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1. The percentage of family income spent on entertainment has remained almost the same over the past twenty years – about twelve per cent. When new forms of entertainment become popular, they do not expand this percentage; instead, they take consumer spending away from other forms of entertainment. Therefore, film producers have observed the video boom with concern, knowing that every dollar spent on rental of videos means a dollar less spent on movie theatre admissions.

Which of the following, if true, most forcefully undermines the argument of the passage above?

- (a) The cost of renting a video is generally substantially less than the price of a movie theatre admission.
- (b) Most film producers receive a portion of the income from the sale of video rights to their movies.
- (c) Fears of some film producers that videos would completely supersede movies have not come to pass.
- (d) Since the start of the video boom, money spent on forms of entertainment other than videos and movies has dropped.
- (e) Some movies that were unprofitable when shown in theatres have become successful when released in video form.

Directions (2-3): In each question below is given a statement followed by some courses of action. 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.

2. Statement: There is a considerable increase in the number of persons affected by water-borne diseases during monsoon period.

Courses of action: I. The question should be raised to find the number of persons affected by water-borne diseases during monsoon period.

II. The Government should disseminate adequate information regarding the pure drinking water to people.

III. All the hospitals in the city should be equipped properly for the treatment of patients during monsoon period.

(a) All follow

(b) Only I and II follow

(c) Only II and III follow

(d) Only I and III follow

(e) None follows



3. Statement: Some strains of mosquito have become resistant to chloroquine — the widely used medicine for malaria patients.

Courses of action: I. Selling of chloroquine should be stopped.

II. Researchers should develop a new medicine for patients affected by such mosquitoes.

III. All the patients suffering from malaria should be checked for identification of causal mosquito.

(a) None follows

(b) Only I and III follow

(c) All follow

(d) Only II and III follow

(e) None of these

Direction (4). In the question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument. Give answer:

- (a) If only argument I is strong.
- (b) If only argument II is strong.
- (c) If either I or II is strong.
- (d) If neither I nor II is strong.
- (e) If both I and II are strong.

4. Statement: Should reputed private driver training schools be allowed to issue driving licenses?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, This will enable more and more people to get driving licenses.
- II. No, This will increase the congestion of the vehicles on the road and will result in traffic jams too.

Directions (5-6): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions.

India has a huge population of over one billion and it is increasing at a very fast rate. According to 2011 census, the overall density of population is 382 people per square km. This is likely to increase further in future. This has created great demand for land. Every bit of land has been brought under the plough. Even the hill slopes have been cut into terraces for cultivation, which on the other hand, has disturbed the natural ecosystem of the country and given rise to natural calamities. The pressure of increasing population and the practice of dividing land equally amongst the heirs has caused excessive sub-divisions of farm holdings. Consequently, the holdings have become smaller and fragmented. The small size of holdings make farming activity uneconomical and leads to social tension, violence and discontentment.

5. Which of the following, according to the passage could be the **main reason(s)** of the problems of agriculture in India?
- (a) Small and fragmented land of holding of the farmers
 - (b) Lack of adequate irrigation facilities
 - (c) Increase in soil erosion
 - (d) Lack of storage of food grains
 - (e) All of these
6. Which of the following **conclusions** can be drawn from the above statements?
- I. Growing population in India had divided the land into small fragments.
 - II. Small land holdings are impacting the farmers' incomes.
 - III. Problems of environment are overlooked by the people.
 - IV. Lack of effective storage facilities in the country is increasing the problems of agriculture in India.
- (a) Only I and II
 - (b) Only I, II and III
 - (c) Only II
 - (d) Only II, III and IV
 - (e) All of these

Directions (7-8): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument. Give answer:

- (a) If only argument I is strong.
- (b) If only argument II is strong.
- (c) If either I or II is strong.
- (d) If neither I nor II is strong.
- (e) If both I and II are strong.

7. Statement: Should system of offering jobs only to the wards of government employees be introduced in all government offices in India?

Arguments:

- I. No. It denies opportunity to many deserving individuals and government may stand to lose in the long run.
- II. No. It is against the principle of equality. Does not government owe its responsibility to all its citizens?

8. Statement: Is paying ransom or agreeing to the conditions of kidnappers of political figures, a proper course of action?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. The victims must be saved at all cost.
- II. No. It encourages the kidnappers to continue their sinister activities.

Directions (9): In the given question, a statement is given followed by some conclusions. Without resolving anything yourself, choose the conclusion which logically follows from the given statement.

9. Statement: Every man should have his identity card with him. That card should mention his blood group, complete address and telephone number for contact, in case, some serious accident takes place.

Conclusions:

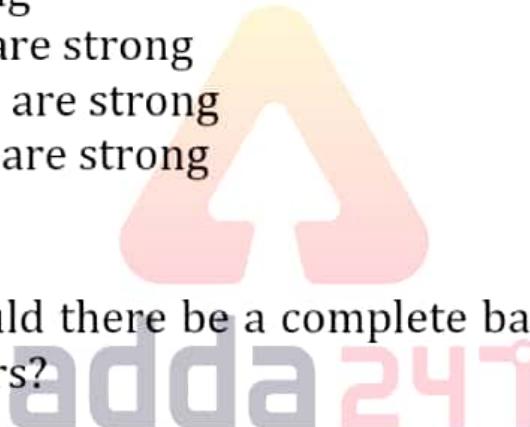
- (a) Blood cannot be transfused until its group is mentioned in the card.
- (b) The police needs this information especially when the accident is fatal.
- (c) In case of emergency, he may forget his address and may need the card to contact his house.
- (d) None is supposed to forget his phone number under any circumstances.
- (e) When the seriously injured person is helpless to tell his blood group, this information would suffice to indicate the required blood group.

Direction (10-11): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by three or four arguments numbered I, II, III and IV. You have to decide which of the arguments is/are 'strong' argument (s) and which is/are 'weak' argument(s) and accordingly choose your answer from the alternatives given below each question.

