

STATEMENT

1. Statement: Many medical and engineering graduates are taking up jobs in administrative services and in banks

Courses of action:

- I. All the professionals should be advised to refrain from taking up such jobs
 - II. The government should appoint a committee to find out the reasons for these professionals taking up such jobs and to suggest remedial measures
- A. Only I follows
 - B. Only I follows
 - C. Either I or II follows
 - D. Neither I nor II follows
 - E. Both I and I follow

2. Statement: Due to substantial reduction in fares by different airline services, large number of passengers so far travelling by upper classes in trains have switched over to airline services.

Courses of action:

- I. The railways should immediately reduce the fare structure of the upper classes substantially to retain its passengers.
 - II. The railways should reduce the capacity of upper classes in all the trains to avoid loss.
- A. Only I follows
 - B. Only I follows
 - C. Either I or II follows
 - D. Neither I nor II follows
 - E. Both I and I follow

3. Statement: The availability of imported fruits has increased in the indigenous market and so the demand for indigenous fruits has been decreased.

Courses of action:

- I. To help the indigenous producers of fruits, the Government should impose high import duty on these fruits, even if these are not of good quality.
 - II. The fruit vendors should stop selling imported fruits so that the demand for indigenous fruits would be increased.
- A. Only I follows
 - B. Only I follows
 - C. Either I or II follows

D. Neither I nor II follows

E. Both I and I follow

4. Statement: A large number of people in ward X of the city are diagnosed to be suffering from a fatal malaria type.

Courses of action:

I. The city municipal authority should take immediate steps to carry out extensive fumigation in ward X.

II. The people in the area should be advised to take steps to avoid mosquito bites.

A. Only I follows

B. Only I follows

C. Either I or II follows

D. Neither I nor II follows

E. Both I and I follow

5. Statement: There have been many instances of derailment of trains due to landslide in the hilly areas which caused loss of many lives.

Courses of action:

I. The railway authority should arrange to deploy pilot engines before the movement of passenger trains in the hilly areas to alert the trains in case of any landslide.

II. The railway authority should strengthen the hill slopes by putting iron meshes so that the loose boulders do not fall on the track.

A. Only I follows

B. Only I follows

C. Either I or II follows

D. Neither I nor II follows

E. Both I and I follow

6. Statement: A very large number of students have failed in the final high school examination due to faulty questions in one of the subjects.

Courses of action:

I. All the students who have failed in the subject should be allowed to take supplementary examination.

II. All those who are responsible for the error should be suspended and an enquiry should be initiated to find out the facts.

A. Only I follows

B. Only I follows

C. Either I or II follows

D. Neither I nor II follows

E. Both I and I follow

7. Statement: The sale of a particular product has gone down considerably causing great concern to the company.

Courses of action:

I. The company should make a proper study of rival products in the market.

II. The price of the product should be reduced and quality improved.

A. Only I follows

B. Only I follows

C. Either I or II follows

D. Neither I nor II follows

E. Both I and I follow

8. Statement: Exporters in the capital are alleging that commercial banks are violating a Reserve Bank of India directive to operate a post shipment export credit denominated in foreign currency at international rates from January this year.

Courses of action:

I. The officers concerned in the commercial banks are to be suspended.

II. The RBI should be asked to stop giving such directives to commercial banks.

A. Only I follows

B. Only I follows

C. Either I or II follows

D. Neither I nor II follows

E. Both I and I follow

9. Statement: A recent study shows that children below five die in the cities of the developing countries mainly from diarrhoea and parasitic intestinal worms.

Courses of action:

I. Governments of the developing countries should take adequate measures to improve the hygienic conditions in the cities.

II. Children below five years in the cities of the developing countries need to be kept under periodic medical check-up.

A. Only I follows

B. Only I follows

C. Either I or II follows

D. Neither I nor II follows

E. Both I and I follow

10. Statement: The employees' union of the Municipal Corporation has decided to strike work for indefinite period in protest against the management's refusal to grant bonus.

