

## Parajumbles 2 Practice Exercise

1.

- (i) Aruna Shanbaug's long-drawn and agonising struggle came to an end on May 18.
- (ii) Shanbaug has become the face of euthanasia debate in the country.
- (iii) After being in a vegetative state for 42 years, Shanbaug, 67, died in King Edward Memorial Hospital in Mumbai after a cardiac arrest.
- (iv) Shanbaug died in the same hospital where she had worked as a nurse and whose nursing staff took loving care of her for more than 40 years.
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- (i) For a kurta which sells for Rs. 800–1200 the weaver gets less than Rs. 32, since value addition happens outside the weavers' village.
- (ii) The village once had a flourishing khadi industry, but is today in a shambles.
- (iii) A booming global market for khadi has had little impact on the lives of handloom weavers.
- (iv) To make matters worse, handlooms are now pitched against a highly competitive mills and power looms market.
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3.

- (i) The organisations have their reasons for such differential pricing, such as expanding internet access in price sensitive markets such as India.
- (ii) Airtel was recently under customer fire for pricing differentially calls made over the internet.
- (iii) However, all these actions amount to violating net neutrality and may result in discriminatory internet access to unsuspecting customers.
- (iv) Reliance Communications, too, was under fire for offering Facebook access at a lower internet cost.
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4.

- (i) 'Snooping' or prying into the private affairs of others has a long history and created many political storms.

(ii) The surfacing of the news and the ensuing loud debate in the press of spying on Netaji's family members is a recent example.

(iii) In a security context, snooping is unauthorized access to another person's or company's data and is similar to eavesdropping.

(iv) Although snooping has a negative connotation in general, in computer technology it can refer to any programme or utility that performs a monitoring function.

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5.

(i) We who live in India may not have noticed this quirky behaviour because cricket is so intrinsic to our lives.

(ii) She saw some others wielding imaginary bats, hitting imaginary sixes and making 'tok' sounds with their tongues.

(iii) An NRI visiting Delhi said she noticed many boys and men volleying imaginary balls at an imaginary player while walking down a corridor or a footpath.

(iv) They did all this imaginary play, even when their thoughts were occupied somewhere else.

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6.

(i) By the time it wrapped up, it was unclear whether more images were taken by Ut or of him.

(ii) There, he faced a gaggle of photographers as traffic changed lanes to avoid them.

(iii) In Trang Bang, Ut visited a roadside stall operated by two of Kim Phuc's cousins, then walked a kilometre down the road to where he had made the famous image.

(iv) The scene that unfolded was a curious one – Ut taking pictures, Ut taking pictures of his own pictures, people taking pictures of Ut taking pictures.

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7.

(i) Spicejet is the only Indian airlines to place an order for 42 planes.

(ii) The 737 Max has given the US-based manufacturer the highest order for any aircraft in its 100 year history

(iii) Boeing's Renton facility is gearing up to produce the 737 Max, the fourth generation of the Boeing 737 family.

(iv) The company has orders for more than 2,500 planes, with Lion Air giving the biggest order for 201 planes.

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8.

(i) Shreemukha says many of his friends are artists, singers and composers to whom his company will provide a bigger canvas and wider recognition.

(ii) Shreemukha is the founder of an e-company which will be offering customised art and music.

(iii) In case of pictures and paintings, customers will upload a picture or description of the person whose portrait they want.

(iv) Customers who submit an order for a song will have to upload a description of the person or a subject they want the song on.

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9.

(i) Liver cancer is one of the deadliest cancers and the second leading cause of death from cancer globally.

(ii) The research also found evidence that drinking coffee can reduce the risk of liver cancer.

(iii) A new report based on a study of more than 24,500 cases indicates that three drinks a day is enough to cause liver cancer.

(iv) It is well-documented that consuming alcohol is associated with an increased risk of liver cancer.

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10.

(i) Managing stress is the key to good emotional health.

(ii) Introducing humour into potentially difficult conversations and being patient helps in anger management.

(iii) Starting the morning with some physical activity and a healthy breakfast goes a long way into the day.

(iv) Having a good sleep between seven and nine hours helps in avoiding inter-personal conflicts.

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11.

(i) Apple has also launched a news aggregation app called 'News' with a flipboard style interface.

(ii) The free update is aiming to refine features and styles of iOS8 instead of launching big new features.

(iii) The iOS has also been optimised to run smoother and faster with a lower battery consumption.

(iv) Apple has unveiled the next update of the iOS iPhone and iPad operating system that has a greater speed and security

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12.

(i) FSSAI handed over a list of 500 products rejected by it as of April 30 to the state food safety commissioners.

(ii) In the wake of Maggi controversy, FSSAI has asked state food commissioners to inspect and evaluate all packaged food products.

(iii) The state officials were also told to take any action required against offenders of food safety norms.

(iv) The state authorities will have their line of action for the year and test even those foods that are not registered with FSSAI.

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13.

(i) It has long been thought that a zebra's stripes help it to camouflage themselves and escape from predators.

(ii) The stripes on a zebra's body blend with the grass around it camouflaging it from the colour blind lion.

(iii) When they are in a herd, the stripes of different zebras blend with one another giving the illusion of a big moving mass to the predators.