10. Statement: Should women be given equal opportunity in the matter of employment in every field?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. They are equally capable.
- II. No. They have to shoulder household responsibilities.
- III. Yes. They should also go into the outside world.
- (a) Only I is strong
- (b) Only I and II are strong
- (c) Only II and III are strong
- (d) Only I and III are strong
- (e) All are strong



11. Statement: Should there be a complete ban on manufacture and use of firecrackers?

Arguments:

- I. No. This will render thousands of workers jobless.
- II. Yes. The firecracker manufacturers use child labour to a large extent.
- III. Yes. This will be a concrete step to reduce noise and air pollution.
- IV. No. Use of firecrackers makes certain special occasions more lively and joyful.
- (a) Only I and II are strong
- (b) Only I and III are strong
- (c) Only III and IV are strong
- (d) Only I, II and III are strong
- (e) Only I, III and IV are strong

Directions (12): In the given question, a statement is given followed by some assumptions. 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.

12. Statement: The civic authority has decided that all the factories located inside the city limits be shifted outside to reduce the level of environmental pollution in the city.

Assumptions:

- I. The pollution level in the city in future may reduce after these factories are shifted outside the city limit.
 - II. Enough usable land is available outside the city limit for these factories.
 - III. Many of these factories may shift to some other smaller towns to remain profitable.
- (a) Only I is implicit
(b) Only I and II are implicit
(c) Only II is implicit
(d) Only II and III are implicit
(e) None of the above

Directions (13-14): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by three or four arguments numbered I, II, III and IV. You have to decide which of the argument(s) is/are 'strong' argument(s) and which is/are 'weak' argument(s) and accordingly choose your answer from the alternatives given below each question.

13. Statement: Should all the youngsters below 21 years of age be disallowed from going to a beer bar?

Arguments:

- I. No. It is not correct to prevent matured youngsters above 18 years of age who can vote, from having fun.
 - II. Yes. The entry fee to such pubs should also be hiked.
 - III. No. There is no such curb in western countries.
 - IV. Yes. This will help in preventing youngsters from getting into bad company and imbibing bad habits.
- (a) Only I is strong
 - (b) Only I and III are strong
 - (c) Only III and IV are strong
 - (d) Only I and IV are strong
 - (e) None is strong

14. Statement: Should there be compulsory military training for each college student in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. This is the only way to build a strong and powerful nation.
 - II. No. Compulsion always leads to repulsion.
 - III. Yes. This is the only way to impart discipline to the young generation.
 - IV. No. This goes against the basic democratic right of an individual to choose his/her own programs.
- (a) Only I and III are strong
 - (b) Only II and IV are strong
 - (c) Only I and IV are strong
 - (d) Only I, III and IV are strong
 - (e) All are strong

Directions (15-16): In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

Give answer

- (a) If only conclusion I follows
- (b) If only conclusion II follows
- (c) If either conclusion I or conclusion II follows
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows
- (e) If both conclusions I and II follow

15. Statements: The government run company had asked its employees to declare their income and assets but it has been strongly resisted by employees union and no employee is going to declare his income.

Conclusions:

- I. The employee of this company does not seem to have any additional undisclosed income besides their salary
- II. The employee's union wants all senior officers to declare their income first.

16. Statement: The official Secrets Act (O.S.A.) enacted by the XYZ government during the war seems to be the source of much corruption in the country 'P'.

Conclusions:

- I. The official Secrets Act has to be abolished immediately to stop corruption in country 'P'.
- II. The XYZ government wanted to encourage corruption in the government offices.

- 17.** It has been reported in many leading newspapers that the current year's monsoon may be below the expected level as many parts of the country are still not getting adequate rainfall. Which of the following can be a possible fallout of the above situation?
- (a) People from those affected areas with less rainfall may migrate to urban areas
 - (b) Government may announce ex-gratia payment to all the farmers affected in these areas
 - (c) Government may declare these areas as drought affected areas
 - (d) People may blame the Government and agitate for not getting adequate water for cultivation
 - (e) None of the above
- 18.** There has been a spate of rail accidents in India in the recent months killing large numbers of passengers and injuring many more. This has raised serious doubts about the railway's capability of providing safety to travelers. Which of the following statement substantiates the views expressed in the above statement?
- (a) Indian Railways has come to be known to provide best passenger comfort in the recent years
 - (b) People have no option other than travelling by rail over long distances
 - (c) The railway tracks at many places have been found to be stressed due to wear and tear in the recent times
 - (d) Local residents are always the first to provide a helping hand to the passengers in the event of such disasters.
 - (e) None of the above

Directions (19-21): 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.

19. Statement: It is desirable to put the child in school at the age of 5 or so.

Assumptions:

- I. At that age the child reaches appropriate level of development and is ready to learn.
 - II. The schools do not take admission of children after six years of age.
- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
(b) Only assumption II is implicit
(c) Either I or II is implicit
(d) Neither I nor II is implicit
(e) Both I and II are implicit.

20. 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 newspaper.

Assumptions:

- I. Every customer has a right to get bills regularly from the telephone company.
 - II. The customer's complaints point to defect in the services which are expected to be corrected.
- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
(b) Only assumption II is implicit
(c) Either I or II is implicit
(d) Neither I nor II is implicit
(e) Both I and II are implicit

21. Statement: The education of a student at college level, not taking into account maintenance expenses, costs four hundred rupees a year. College education is thus drawing heavily upon the national resources of an impoverished community. So college education should be restricted to a brilliant few.

Assumptions:

I: Our resources are very limited.

II: Only a few students should be admitted to the colleges.

(a) Only assumption I is implicit

(b) Only assumption II is implicit

(c) Either I or II is implicit

(d) Neither I nor II is implicit

(e) Both I and II are implicit

Directions (22-23): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument.

Give answer:



22. Statement: Should all the drugs patented and manufactured in Western countries be first tried out on sample basis before giving license for sale to general public in India?

