**STATEMENT AND ASSUMPTION**

Directions (1-20): In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement?

Give answer:

(a) if only assumption I is implicit.

(b) if only assumption II is implicit.

(c) if either assumption I or II is implicit.

(d) if neither assumption I nor II is implicit.

(e) if both assumption I and II are implicit.

1. Statement: The government has decided to pay compensation to the tune of Rs.1 lakh to the family members of those who are killed in railway accidents.

Assumptions:

I. The government has enough funds to meet the expenses due to Compensation.

II. There may be reduction in incidents of railway accidents in near future.

2. Statement: “I have not received telephone bills for nine months in spite of several complaints”-A telephone customer’s letter to the editor of a daily

Assumptions:

I. Every customer has a right to get bills regularly from the telephone company.

II. The customer’s complaints points to defect in the services which is expected to be corrected.

3. Statement: The management of XYZ Pvt. Ltd. Asked the workers’ union to call off strike immediately otherwise the management would be forced to close down the factory.

Assumptions:

I. No alternative other than closing down the factory is left for the management of XYZ Pvt. Ltd.

II. Such threat may have some effect on the worker’s union.

4. Statement: Why don’t you go to the court if the employer does not pay you the provident fund contribution?

Assumption:

I. Courts can intervene in matters of dispute between employer and employees.

II. It is obligatory for the employer to pay the Provident Fund Contribution to the employees.

5. Statement: Nobody can predict as to how long our country would take to contain the unfortunate and disastrous terrorist activities.

Assumption:

I. It is impossible to put on end to terrorist activities.

II. Efforts to control the terrorist activities are on.

6. Statement: The Principal instructed all the teachers to be careful in class because some students may disturb other students.

Assumption:

I. The teachers will handle the situation properly and they will point out the naughty students.

II. The students will welcome the decision of the Principal.

7. Statement: Provide mid-day meals to the children in primary schools to increase the number of students attending schools.

Assumption:

I. Mid-day meals will attract the children to the schools.

II. Those children who are otherwise deprived of good food will attend the schools.

8. Statement: Traffic jams on most of the roads in the city have become a regular feature during monsoon.

Assumption:

I. Material used for road construction cannot withstand the fury of monsoon resulting into innumerable pot holes on the roads.

II. Number of vehicles coming on the road is much more in monsoon as compared to other seasons.

9. Statement: “Private property, trespassers will be prosecuted”- A notice on a plot of land.

Assumptions:

I. The passerby may read the notice and may not trespass.

II. The people are scared of prosecution.

10. Statement: Use our product to improve memory of your child. It is based on natural herbs and has no harmful side effects.” – An advertisement of a pharmaceutical company.

Assumptions:

I. People generally opt for a medical product which is useful and has no harmful side effects.

II. Improving memory of child is considered as important by many parents.

11. Statement: The government has decided to disinvest large chunk of its equity in select public sector undertakings for a better fiscal management.

Assumptions:

I. The amount generated out of the disinvestment process may reduce substantially the mounting fiscal deficits.

II. There will be enough demand in the market for the shares of these undertakings.

12. Statement: Kartik left for Delhi on Tuesday by train to attend a function to be held on Friday at his uncle’s house in Delhi.

Assumptions:

I. Kartik may reach Delhi on Wednesday.

II. Kartik may reach Delhi before Friday.

13. Statement: The civic authority has advised the residents in the area to use mosquito repellents or sleep inside nets as large number of people are suffering from malaria.

Assumptions:

I. Local residents have enough money to arrange for the repellents or nets.

II. People may ignore and continue to get mosquito bites as they have other pressing needs.

14. Statement: “The Bridge was built at the cost of Rs. 128 crores and even civil bus service is not utilizing it, what a pity to see it grossly underutilized.”- A citizen’s view on a new flyover linking east and west sides of a suburb.

Assumptions:

I. The building of such bridges does not serve any public objective.

II. There has to be some accountability and utility of money spent on public projects.

15. Statement: Because of the large number of potholes in road X, reaching airport in time has become difficult.

Assumptions:

I. Reaching airport in time may not be always necessary.

II. There is no other convenient road to the airport.

16. Statement: The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of a school has informed the Principal that they will not sent their children to the school unless the school authority reduces the fees with immediate effect.

Assumptions:

I. Majority of the parents may agree with the PTA and not sent their wards with the school.

II. The school authority may accede to the demand of the PTA and reduce the fees.

17. Statement: The State Government has abolished the scheme of providing concessional air ticket to students.

Assumptions:

I. Students will not travel by air in future.

II. The students who resort to travel by air can bear the expenses of air ticket.

18. Statement: The government has set up a fact-finding mission to look into the possible reasons for the recent violence in the area.

Assumptions:

I. The mission may be able to come up with credible information about the incidents.

II. The people in the area may cooperate with the mission and come forward to give detailed information related to the incidents.

