

Example:

- A. Punjab forms close to 2 per cent of the area and population of the country.
- B. There was a time when the country faced not just famines but also international ignominy as our prime ministers had to go around the world capitals with a begging bowl in hand.
- C. And yet its farmers have always contributed the bulk of foodgrain, often exceeding 50 per cent of the national granary.
- D. Late PM, Lal Bahadur Shastri ji then gave a clarion call to Punjab farmers to come to the rescue of the country: Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan.

I.ACBD

II.DBAC

III. BDAC

IV.CBAD

Solution:

- Try to find the pairs within the paragraph.
- Which two lines will come together?

Hence the solution

ACBD

Example:

- A. But, in fact, the implications of the Centre's new legislation go much deeper and wider.
- B. On the face of it, the issue relates to the continuance of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) regime for certain crops.
- C. At stake is the entire system of "Assured Procurement" by government of India agencies such as the Food Corporation of India.
- D. The country is going through an extremely sensitive and troubled period with 70 per cent of its population, the farmers, out on the streets, agitating against the Centre's decision to amend the laws with regard to the marketing of farm produce.

Options:

- I.DABC
- II.DBAC
- III. DCAB
- IV.CDBA

Solution

- Check the use of connectors and transition words like "but"
- Then form sentence pairs.
- Look for meaning in the paragraph
- The correct answer is:
- DBAC

Example:

- Ratan Tata, chairman emeritus of Tata Sons, is all set to feature in the next episode of National Geographic's Mega Icons Season 2.
- In a promotional clip of the episode, which will air on September 27, the industrialist details a harrowing incident that he went through as a young man.
- Ratan Tata recalled an incident where an engine of the light aircraft he was flying failed.
- He was on a “joyride” with three willing passengers. And then the engine went kaput.
- I. ABCD II. DABC III.DCAB IV.BACD

ANS : No change (ABCD)

Example

1. He was looking forward to opening up the presents in the solitude of his room.
2. Sanjay's birthday was celebrated with a big bash.
3. But the guests insisted he open them up right there.
4. Several people arrived at his home bearing gifts, both big and small.

2-> 4-> 1-> 3

CLUES

- Generic to specific

- 1) Noun -> Pronoun
- 2) Classification -> Definition
- 3) List of Items -> Addressing each item on the list
- 4) Expansion -> Abbreviation

- Cause and effect

- 1) Cause precedes effect
- 2) Idea precedes elaboration

- Chronology to be preserved

Tips to solve

- Identify subject
- Identify topic sentence
- Form pairs within the given sets based on CLUES
- Eliminate options based on the pairs

How to link or form pairs

1. Pronouns
2. Acronyms/ Abbreviations/ Use of last names
3. Time sequence
4. Hypothesis and Example (Similar to idea and elaboration)
5. Articles
6. Topic sentence and conclusion
7. Indicators of cause and effect / Conjunctions
8. Support words and contrast words

Para-jumbles

Tips and Techniques to solve

Pronouns and Acronym

1. In terms of the gap between worth and rewards, translators come somewhere near nurses and street-cleaners.

A. Hofman feels passionately about his work, and this is clear from his writings.

B. But thanklessness and impossibility do not daunt him.

C. He acknowledges too - in fact he returns to the point often - that best translators of poetry always fail at some level.

D. Michael Hofman, a poet and translator, accepts this sorry fact without approval or complaint.

Forming pairs (Contd.)

Answer deduced based on

- Full name preceding last name/ first name
- Proper noun preceding pronoun “He” in this case
- Conjunction for connecting statements
her “But” is used for contradicting
“statement C”

DCBA is the correct order

Time sequence

- A. Then two astronomers—the German, Johannes Kepler, and the Italian, Galileo Galilei-started publicly to support the Copernican theory, despite the fact that the orbits it predicted did not quite match the ones observed.
- B. His idea was that the sun was stationary at the centre and that the earth and the planets move in circular orbits around the sun.
- C. A simple model was proposed in 1514 by a Polish priest, Nicholas Copernicus.
- D. Nearly a century passed before this idea was taken seriously.