Arguments:

I: Yes. Many such drugs require different doses and duration for Indian population and hence it is necessary.

II: No. This is just not feasible and hence cannot be implemented.

(a) Only argument I is strong

(b) Only argument 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 there be a maximum limit for the number of ministers in the Central Government?

Arguments:

- I: No. The political party in power should have the freedom to decide the number of ministers to be appointed.
 - II: Yes. The number of ministers should be restricted to a certain percentage of the total number of seats in the parliament to avoid unnecessary expenditure.
- (a) Only argument I is strong
 - (b) Only argument II is strong
 - (c) Either I or II is strong
 - (d) Neither I nor II is strong
 - (e) Both I and II are strong

Directions (24): The question given below consists of a statement, followed by three arguments numbered I, II and III. You have to decide which of the arguments is/are 'strong' argument (s) and accordingly choose your answer from the alternatives given below.

Statement: Should religion be taught in our schools?

Arguments:

- I. No. Ours is a secular state.
 - II. Yes. Teaching religion helps inculcate moral values among children.
 - III. No. How can anyone take such a step when we want the young generation to fulfill its role in the 21st century.
- (a) All are strong
 - (b) None is strong
 - (c) Only I is strong
 - (d) Only II is strong
 - (e) Only I and III are strong

Direction (25-28): Study the following information carefully to answer the questions given below.

Statement: Some preferences in India are based on patriarchal customs and traditions and the patrilineal form of inheritance, where the inheritance is obtained through the common male ancestors and the sons inherit more than the daughters. Among the Hindus, it is largely believed that only a son can light the funeral pyre and offer prayers to ancestors, that the son remains a part of the family whereas the daughter becomes a part of another family, that Kanyadaan (giving away of a daughter in marriage) is a necessary spiritual obligation, and that only a son can provide old-age security.

25. Which of the following can be an **assumption** in the above passage?

- (a) India has a patriarchal society.
- (b) In Indian families, females are persecuted.
- (c) All the daughters are not given away in marriage.
- (d) Those families which beget no son face social opprobrium.
- (e) None of these



26. Which of the following statements **weakens** the idea expressed in the above passage?

- (a) Today many girls in India are opting for love marriage.
- (b) Women in India are largely uneducated and backward in outlook.
- (c) Girls are highly educated and they have demolished most of the traditional myths that girls are inferior to boys.
- (d) There are still many pockets of India where discrimination against girls is rampant.
- (e) None of these

- 27.** Which of the following can be an **inference** from the above passage?
- (a) The traditions of the Hindus are very discriminatory against women as compared to what is in practice in other religions.
 - (b) Kanyadaan is a mandatory process for all Hindu households.
 - (c) There are many customs and traditions among the Hindus which weaken the position of women in India.
 - (d) Women are themselves responsible for their inferior position in the Indian society.
 - (e) None of these
- 28.** Which of the following statements **strengthens** the idea expressed in the above passage?
- (a) Despite all legal efforts, the position of women in Indian society is very low.
 - (b) Besides traditionally bestowed low position to women in India, khap panchayats and frequent *fatwas* issued by Ulemas add to the discomfiture of women.
 - (c) While the north-eastern and southern parts of India are matrilineal, rest of the country is patrilineal.
 - (d) The Hindus are more traditional than the people belonging to other religions.
 - (e) None of these.

Directions (29-31): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by three or four arguments numbered I, II, III and IV. You have to decide which of the arguments is/are 'strong' argument (s) and accordingly choose your answer from the alternatives given below each question.

29. Statement: Should there be complete ban on Indian professionals seeking jobs elsewhere after getting their education in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. This is the only way to sustain present rate of technological development in India.
 - II. No. The Indians settled abroad send huge amount of foreign exchange and this constitutes a significant part of foreign exchange reserve.
 - III. No. The practical knowledge gained by Indians by working in other countries help India develop its economy.
- (a) None is strong
 - (b) All are strong
 - (c) Only I and II are strong
 - (d) Only III is strong
 - (e) Only II and III are strong

30. Statement: Should children be prevented completely from watching television?

Arguments

- I. No. We get vital information regarding education through television.
 - II. Yes. It hampers the study of children.
 - III. Yes. Young children are misguided by certain programmes featuring sex and violence.
 - IV. No. This is the only way to educate the masses.
- (a) Only, I, II and III are strong
 - (b) Only I is strong
 - (c) Only I, II and IV are strong
 - (d) Only I and II are strong
 - (e) Only I, III and IV are strong

31. Statement: Should admission to all professional courses be made on the basis of past academic performance rather than through entrance tests?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. It will be beneficial for those candidates who are unable to bear the expenses of entrance tests.
 - II. Yes. Many deserving candidates securing high marks in their qualifying academic examinations do not perform well on such entrance tests.
 - III. No. The standard of examinations and assessment conducted by different Boards and Universities are not comparable and hence there is a need to conduct entrance tests to calibrate them on a common yardstick.
- (a) Only I and II are strong
 - (b) Only II and III are strong
 - (c) Only I and III are strong
 - (d) Only III is strong
 - (e) All are strong

Directions (32): In the given question, a statement is given followed by some conclusions. Without resolving anything yourself, choose the conclusion which logically follows from the given statement.

32. Statement: Television convinces viewers that the likelihood of their becoming the victim of a violent crime is extremely high; at the same time by its very nature TV persuades viewers to passively accept whatever happens to them.

Conclusions:

- (a) TV viewing promotes criminal behavior.
- (b) TV viewers are most likely to be victimized than others.
- (c) People should not watch TV.
- (d) TV promotes a feeling of helpless vulnerability in viewers.
- (e) None of these

33. The mushrooming of business schools in Gujarat is a cause for shortage of faculty with Ph.D qualification. In addition, the higher pay and generous fringe benefits given by industry has encouraged qualified people to not seek academic positions. Which of the following statements, if true, would tend to WEAKEN the argument?
- (a) The average salary for industry positions in Gujarat is more than the average salary for faculty positions in some business schools by around 30%.
 - (b) The average salary for industry positions in Gujarat is less than the average salary for faculty positions in a top business school by around 30%.
 - (c) The average salary for recent Ph.D. graduates in the industry is 20% higher than that in academics.
 - (d) The rate of growth of salaries for the industry positions has been higher than the rate of growth of salaries for academic positions for the past three years.
 - (e) None of the above.