Courses of action:

- I. The government should immediately pay ex-gratia grant to the Municipal Corporation to grant bonus to its employees.
 - II. The striking employees should be persuaded to defer the strike notice.
- A. Only I follows
 - B. Only I follows
 - C. Either I or II follows
 - D. Neither I nor II follows
 - E. Both I and I follow

11. Statement: The boy is too honest not to speak the truth.

Assumptions:

- I. Very honest boys also tell lies.
 - II. Dishonest boys also speak the truth.
- A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

12. Statement: "X air-conditioner - the largest-selling name with the largest range-an advertisement

Assumptions:

- I. X air-conditioner is the only one with wide variations.
 - II. There is a demand for air-conditioners in the market.
- A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

13. Statement: It is through Participative management policy alone that indiscipline in our industries can be contained and a quality of life ensured to the worker.

Assumptions:

- I. Quality of life in our industry is better.
- II. Indiscipline results in a poor quality of life.

- A. if only assumption I is implicit
- B. if only assumption II is implicit
- C. if either I or II is implicit
- D. if neither I nor it is implicit
- E. if both I and II are implicit

14. Statement: Please consult me before making any decision on exports from the company.

Assumptions:

- I. You may take a wrong decision if you don't consult me.
- II. It is important to take a right decision.
 - A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

15. Statement: Warning: Cigarette smoking is injurious to health.

Assumptions:

- I. Non-smoking promotes health.
- II. Really, this warning is not necessary.
 - A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

16. Statement: "If you trouble me, I will slap you." - A mother warns her child.

Assumptions:

- I. With the warning, the child may stop troubling her.
- II. All children are basically naughty.
 - A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

17. Statement: "Buy pure butter of company A. an advertisement in a magazine.

Assumptions:

- I. No other company supplies pure butter.
- II. People read advertisement.
 - A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

18. Statement: A's advice to B - "Go to Jammu via Amritsar - the shortest route."

Assumptions:

- I. B wishes to go to Jammu.
- II. A gives advice to everybody
 - A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

19. Statement : If degrees are delinked from jobs, boys will think twice before joining college.

Assumptions:

- I. Boys join college education to get jobs.
- II. A degree is of no use in getting a job.
 - A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

20. Statement: "Computer education should start at schools itself."

Assumptions:

- I. Learning computers is easy.
- II. Computer education fetches jobs easily
 - A. if only assumption I is implicit
 - B. if only assumption II is implicit
 - C. if either I or II is implicit
 - D. if neither I nor it is implicit
 - E. if both I and II are implicit

21. Statement: Should purchase of gold by individuals be restricted in India to improve its foreign exchange positions?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, interface on customer's right and freedom is desirable
- II. No, business interest has to be guarded first.
 - A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong
 - C. Either I or II is strong
 - D. Neither I nor II is strong
 - E. Both I and II are strong

22. Statement: Should all education be made free for girls and women of all ages of India?

Arguments:

- I. No, this will weaken our present social structures.
- II. Yes, this is the only way to bring back glory to Indian women hood.
 - A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong
 - C. Either I or II is strong
 - D. Neither I nor II is strong
 - E. Both I and II are strong

23. Statement: Should new big industries be started in Bombay?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, It will create new job opportunities
- II. No, It will further add to the pollution of the city.
 - A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong
 - C. Either I or II is strong
 - D. Neither I nor II is strong
 - E. Both I and II are strong

24. Statement: Should personal tax be abolished in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, It will motivate people to earn more.
- II. No. Individuals must learn to share their wealth with other people.
 - A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong

- C. Either I or II is strong
- D. Neither I nor II is strong
- E. Both I and II are strong

25. Statement: Should articles of only deserving authors be allowed to be published?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, it will save a lot of paper which is in short supply.
 - II. No. It is not possible to draw a line between the deserving and the undeserving
- A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong
 - C. Either I or II is strong
 - D. Neither I nor II is strong
 - E. Both I and II are strong

26. Statement: Should the political parties be banned?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. It is necessary to teach a lesson to the politicians
 - II. No. It will lead to an end of democracy.
- A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong
 - C. Either I or II is strong
 - D. Neither I nor II is strong
 - E. Both I and II are strong