CBDA is the correct order

Hypothesis and Example

- A. The potential exchanges between the officials of IBBF and the Maharashtra Body-Building Association has all the trappings of a drama we are accustomed to.
- B. **In the case of sports persons**, there is room for some sympathy, but the apathy of the administrators, which has even led to sanctions from international bodies, is unpardonable.
- C. **A case in the point** is the hefty penalty of US \$10,000 slapped on the Indian Body-Building Federation for not fulfilling its commitment for holding the Asian Championships in Mumbai in October.
- D. It is a matter of deep regret and concern that the **sports administrators often cause** more harm to the image of the country than sportsmen and sportswomen do through their dismal performances.

DBCA is the correct order

Articles

Articles can be divided into two categories -

1. Definite (the)
2. Indefinite (a and an).

When the author uses 'a / an' - he/she wants to make a general statement - wants to introduce the noun followed by a/an for the first time but when he/she uses 'the' to refer back to some previously discussed noun.

It means having 'the' is very unlikely in the opening sentence.

If 'a/an' and 'the' both are used for the same noun then the sentence containing 'the' will come after the sentence containing 'a/an.'

Transition words / Indicators

Cause and effect

Accordingly
in order to
because
so...that
consequently
therefore
given
thus
hence
when...then
if...then

Support words

Furthermore
Additionally
Also
And
Too
as well
besides
indeed
likewise
moreover

Contrast words

Nevertheless
Although
Nonetheless
But
Surprisingly
Despite
on the contrary
even though
Ironically
rather than
In contrast

Transition words / Indicators

- A. Alexander Bain, Scottish clockmaker, patented the electric clock.
- B. The **next development** in accuracy occurred after 1656 with the invention of the pendulum clock.
- C. **Clocks** have played an important role in man's history.
- D. Spring-driven clocks appeared during the 15th century, although they are often erroneously credited to Nuremberg watchmaker Peter Henlen around 1511.

CDBA is the correct order

Let's try

Exercise

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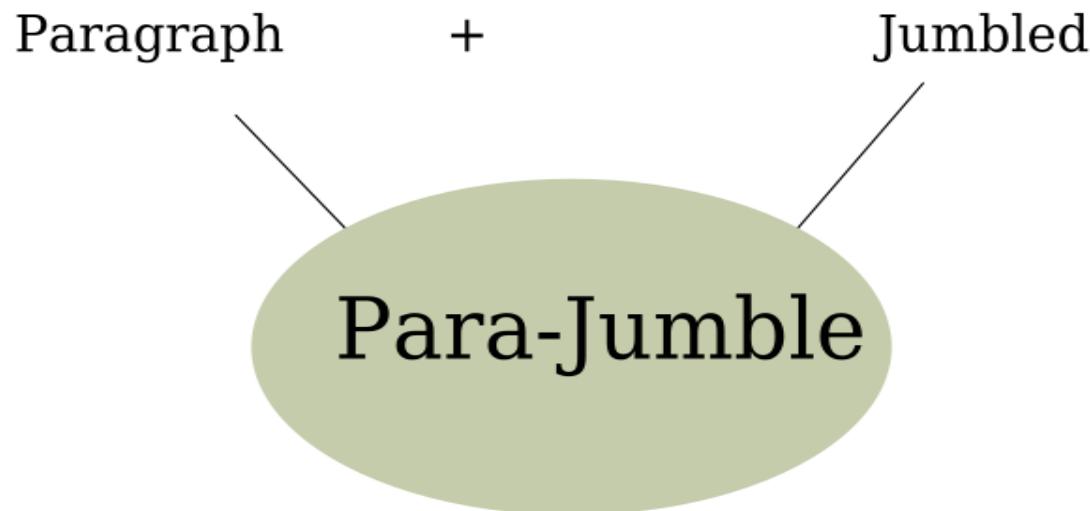
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ANSWER : RPSQ

What is a para-jumble?

A set of jumbled sentences that you need to unscramble



Thus, Para-jumbles are nothing else but another method to test your Comprehension skills.

- A.Machines boast increasingly higher output.
- B.Engineering has made enormous advances over the past few years
- C.This last parameter is becoming more and more important, especially against the backdrop of sustainability.
- D.They operate more precisely and as a rule consume significantly less energy than just a few years ago

Ans: BADC

- A. One example of this trend is most definitely laser technology, which was considered exotic and too expensive especially for glass finishing until a few years ago.
- B. However, machines became cheaper and more efficient so today they can be economically used for drilling and drill intercepts or for sizing display glass.
- C. In the course of events new technologies achieve market readiness while other technical solutions become obsolete and vanish from the market.
- D. Even laser-based surface finishing is growing more worthwhile, now offering more possibilities than sandblasting.