Directions (34-35): Read the following information and the statements I, II, III, IV, V and VI given below it carefully and answer the questions.

Scientists are worried that using very high concentration of repellents in fogging agents is rendering mosquitoes more and more resistant. This is making the repellent ineffective over time.

- I. Resistance development among mosquitoes is higher than all other insects. This shows that mosquitoes are more adoptive than other insects.
- II. If the increase in concentration of repellent does not stop, it would end up becoming so toxic that it would endanger the health of humans as well as the ecosystem as a whole.

- III. Places where increased concentration of mosquito repellents are used, mosquito control is more effective than in other areas.
- IV. While regular concentration mosquito repellents must be sold at a subsidies price on government orders, the one with high concentration only helps make good profits.
- V. The government should make a policy regarding the limits to concentration of mosquito repellents and ensure its strict implementation.
- VI. Development of resistance against repellent drugs is naturally present in mosquitoes and is not dependent the amount of repellent used.

34. Which of the given statements weakens the given information?

- (a) I
- (b) IV
- (c) V
- (d) II
- (e) VI



35. Which of the following represents a consequence of the increased concentration of repellents?

- (a) VI
- (b) IV
- (c) I
- (d) II
- (e) III

- 36.** Civilization has taught us to be friendlier towards one another. Which of the following would strengthen the given argument?
- (a) Cats are loyal to their children, whereas men are loyal to their communities.
 - (b) Elephants move in a herd, whereas men live in nuclear families.
 - (c) Lions protect their own territories, whereas men capture other men's territories.
 - (d) Nilgai and Cheetal stay together, whereas men of one race dominate another.
 - (e) None of the above.
- 37.** The increase in the number of newspaper articles exposed as fabrications serves to bolster the contention that publishers are more interested in boosting circulation than in printing the truth. Even minor publications have staff to check such obvious fraud. Which of the following may be the assumption of the given argument?
- (a) Newspaper stories exposed as fabrication are a recent phenomenon.
 - (b) Everything a newspaper print must be factually verifiable.
 - (c) Fact checking is more comprehensive for minor publications than for major ones.
 - (d) The publishers of newspapers are the people who decided what to print in their newspapers.
 - (e) None of the above.
- 38.** The rate of violent crime in this state is up to 30% from last year. The fault lies entirely in our system of justice. Recently our judges' sentences have been so lenient that criminals can now do almost anything without fear of a long prison term.
The argument above would be weakened if it were true that

- (a) 85% of the other States in the nation have lower crime rates than does this state.
 - (b) White-collar crime in this state has also increased by over 25% in the last year.
 - (c) 35% of the police in this state have been laid off in the last year due to budget cuts.
 - (d) Polls show that 65% of the population in this state opposes capital punishment.
 - (e) None of the above.
39. During the SARS days, about 23,500 doctors who had treated SARS sufferers died and about 23,670 doctors who had not engaged in treatment for SARS sufferers died. On the basis of those figures, it can be concluded that it was not much more dangerous to participate in SARS treatment during the SARS day than it was not to participate in SARS treatment.
Which of the following would reveal most clearly the absurdity of the conclusion drawn above?
- (a) Counting deaths among doctors who had participated in SARS treatment in addition to deaths among doctors who had not participated in SARS treatment.
 - (b) Expressing the difference between the numbers of deaths among doctors who had treated SARS sufferers and doctors who had not treated SARS sufferers as a percentage of the total number of deaths.
 - (c) Separating deaths caused by accidents during the treatment of SARS sufferers from deaths caused by infection of SARS sufferers.
 - (d) Comparing death rates per thousand members of each group rather than comparing total number of deaths.
 - (e) None of the above.

Directions (40): In the given question below, a statement is given followed by some courses of action. 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.

40. Statement: A major railway accident involving a mail train was averted due to the presence of mind of one signal man at a wayside cabin.

Courses of action:

- I. The railway track for at least 50 km should be cleared off any traffic ahead of all the mail trains.
 - II. The railway signaling systems should immediately be made automatic.
 - III. The signal man should be rewarded so as to encourage others.
- (a) All follow
(b) None follows
(c) I and II follow
(d) II and III follow
(e) None of these

41. Statement: Chewing- tobacco has many benefits. However, the primary benefits occur in the area of mental health. The habit originates in a search for contentment. The life expectancy of our people has increased greatly in recent years. It is possible that the relaxation and contentment and enjoyment produced by tobacco chewing has lengthened many lives. Hence, chewing tobacco is beneficial.

Which of the following, if true, would weaken the above conclusion?

- (a) The evidence cited in the statement covers only one example of the effects of tobacco chewing.
- (b) The Government earns millions of rupees from the sales of chewing tobacco.
- (c) There is as yet no statistical evidence to prove a link between chewing and longevity.
- (d) All of the above.
- (e) None of the above.

42. Statement: A very large number of technically qualified young Indians are coming out of colleges every year though there are not enough opportunities for them to get gainful employment. Which of the following contradicts the views expressed in the above statement?

- (a) Technically qualified persons are superior to those with standard degrees like BA/BSc/BCom etc.
- (b) The Government has not done effective perspective planning for engaging technically qualified personal while authorizing the setting up of technical colleges.
- (c) All huge gap exists between the level of competence of technically qualified graduates and requirements of the industry.
- (d) Majority of the technically qualified persons are migrating from India to developed countries for better opportunities.
- (e) None of the above.

43. Statement: Most car manufacturers have marginally reduced the price of their products despite higher input costs and increased Government duties and have promised to keep the prices at the present level for at least the next couple of months. Which of the following may be a possible reason for the above step by car manufacturers?