27. Statement: Should military service for short duration be made compulsory to all eligible youth in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, Indian defense forces are badly in need of jawans and officers.
 - II. Yes, it will inculcate discipline and national pride in youth.
- A. Only I is strong
 - B. Only II is strong
 - C. Either I or II is strong
 - D. Neither I nor II is strong
 - E. Both I and II are strong

28. There are reportedly about 70,000 public libraries in India, many already or nearly defunct. The Centre and State governments must share the blame for this plight. It has been some time since a Union or State budget set aside a meaningful amount for

improving library infrastructure. The onus falls squarely on the Government to make sure its people, especially students and the poor, have enough avenues to sit together.

Which of the following statements strengthen the argument for the government being responsible for investing in public libraries?

- I. Libraries help build an enlightened citizenry.
 - II. Private parties may not be interested in investing given the non-profit nature of libraries.
 - III. The government has limited budget capacity and most of this is utilized in important education related schemes which have a wider reach amongst the vulnerable sections.
- A. Only I
 - B. Only
 - C. Only I and III
 - D. Only II and III
 - E. All of the above

29. India will soon become a nation producing world leading products developed by a large number of small local entrepreneurs.

Which of the following is/are valid argument/arguments?

- I. No. The true potential of entrepreneurship can be attained not by having too many startups but by ensuring that these startups grow into sizeable businesses.
 - II. Yes. Starting up a business is a hard task and growing it is much easier.
 - III. No. We support seeding of businesses but once these businesses are successful, our policies simply do not seem to help them.
- A. Only I
 - B. Only
 - C. Only I and III
 - D. Only II and III
 - E. All of the above

30. The withdrawal of the U.S. from the Human Rights Council (HRC) of the United Nations in June this year was the right decision. Other nations too have started to advocate on the same lines.

Which of the following is a strong argument?

- I. Yes. It is made up of states not known for their human rights records; that many are in fact egregious violators of human rights.

- II. No. The overt manner in which a human rights agenda and the evolution of human rights norms have been facilitated is commendable and has resulted in states being more engaged.
- III. No. By ceding a role at the HRC, a state reduces its ability to influence the agenda, and if it is so inclined, a genuine engagement in the monitoring of human rights.
- A. Only I
B. Only
C. Only I and III
D. Only II and III
E. All of the above

Answers:

1. B

Solution: Following course I would be an infringement of the right to freedom of individuals. However, if the lacking of their respective fields are found out and removed, the professionals would surely give up the idea of opting for other jobs. Hence, only course II follows.

2. A

Solution: Airlines, being convenient and faster means of transport, people would surely prefer it to the railways if there is a marginal difference between the fares. Hence, a considerable gap between the two fares is a must for the railways. So, course I follows. Following course II it would reduce the volume of passengers. Hence, II does not follow.

3. D

Solution: The ideas suggested in both I and II represent unfair means to cut competition. The correct way would be to devise methods and techniques such that the indigenous producers could produce better quality fruits and make them available in the market at prices comparable with those of the imported ones. Hence, neither I nor II follows.

4. E

Solution: Clearly, prevention from mosquitoes and elimination of mosquitoes are two ways to prevent malaria. So, both the courses follow.

5. C

Solution: Clearly, either something should be done to alert the trains well in advance in case of a landslide or some means should be adopted to prevent blockage of tracks during landslides. Thus, either I or II follows.

6. E

Solution: There being faulty questions in the examination paper is a blunder on the part of school management and students should not be made to suffer on account of this. Thus, a re-test should be organized for the students and those responsible for the error be penalized to prevent reoccurrence of such mistake in the future. Hence, both the courses follow.

7. A

Solution: Clearly, a study of rival products in the market will help assess the cause for the lowering down of sales and then a suitable action can be taken. Thus only I follow.

8. D

Solution: The statement mentions that the commercial banks violate a directive issued by the RBI. The remedy is only to make the banks implement the Act. So, none of the courses follows.

9. E

Solution: Clearly, the two diseases mentioned are caused by unhygienic conditions. So, improving the hygienic conditions is a step towards their eradication. Also, periodic medical check-up will help timely detection of the disease and hence a proper treatment. So, both I and II follow.