Ans: CABD

- A.Even though companies' machinery and equipment capacities are frequently sufficient to process customers' jobs in theory, the increasing shortage of skilled labour causes bottlenecks in many firms in practice.
- B.One reason is the current labour market because many companies are already today lacking skilled labour.
- C.Despite plenty of optimisation and a high degree of automation, companies come up against their limits time and again.
- D.Digitalisation that ideally covers a complete company promises to bring improvements here

Ans:CBAD

- A.The unmanned plane, dubbed the PHASA-35 (Persistent High-Altitude Solar Aircraft), made its maiden voyage on 10 February at the Royal Australian Air Force Woomera Test Range in South Australia.
- B.At 35 meters, the wingspan of the new BAE Systems aircraft equals that of a Boeing 737, yet the plane weighs in at just 150 kilograms, including a 15 kg payload.
- C."We'd previously tested other sub-systems such as the flight control system in smaller models of the plane in the U.K. and Australia, so we'd taken much of the risk out of the craft before the test flight."
- D."It flew for just under an hour—enough time to successfully test its aerodynamics, autopilot system, and maneuverability," says Phil Varty, business development leader of emerging products at BAE Systems.

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A. A Russian-built lander is intended to carry a European rover to the Martian surface.

B. A joint mission between the European Space Agency (ESA) and Roscosmos, the Russian space agency, ExoMars 2020 is dedicated to the search for life, including anything that might be alive today.

C. "They're relying on a Russian-built lander, which is worrying," says Emily Lakdawalla, a senior editor at the Planetary Society.

D. But the mission is technically challenging, and some experts doubt that Roscosmos is up to its task.

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Types

- Fixed

Either one or both Opening and closing
lines given

- Movable

All the lines are jumbled - need to identify
theme and opening line

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- D. The National Commission for Women was set up on 31st January, 1992 in pursuance of the National Commission for Women Act 1990.
- E. Towards the end of speedy justice to women, the Commission is organizing Parivarik Mahila Lok Adalats offering counseling in family disputes and conducting training programmes for creating legal awareness among women.
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ANSWERS: DCGBFEA

Example - Fixed

1. Opening
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- B.
- C.
- D.

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6. Closing statement

- A. He felt justified in bypassing the Congress altogether on a variety of moves.
 - B. At times he was fighting the entire Congress.
 - C. Bush felt he had a mission to restore power to the presidency.
 - D. Bush was not fighting just the democrats.
 - E. Representatives democracy is a messy business, and a CEO of the White House does not like a legislature of second guessers and time wasters.
1. CADEB 2. DBAEC 3. CEADB 4. ECDBA

Answer: Option 4 is based on the following:

1. Identify the pair DB. Option 1 is eliminated as it does not have DB in the required order. Now we are left with options 2, 3 and 4.
2. Option 2 eliminated as cannot start with D because it lacks an introductory idea/concept.
3. E forms the most general statement and forms the start of the paragraph.

Thank You

More exercise at

<http://www.indiabix.com/verbal-ability/ordering-of-sentences/>

Example - Movable

A.
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B.
....

C.
....

D.
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1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

Example

- A. A man who visited a state park in south-western Arkansas found a 9.07-carat diamond that he initially picked up thinking it was glass.
- B. According to the park officials, the largest diamond found from the park is the 16.37-carat white Amarillo Starlight, discovered in August 1975.
- C. A press release from the park said that Kinard was with his friends, when he found the marble-sized crystal that had a rounded, dimpled shape.
- D. According to news agency *AP*, 33-year-old bank manager Kevin Kinard from Maumelle in Arkansas discovered the second-largest diamond ever found in the 48-year history of the Crater of Diamonds State Park on Labor Day.



Ans
ADBC

Example

- A. In a report in *India Today*, Gavaskar was quoted as saying, "Firstly, I would like to say it again. Where am I blaming her? I am not blaming her. I am only saying that the video said that she was bowling to Virat."
- B. Sunil Gavaskar, clarifying his comments on Virat Kohli's performance in the Indian Premier League clash against Kings XI Punjab, said he had never blamed Anushka Sharma and that he had only commented on their social media video.
- C. He felt the lack of practice was quiet evident in Kohli's performance as they were chasing a challenging 207-run target.
- D. He further stated that he has always supported wives going with husbands on tour.

I.ABCD II.BADC III.DCAB

IV.ABDC

Ans:

II.BADC