- (a) Car manufacturers have not been able to meet their sales target for the current year so far.
- (b) The Government is planning to review taxes on the raw materials for manufacturing cars.
- (c) The car sales market is going through a jubilant phase as the volume of sales has picked up considerably in; the recent past and profit per car has also gone up.
- (d) Car buyers are still hesitant to make their purchases and may postpone for another few months.
- (e) Oil marketing companies are contemplating reviewing, the petrol and diesel prices in order to decide future market prices.

44. Statement: A fundamental faux in the admission of elite Indian engineering colleges has resulted in 3,200 spots lying vacant at the end of the admission process.

Which of the following may be a **probable reason** for the seat lying vacant in the college?

- (a) A set of rules framed by the joint seat allocation authority
- (b) Seat once reserved, not allowed to be withdrawn by the candidates after the counseling
- (c) Students only looking for admission to top IITs
- (d) Less job opportunity in the market with courses offered by the premier institutes
- (e) Ragging by the seniors during the first year of the course

Directions (45-46): Read the following information carefully and answer the given questions:

The crime against woman in India has rapidly increased in the last few years which have created fear among the women in India. Due to this an increasing number of women in the city have started training in Mixed Martial Art (MMA).

- A) Lack of police force in India.
- B) Self-defense is the new mantra for women.
- C) People think that women are physically weak.
- D) Criminals have no fear due to lack of strict laws and its implementation.
- E) The Indian of women has been strongly influenced by Western culture.

45. Which of the following can be the reason behind the increased crime against women in India?

- (a) Only A
- (b) Both C and E
- (c) Only E
- (d) Only D
- (e) None of these

46. Which of the can be a probable reason for women started training in MMA?

- (a) Only A
- (b) Both D and E
- (c) Only B
- (d) Only D
- (e) None of these.



Direction (47-48): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions.

Civic agencies spent crores of rupees to build subways and over bridges, while Delhi police devised a pedestrian friendly approach. However, that did not improve the scenario for pedestri On an average, 300 pedestrians die annually in the city, due to fast cars and faulty roads.

- A) Often pedestrians die for no fault of theirs.
B) Taking a walk in city roads is now dangerous.
C) City roads have not been designed for pedestri
D) There should be strict enforcement of speed limit.
E) Civic agencies did not understand the need of pedestri
- 47.** Which of the following can be an immediate course of action for the safety of pedestrians?
(a)Both A and C
(b)Only B
(c)Both C and D
(d)Only D
(e)None of these
- 48.** Which of the following can be a possible effect of the fast cars and faulty roads?
(a)Only B
(b)Only B, D and E
(c)Both B and D
(d)Only D
(e)None of these
- 49.** There is a considerable increase in the number of persons affected from TB in the city.
Which of the following statements can be an effective course of action?
(a) All the Dot centres should be made alert in the city
(b) All the TB Hospitals and Dot centres should be equipped properly for the treatment.
(c) TB patient should not be permitted to go to public places.
(d) Both (a) & (b)
(e) None of these.

50. The given information is followed by two statements. Read carefully and answer the given questions.

Many parents have written a plea to the administration department of school X to discontinue the rule of wearing ties to school.

- A. The school has kept different coloured ties for different academic scorers as part of their uniform. Thus the low scoring children of the school feel discriminated.
- B. The sport uniform of the school does not have a tie which is to be worn only on Wednesdays.
- (a) Statement A weakens but statement B strengthens the argument
- (b) Both statement A and statement B weaken the argument
- (c) Statement B weakens but statement A strengthens the argument
- (d) Both statement A and statement B strengthen the argument
- (e) Statement A strengthens the argument and statement B is a neutral statement

Directions (51-52): In each question below is given a statement followed by three courses of action numbered I, II and 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 given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow (s) for pursuing.

51. Statement: The members belonging to two local clubs occasionally fight with each other on the main road and block traffic movement.

Courses of action

- I. The local police station should immediately deploy police personnel round the clock on the main road.
 - II. Those involved in fighting should be identified and put behind bars.
 - III. The local administration should disband the management of the two clubs with immediate effect.
- (a) I and II follow
(b) II and III follow
(c) I and III follow
(d) All of these
(e) None of these

52. Statement: Many students of the local school fell ill for the fourth time in row in the last six months after consuming food prepared by the school canteen.

Courses of action

- I. The school management should immediately terminate the contract of the canteen and ask for compensation.
 - II. The school management should advise all the students not to eat food articles from the canteen.
 - III. The owner of the canteen should immediately be arrested for negligence.
- (a) II and III follow
(b) Only II follows
(c) Only III follows
(d) I and II follow
(e) None follows

Directions (53): In the given question, a statement is given followed by some assumptions. 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.

53. Statements: The High Court has ordered state X to submit the case papers of the hit-and-run accident involving actor Mr. Y and directed the police not to allow the actor or his family members and friends to meet witnesses or victims.

Assumptions:

- I. The kith and kin of an accused are likely to make an effort to tamper with the evidence or create a nuisance to help acquit the accused.
 - II. The capacity of the wrongdoer cannot be a yardstick for deciding punishment for a crime.
 - III. The court's immediate concern is the grievance of the victims which needs redressal.
- (a) Only I
(b) I and II
(c) I and III
(d) All of these
(e) None of these

Directions (54): In the given question, a statement is given followed by some assumptions. 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.

54. Statement: Instead of burning the leaves, bury them in compost pits, by which it gets converted to natural manure, making it beneficial for the soil. A notice issued in public interest by Department of Environment.

Assumption:

- I. Whenever leaves are burnt in the open, the air gets laden with tiny particulate matter which raises air pollution to alarming levels, which causes severe respiratory disorders and eye infections to those exposed to it.
 - II. Benefits gained from ashes of leaves burnt are not as much as the benefits gained from the natural manure obtained from leaves by burning it.
- (a) Only I is implicit
 - (b) Only II is implicit
 - (c) Either I or II is implicit
 - (d) Neither I or II is implicit
 - (e) Both I and II are implicit

Directions (55): In the given question below, a statement is given followed by some courses of action. 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.