10. B

Solution: Immediately conceding to the employees' demands may entice the employees into blackmailing the management frequently. A better way is to have talks with them and persuade them to end strike. So, only course II follows.

11. D

Solution: None of them is implicit. The statement only implies that if a boy is very honest it would not be possible for him to speak a lie but I is just the opposite of it, Assumption It is not implicit because the statement does not talk about dishonest boys

12. B

Solution: X air-conditioner has the largest range, But this does not mean that it is the only brand to have a wide range. So is not implicit. But II is. If air conditioners are being advertised a demand for them must be existing.

13. D

Solution: I is just the opposite of what the statement is saying. Even II is not implicit. Indiscipline in industry and poor quality of life for worker - these are two problems that participatory management is said to be able to solve. But this does not mean that out of these two, one is a cause of another.

14. E

Solution: Both are implicit. The author asks him to consult 'me' before making any decision. Obviously, he is worried that a decision without his consultation may not be correct. So I is implicit. Further, he wouldn't have said so unless he thought that taking a correct decision was important. Hence II is implicit.

15. D

Solution: None is implicit. Assumption I is a mere twisted form of the given statement. Smoking is injurious. It means that non-smoking is not injurious. And that's it. It doesn't mean that non-smoking promotes health. II obviously is just the opposite of what is true. Public warnings are given only when they are assumed to be necessary.

16. A

Solution: When mother gives warning to the child she must be assuming that her warning would be successful. II is not relevant to the statement made by the mother.

17. B

Solution: I is definitely not mentioned in the advertisement. II is implicit, otherwise Company A wouldn't have given the advertisements.

18. A

Solution: Unless B would be going to Jammu, A would not have advised him this. Hence I is implicit. But it is not certain that A gives advice to everybody. Maybe A is giving advice to b because B is A's friend.

19. A

Solution: The statement says that if degrees are delinked from jobs, boys will not join colleges. This implies that jobs are a major reason for them to join college. So, I is implicit. Now, if I is implicit, II is not because II is just the opposite of I.

20. A

Solution: If one says that computers should be taught at schools he must have assumed that it is an easy subject, because schools are a place of elementary education;

tougher things are taught at colleges. But the statement does not say anything about jobs. So I is implied, II is not.

21. D

Solution: None is strong. Both of them mention trivial aspects.

22. D

Solution: Neither argument I nor argument II is strong. There is no possibility of weakening of our present social structure if we give education to girls and women in India. Argument I is also weak because it is not the only way to bring back glory to Indian womenhood.

23. E

Solution: Clearly, by starting big industries, new job opportunities will be created. So argument I is strong. But pollution is always a big problem with big industries. So argument II also holds.

24. A

Solution: Argument I looks probable because abolishing personal taxes will motivate people to earn more. But argument II is not desirable because the personal tax is not a way of sharing wealth with other people.

25. B

Solution: Argument I is not strong. Argument II is desirable because it is not possible to analyse the deserving and the undeserving.

26. B

Solution: Argument I does not give a strong reason. But argument II is strong.

27. A

Solution: Only argument I holds strong. Considering the changed scenario in the sub-continent more jawans and officers should be inducted. Argument II does not make a major point.

28. C

Solution: Statement III is incorrect as this weakens the argument for investing in public libraries and turns the focus to other important education related schemes.

Statement I and II are both correct and strengthen the reason for the government to invest more. If it results in a better citizenry and if the private sector is reluctant to put in funds, these make a strong case for the government to intervene.

29. B

Solution: To become a world leading producer, one needs to have economies of scale.

Statement I is a strong argument. It states that simply having a huge number of startups is not enough but what is done with them in terms of growth is important.

Statement II is not strong as it does not add anything to support the given original statement and is irrelevant.

Statement III is correct. If this is true, this is a strong argument and would stop our startups from making their mark as the policies are not supportive

30. E

Solution: Statement I is correct as this decreases the legitimacy of the Institution.

Statement II is correct as this states what the HRC has achieved so far and how it has made a difference.

Statement III is correct as this depicts the negative impact of withdrawing by the states