19. Statement: The city bus transport corporations have decided to change routes of three buses playing between points A and B in the city to make them economically viable.

Assumptions:

I. These buses may get more passengers on the revised routes.

II. Many people residing on the old routes may not avail bus services.

20. Statement: Cases of food poisoning due to consumption of liquor are increasing in rural areas.

Assumptions:

I. Percentage of people consuming liquor is more in rural areas.

II. There are many unauthorized spurious liquor shops in the rural areas.

ANSWER

1. (a):

I. Implicit: The government must have decided to pay the compensation to the victims assuming they have enough fund to meet expenses.

II. Not-implicit: Statement does not talk about reduction in accidents.

2. (e):

I. Implicit: Customer writes the letter to the editor assuming that every customer has a right to get bill.

II. Implicit: This is the desired effect of customer’s letter to editor.

3. (e):

I. Implicit: The statement mentions that the management asked the union to call off the strike immediately else they would be “forced” to closed down the factory which shows that there is no other alternative with them.

II. Implicit: It is the desired effect of management’s threat of closing factory.

4. (e):

I. Implicit: Root Cause. The concerned person must have advised someone to go to the court, after assuming the fact that courts can intervene in such cases.

II. Implicit: Root Cause. Again he advises an extreme course of action of going to the court assuming the fact that it is an obligation on the employer to pay the provident fund to the employees.

5. (b):

I. Not-Implicit: If it would have been “impossible”, the person would said that such unfortunate and disastrous terrorist activities could never be contained. He wouldn’t have been optimistic about it.

II. Implicit: Root Cause. It must have been assumed that the efforts to control such acts are on, that is why it is said that no one can predict how long it would take to control such acts.

6. (a):

I. Implicit: Desired Outcome. The principal warned the teachers because he desired that teachers would handle the situation properly and point out the naughty students.

II. Not-Implicit: Not related to the statement. The perspective of the students is not mentioned in the statement, hence the assumption cannot be accepted.

7. (a):

I. Implicit: Root Cause. It must have been assumed that the scheme will attract the students, that is why it is proposed to be implemented.

II. Not-Implicit: Not related to the statement. There is no mention of “good food” in the statement. It says the children who are otherwise deprived of good food, who might be getting ordinary food to eat, would attend the school. There is no proof of such thought in the statement.

8. (d):

I. Not-Implicit: Not related to the statement. The statement talks about traffic jams on roads. There is no mention about the cause of the traffic jams. The material resulting in the potholes on roads can be a cause. But this assumption cannot be accepted for sure as there is no mention about it in the statement.

II. Not-Implicit: Not related to the statement. The assumption shows the comparison of monsoons with other seasons. There is no such proof in the statement. Hence, the assumption cannot be accepted.

9. (e):

I. Implicit: Desired outcome. At the time of putting up the notice, the author must have assumed people would read it and desired that people may not trespass.

II. Implicit: Root Cause. The author cautioned the people about the prosecution by assuming that people will be scared of it.

10. (e): Both are Valid

11. (e):

I. Implicit: Desired outcome. The government would have decided to disinvest the equity with a desire of generating enough amount which would manage the fiscal deficit.

II. Implicit: Root Cause. The government would have decided to make the shares available in the market with an assumption that there would be enough demand for them in the market.

12. (b): Only II assumption implicit because I is not talking about particular day of reaching.

13. (b): Only II assumption implicit.

14. (b):

I. Not-Implicit: Not directly related to the statement. The statement shows that author points out at “underutilization” of the bridge. No where it is mentioned that such bridges don’t serve “any” public objective.

II. Implicit: Root Cause. The citizen must have kept in mind the accountability and the utility of money spent, that is why he complaints about the underutilization.

15. (b):

I. Not-Implicit: Not related to the statement. There is no proof in the statement about reaching airport all the time being a necessity.

II. Implicit: Root Cause. Since the author focuses on the fact that because of too many potholes on road X, it is difficult to reach the airport on time shows that there is no other convenient road which can be opted for.

16. (e):

I. Implicit: PTA is assumed to represent every parent and every parent will agree to the decisions of PTA.

II. Implicit: PTA has taken this decision hoping that school will reduce the fees.

17. (b):

I. Not-implicit: This is not the reason why gov. abolished the scheme.

II. Implicit: Those who resort to travel by air, will any way travel by air. This is the reason to abolish the scheme.

18. (e):

I. This is the reason of setting-up of fact-finding mission.

II. Government must have assumed the people will come forward to give information.

19. (a):

I. Implicit: Desired effect, Routes have been changed hoping to get more passengers.

II. Not-implicit: Statement does not talks about the bus-service availability on old routes.

20. (d):

I. Not-implicit: Not directly related to statement. Since the statement shows increase in the number of cases of food poisoning. Large number of people cannot justify increase in cases.

II. Not-implicit: No directly related to statement. Statement does not talk about number of unauthorised shops.