55. Statement: Many teachers are leaving the teaching profession because of stress and discontentment with the workload.

Courses of action

- I. Teachers should be paid higher salaries.
 - II. Additional teachers should be appointed.
 - III. The teaching curriculum should be changed.
- (a) Either I or II follows
 - (b) Either II or III follows
 - (c) Either I or II or III follows
 - (d) Only II follows
 - (e) All follow

Directions (56-57): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions.

Several subtypes and strains of avian influenza viruses are now found around the world, some of them capable of causing death among humans and others inflicting serious losses on poultry farmers. The latest bird flu scare in New Delhi and elsewhere has been triggered by the death of some free living birds in the city's A.N. Jha Deer Park, and 15 painted storks in the Gwalior zoo. Worrying as it is, early detection and identification of the virus subtypes helps in launching containment measures. As a major agricultural nation with a large poultry industry, India has implemented an action plan formulated by the Centre's Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries to deal with avian influenza. It incorporates a clear protocol for preventive checks and testing, for reporting an outbreak, removing farmed birds from an affected area and compensating farmers.

56. Which of the following can be *deduced* from the above paragraph?

- (I) Avian influenza virus is menacing for birds and humans may cause threat of death.
 - (II) India is proficient enough to tackle with deadly Avian influenza virus.
 - (III) High fever with headache are symptoms of Avian influenza virus which is more dangerous than HIV and DENV virus.
- (a) Only II and III
 - (b) Only I and II
 - (c) Only II
 - (d) Only I and III
 - (e) None of these

57. Which of the following ***substantiates*** the fact of threat from bird flu?
- (I) Last year Delhi had suffered huge loss in the form of death of several persons and birds from effect of bird flu.
 - (II) There was a huge loss to poultry farmers and there was no compensation from Indian Govt.
 - (III) Indian Govt. has implemented an action plan for preventive check.
- (a) Only I and II
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Only II and III
 - (d) Only II
 - (e) All I,II and III

Directions (58-59): Study the given information carefully and answer the given questions.

Several cities, including Agra, Ahmedabad, Patna, Delhi and Varanasi, were choked by particulate matter pollution on Sunday, when the northern parts of the country celebrated Deepawali.

Concentrations of fine particulate matter rose to levels that harm respiratory health in normal people and severely debilitate those with illnesses. The Air Quality Index (AQI) reading for Agra was 384, Ahmedabad 385, and Faridabad and Delhi the worst, at 428 and 445. An AQI of 100 is the limit for good air quality. Bengaluru, Chennai and Mumbai were in the 'moderate' to 'satisfactory' category, similar to last year's Deepawali. Hyderabad improved from 'poor' to 'satisfactory.'

58. Which of the following can be *hypothesized* from the above passage?

- I. People of Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad gives less importance to Deepawali as compared to people of Northern part of India.
 - II. Despite of knowing that rise in pollution level will affect their health, it's only negligence of people of northern part of India which make AQI rise upto worst level.
 - III. Govt. of different states of northern part of India had no plan to check worst situation of AQI.
- (a) Only I and III
(b) Only II and III
(c) Only II
(d) Only I and II
(e) None of these

59. Which of the following *negates* the fact which is given in the above passage?

- I. Cases of people suffering from respiratory problem increases after country celebrated Deepawali.
 - II. This year people have decided not to use crackers during Deepawali to maintain pollution level as a part of Green India revolution.
 - III. Manish Sisodia, Deputy CM of Delhi have called high level meeting just a day after Deepawali to analyze the situation of increased AQI (Air Quality Index).
- (a) Only III
(b) Only I and III
(c) Only II
(d) Only II and III
(e) None of these

60. Statement: Reservations have had a place in India for over a century, much before they were written into the Constitution as a leg up for socially and educationally backward sections. In 1902 Pune's Chhatrapati Maharaj reserved seats in educational institutions; the Mysore Maharaja and the states of Madras and Travancore too ensured representation for the very backward in all senses of the term because of highly stratified social structures and the practice of "untouchability" that had left large sections of the population backward for centuries. They recognized that it was only by actively trying to lift up these sections by offering seats in educational institutions and in employment, that some kind of level playing field could be established.

Should there be reservation of jobs in the organizations in the private sector also as in the public-sector undertakings in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, This would give more opportunities of development to the weaker sections of the society and thus help reduce the gap between the affluent and the downtrodden in India.
 - II. No, The private sector does not get any government assistance and therefore they should not be saddled with such policies.
 - III. No, Nowhere else in the world such a practice is being followed.
 - IV. No, The management of the private sector undertaking would not agree to such compulsions.
- (a) Only I is strong
 - (b) Only I and II are strong
 - (c) Only I, II and IV are strong
 - (d) Only I and IV are strong
 - (e) All are strong

Directions (61): In the given question, a statement is given followed by some assumptions. 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.

61. Statement: By asking five prominent hospitals in the national capital to deposit nearly Rs. 600 crore to compensate for their failure to treat poor patients, the Delhi government has drawn attention to the social obligation of healthcare providers in the corporate sector as well as the need for timely enforcement of applicable regulations. According to the Delhi government, trusts and registered societies to which public land was allotted to establish hospitals were required to earmark a percentage of their medical facilities and services for indigent patients.

Assumptions:

- I. This strengthens the case for private hospitals to dedicate a part of their services to those who can not afford treatment.
 - II. Social responsibility of hospitals must be monitored and central government should ensure compliance by the corporate hospitals.
 - III. There is a great need for the government to monitor and enforce "health services" so that the poor who can not afford modern health facilities that are extremely costly- are able to be benefited.
- (a) All are implicit
(b) Only III is implicit
(c) Only I is implicit
(d) Only I and II are implicit
(e) None is implicit

62. Statement: India's pre-eminent position in the world black pepper production and trade is in danger as some of the countries, which recently started production of the 'king of the spices' crop from Indian root stocks, are farming better by adopting modern cultivation practices.

