happenings in the world and prepares them for their daily discussion about it with friends, fellow commuters and colleagues. Readership of newspapers has taken a beating nowadays.

Which of the following ways would best help increase it in today's day and age?

(A) Increase the number of advertisements in the paper.

(B) Give out free copies initially and then get people to subscribe to the paper.

(C) Add a number of leisure related like cartoons, puzzles and jokes.

(D) Improve news coverage and make it succinct, crisp, factual and riveting.

(E) Avoid silly news articles.

18. In the following question, a statement has been given which is followed by three courses of action numbered I, II, III. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow up, or further action in regard to the problem, policy

etc. On the basis of the information provided. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the given /suggested courses of action logically follows for pursuing. Select your answer from amongst the given alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4), (5).

Statement: Every year thousands of able students, both in rural as well as in urban areas cannot get admission in colleges despite passing the last certificate examination of their schools.

Courses of Action:

I. More colleges should be established in rural as well as in urban areas.

II. The number of schools in rural as well as in urban areas should be decreased.

III. A good number of schools should conduct vocational courses. So that the students could start preparing to get employed after completing the school education.

(A) Only I follows

(B) Only II and III follow

(C) All follow

(D) Only I and III follow

(E) None of the above

19.

**Statement:**

As transporters nationwide strike entered the fifth day, industry chamber Assocham said prices of essential commodities such as fruits, vegetables and milk may increase by up to 15 per cent if the stir continues. Besides, the strike has adversely impacted the government's revenue to the tune of Rs. 36 crore. "With over one crore trucks and tempos on strike since the past few days, it has led to shortage of essential commodities like milk, fruits and vegetables and their costs are likely to increase by about 10-15 per cent per day if the strike continues".

**Courses of Action:**

I. The transporters' association should be ordered by the government to immediately

withdraw strike call or else they will face severe consequences.

II. The government should immediately make alternative arrangements to ensure adequate supply of essential commodities in the market.

III. The government should immediately declare the strike illegal and put all those responsible for the strike behind the bars.

You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and then decide which of the three given suggested courses of action logically follows for pursuing.

(A) Only I and II follow

(B) Only II and III follow

(C) Only I and III follow

(D) All follow

(E) None of these

20.

**Statement:**

There are more than 200 villages in the hill area of Uttar Pradesh which are severely damaged due to cyclone and it causes an extra burden of Rs 200 crore on State Government for relief and rehabilitation work.

**Course of Action:**

I. People of hill area should be shifted to other safer places.

II. State Government should ask more financial support from Central Government.

III. Government should levy relief tax to the corporate sector to ease the additional burden.

(A) None follows

(B) Only I and II follow

(C) Only II and III follow

(D) Only I and III follow

(E) None of these