(iv) New studies suggest that the black and white stripes help the zebra's regulate their body temperature.

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14.

(i) With expensive non-essential goods like cars and household appliances, the customers are price conscious and respond to price cuts.

(ii) But the buyers, who spend 12 hours waiting for the opening of a store, are not driven by low prices; they are excited by the innovation of new products.

(iii) Will they be more inclined to buy if prices are cut?

(iv) Do people always look for a deal when buying products?

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15.

(i) For years, democratic governments broke the law.

(ii) Without Snowden, we would not have a clue what they were up to.

(iii) They hid their spying practices not only from the public, but also from their representatives.

(iv) Edward Snowden is a hero.

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16.

(i) Apart from the cost of Maggi, the cost of transporting the stock and destroying it will also have to be factored in.

(ii) Nestle India is in the process of destroying Maggi instant noodles worth Rs. 320 crore after its ban.

(iii) The company said it was only a broad estimate, as it was impossible to calculate the final figures while the recall is taking place.

(iv) Lead and MSG levels were found to be higher than the permissible limits in the noodles forcing the recall.

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17.

(i) An aggressive recruitment drive over the past 12 months has seen operations rising 10-fold.

(ii) In 2010, two young entrepreneurs decided that India's tech savvy middle class lacked the convenience of a mobile app-based taxi-hailing service.

(iii) Ola now operates in 100 cities across the length and breadth country with more than 150,000 vehicles.

(iv) They founded Ola and started operating the service with a handful of vehicles before increasing the number to 10,000 in 2014.

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18.

- (i) Dum Lagaa Ke Haisha, a low-budget film, with the help of positive word-of-mouth publicity managed to collect Rs. 30 crore at the box office.
- (ii) Big budget and big names were earlier considered essential for the success of a movie in India.
- (iii) With faster word of mouth thanks to the networked social media that has changed.
- (iv) On the strength of good content, many films are getting success through word-of-mouth publicity.

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19.

- (i) The projection was not publicised, but 150 people turned up to watch and many played music while others looked on.
- (ii) Japan and Switzerland, among others, have pledged support for the rebuilding of the statues.
- (iii) A Chinese couple who were saddened by the destruction of the 6th-century statues undertook the project.
- (iv) Fourteen years after the destruction of the Bamiyan's giant Buddha statues, they were resurrected with 3D light projection.

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20.

- (i) European authorities said that if China opened its market to European goods, the return journey could also be full.
- (ii) A new freight train linking Harbin city of China to Germany's Hamburg was launched recently.
- (iii) It will travel through Russia and Poland and will transport Chinese goods to Europe, but will bring back little.
- (iv) The train will cover almost 10,000 kilometres and complete the journey in 15 days.

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21.

- (i) That was under the Woodrow Wilson Administration.

- (ii) That was right in the middle of the World War I.
  - (iii) Let us begin with the first modern government propaganda operation.
  - (iv) Wilson was elected President in 1916 on the platform 'Peace Without Victory'.
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22.

- (i) She has damaged both Petrobras, the state oil company, and the ethanol industry by holding down the price of petrol to mitigate the inflationary impact of her loose fiscal policy.
  - (ii) Instead, she has revived Brazil's corporate state, dishing out favours to insiders such as tax breaks and subsidised loans from bloated state banks.
  - (iii) This corporate state of voracious insiders is symbolised by Ms. Rousseff's absurdly large coalition and her 39-member cabinet.
  - (iv) A bribery scandal in Petrobras underlines that it is the PT and not its opponents, as Ms. Rousseff claims, who cannot be trusted with what was once a national jewel.
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23.

- (i) The affair will do little to help strained bilateral relations.
  - (ii) He says the case is an attempt to cow down South Korea's domestic press.
  - (iii) Prosecutors have already searched the home of a reporter at NewsPro, a South Korean outlet that translates foreign news, including articles from the Sankei.
  - (iv) Few South Koreans have any sympathy for the Sankei, but that is precisely why Mr. Kato is 'the perfect scapegoat', says Oh Changik of Citizens' Solidarity for Human Rights, a liberal lobby in South Korea.
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24.

- (i) Monsanto's Roundup Ready crops are genetically modified to be immune to the herbicide Roundup, which Monsanto also manufactures.
- (ii) That means farmers can spray the herbicide freely to eliminate weeds without damaging their GM corn, cotton or soybeans.
- (iii) Their contract with Monsanto does not allow them to save seeds for planting; they must purchase its patented seeds each year.
- (iv) The particular GM crops Fraley pioneered at Monsanto have been profitable for the company and many farmers, but have not helped sell the cause of high-tech agriculture to the public.

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25.

(i) Of course I would not suggest you post your address if you work from home or other sensitive information, but my point is that the choice is yours as to how much to share, and you want your business details out there, so it is a bit of a non-issue.

(ii) But your details can be secured on the vast majority of social media sites and controlled by yourself, although you do need to double-check your settings occasionally as sites make updates.

(iii) The more nervous among us are concerned that all of our details are out there for anyone to steal.

(iv) Also remember that your business details, your mobile phone number, your landline and email address are likely already available for all to see on your website, because you want it to be easy for a prospective client or customer to get in touch with you.

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## ANSWERS

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