Courses of action:

- I. India should immediately stop supplying root stocks of black pepper to other countries.
- II. India should adopt modern technology for cultivating black pepper to compete in the International market.
- III. India should reduce the price of its black pepper to remain competitive in the world market.

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

- (a) All follow
- (b) Only II follows
- (c) Only I follows
- (d) Only III follows
- (e) None of the above



63. Statement: Govt. has taken decision in many blocks of country that the construction work of highway is given to the private forums of builder operator transfer on the basis of action.

Assumptions:

- I. It may be possible that a sufficient number of private forums do not answer in the respect of Govt. action.
- II. Many private forums of our country are capable to complete the construction work of highway within given time period.
- III. It may be that private forums get financial profit due to govt. builder operated proposed schemes.

Which of the following assumptions is implicit in the statement?

- (a) Only I and II are implicit.
- (b) Only II and III are implicit.
- (c) Only II is implicit.
- (d) Only I and III are implicit.
- (e) None of these.

64. Statement: All the single-screen theatre halls in the city have declared indefinite strike and have warned that they will not withdraw strike unless the government accepts their demand of reducing entertainment tax to 50% of the present level and also treat these halls at par with multi-screen halls on all the relevant matters.

Assumptions:

- I. The employees of all the cinema halls may disagree with the management and may appeal to the government to declare the strike illegal.
- II. The government may accept all the demands of the striking cinema halls to avoid any backlash from the public.
- III. The general public may support the cause of the cinema hall owners and put pressure on the government to accept their demands.

Which of the following assumptions is implicit in the statement?

- (a) None is implicit
- (b) Only I is implicit
- (c) Only III is implicit
- (d) Only II is implicit
- (e) All are implicit

65. Statement: For our nation to compete successfully in the high-technology enterprises of the future, workers with skills in Maths and Science will be needed. But it is doubtful that they will be available, since there is a shortage of high school Maths and Science teachers that shows no signs of improving. Industry can help alleviate this problem by funding scholarship grants and aid to college students who graduate in Maths and Science with the hope of pursuing teaching careers.

Which of the following, if true, would most probably prevent the proposed plan from achieving its intended effect?

- (a) After graduation from college, most Maths and Science graduates opt for jobs in industry rather than in teaching.
- (b) Many high schools have been forced to lower their standards in hiring Maths and Science teachers.
- (c) More scholarship money is already available for students of Maths and Science than is available for those in any other field.
- (d) Population statistics show that the number of high school students is expected to decline over the next ten years.
- (e) Many experts say that business of the future will require relatively few highly trained workers, along with many semi-skilled and purely technical employees.

Direction (66-67): Read the following information answer the given questions.

The agitated guardians of grade IX students of a high-profile public school of North Carolina protested against the newly introduced audio-visual aid of teaching methodology. According to them, it is of benefit to a handful of students only, and majority of students will not be getting any help because of this technology.

These questions are based on the information given above and the sentences given below labeled as I, II, III, IV and V.

- I. Change is a gradual process and it takes some time for people to adjust to it.
 - II. Guardians are happy with the new teaching methodology, i.e. via the use of audio-visual techniques.
 - III. It is not the responsibility of the school to take care of the weaker students.
 - IV. This modern technology of teaching should be scrapped as soon as possible.
 - V. Guardians are unhappy with the new teaching methodology used of the school.
66. Which of the following statements above could be a possible conclusion from the above passage?
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Only IV
 - (d) Both IV and II
 - (e) Only V
67. Which of the following could be a possible statement that should be used by the school management to defend themselves?
- (a) Both II and V
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Only I
 - (d) Only V
 - (e) Both IV and III

Directions (68-69): In each question below is given a statement followed by three courses of action numbered I, II, and 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 given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow (s) for pursuing.

68. Statement: Many school buses have fitted CNG Kit without obeying the safety guidelines properly. This results into some instances of these buses catching fire due to short circuit and endangering the lives of the school children.

Courses of action:

- I. The regional transport authority should immediately carry out checks of all the school buses fitted with CNG Kit.
 - II. The management of all the schools should stop hiring buses fitted with CNG Kit.
 - III. The Government should issue a notification banning school buses for use of CNG Kit.
- (a) Only I follows
(b) Only II follows
(c) Only III follows
(d) I and III follow
(e) None of these

69. Statement: A sudden cloud burst over the island city resulted into unpredicted rainfall causing flood like situation in entire area. Large number of people was caught unaware and was stranded on the road.

Courses of action:

- I. The local administration should immediately put in place an action plan for avoiding such situation in future.
 - II. The local administration should immediately deploy personnel to help the stranded people to move to safer places.
 - III. The local administration should advise all the citizens not to venture out on the road till situation improves.
- (a) Only I follows
(b) Only II follows
(c) Only III follows
(d) II and III follow
(e) All of these

70. There is an alarming trend of skewed sex ratio against women in India during the past decade and situation may get out of hand if adequate steps are not taken to stop female feticide.

Which of the following can be an effective step to reverse the trend?

- I. The Government should immediately completely ban use of scanners/sonography on expectant mothers at all health centers.
 - II. The Government should announce substantial incentive scheme for couples who have at least one girl child.
 - III. The Government should launch a nationwide campaign to create awareness against female feticide.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) I and II
 - (c) II and III
 - (d) All of these
 - (e) None of these

71. A very large number of technically qualified young Indians are coming out of colleges every year though there are not enough opportunities for them to get gainful employment.

Which of the following contradicts the views expressed in the above statement?

- (a) Technically qualified persons are far superior to those with standard degrees like BA/B.Sc/B.Com. etc.
- (b) The Government has not done effective perspective planning for engaging technically qualified personnel while authorizing the setting up of technical colleges
- (c) A huge gap exists between the level of competence of technically qualified graduates and requirement of the industry
- (d) Majority of the technically qualified persons are migrating from India to developed countries for better opportunities
- (e) None of the above

72. Expressing serious concern over recent reports on use of drugs by Indian athletes at International meets, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has urged sportspersons to "keep away from such temptations". A news in a daily.

If this statement is true, then which of the following expresses truly the above statement?

- (a) Our sportspersons are the most important factor in our strategy to achieve excellence in sports
- (b) Let no player or athlete take a shortcut in trying to achieve success in sports
- (c) A single event of malpractice gave a major jolt to the country's pride and glory
- (d) It is necessary for the PM to show the athletes an ideal way to success in order to earn social repute
- (e) It is not possible for the Indian athletes to face competition with athletes from developed countries.

73. Majority of the employees of the ailing organization opted for voluntary retirement scheme and left the organization with all their retirement benefits within a fortnight of launching the scheme.

Which of the following can be a probable cause of the above effect?

- (a) The company has been making huge losses for the past five years and is unable to pay salary to its employees in time
- (b) The management of the company made huge personal gains through unlawful activities
- (c) One of the competitors of the company went bankrupt last year
- (d) The company owns large tracts of land in the state which will fetch huge sum to its owners
- (e) None of the above

74. Statement: The life of a farmer is very tough. With no other revenue source, he has to totally depend upon the year's crop. And if it happens to fail, an entire year is lost," says, a farmer's son who comes from a very humble background. The education of the farmer's children is often the first casualty of a failed crop. A large number of students are reported to be dropping out of school in villages as their parents want their children to help them in farms.

Courses of action:

- I. The government should immediately launch a programme to create awareness among the farmers about the value of education.
- II. The government should offer incentives to those farmers whose children remain in schools.
- III. Education should be made compulsory for all children up to the age of 14 and their employment banned.

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

- (a) Only (i) and (ii) follows
- (b) Only (ii) and (iii) follows
- (c) Only (i) and (iii) follows.
- (d) All follows
- (e) None of these



75. Some scientists believe that, in certain species of birds, actual particles of metal within the brain react to the Earth's magnetic field in the same way as the needle in a compass. It is this mechanism that is thought to underlie the birds' amazing ability to navigate accurately over distances of thousands of miles by day and night during migration. To test this theory, researchers surgically removed the metal particles from the heads of some birds and then released them, along with a number of untreated birds, at the usual time and place of their annual winter migration.

Which of the following results would most seriously weaken the theory being tested?

- (a) The untreated birds were confused by the erratic flight patterns of the surgically treated birds and failed to migrate successfully.
- (b) The surgically treated birds were able to follow their usual flight patterns successfully by day, but not by night.
- (c) The surgically treated birds were able to migrate about as accurately as the untreated birds.
- (d) The surgically treated birds were able to migrate successfully only when closely following a group of untreated birds.
- (e) In addition to being impaired in their migration ability, the surgically treated birds suffered a variety of other disabling effects.

76. A government survey released today shows that 80% of the people who fly are satisfied with the service they receive from the airlines in this country. Three interviewers stood outside a major airport and asked people leaving the terminal, "Do you have any complaints about the flight you just got off?" Only 20 percent responded "yes!"

Which of the following, if true, would most **undermine** the conclusion of the argument above?

- (a) Sixty percent of the people coming out of the airline terminal were not people who had just gotten off a flight.
- (b) One percent of the people approached by the interviewers refused to respond to their inquiries.
- (c) The interviewers began their inquiry just after passengers were discharged from a flight that was 40 minutes late.

- (d) The interviewers were able to speak to only 70 percent of the people leaving the terminal, but those people were selected at random.
- (e) For six months following the day of the interviews, no official complaints were filed by any passenger with the Federal agency that regulated the airlines.

Directions (77-78): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Given answer

- (a) if only argument I is strong;
- (b) if only argument II is strong;
- (c) if either I or II is strong;
- (d) if neither I nor II is strong and
- (e) if both I and II are strong.

77. Statement: Should the education at all levels be offered only in vernacular medium?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. This is the only way to enhance performance of the students.
- II. No. This will severely affect acquiring knowledge for want of good text books in vernacular medium.

78. 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.

Directions (79-81): 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, decided which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Give answer

- (a) If only I follows;
- (b) If only II follows,
- (c) If either I or II follows;
- (d) If neither I nor II follows and
- (e) If both I and II follow.

79. Statement: The cinema halls are incurring heavy losses these days as people prefer to watch movies in home on TV than to visit cinema halls.

Courses of action: **I.** The cinema halls should be demolished and residential multi-storey buildings should be constructed there.
II. The cinema halls should be converted into shopping malls.

80. 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 losses.

81. 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.

82. Statements: "The municipal corporation of the city is granting permission to builders for new construction of high rise buildings for the city, despite the appeal from the environmentalists to avoid overcrowding."

Assumptions:

- I. The corporation will take care to fulfill the minimum requirements providing infrastructure in the area for the newly constructed building.
- II. Corporation is expecting good earnings by way of faces from the high rise buildings.
- III. The corporation has taken the residents of the area into confidence and assured them of no inconvenience to them due to new construction.

Which of the following assumptions is implicit in the statement?

- (a) Only I is implicit
- (b) Only II is implicit
- (c) Only III is implicit
- (d) Only I and II are implicit
- (e) None of these

Solutions

1. **(d);** The author argues for the following connection: videos take money away from movies. What choices (d) asserts, in effect, is that the money spent on videos came from some other source. So, (d) statement undermines the given passage.

Direction (2-3):

2. **(c);** Any aspect of health has two factors to tackle with — prevention and treatment. Prevention includes creating awareness among people, and treatment includes providing adequate medical facilities. So, both II and III follow.
3. **(d);** Clearly, chloroquine can still be used to get rid of the non-resistant varieties, and new medicines developed for the resistant varieties. The patients can then be treated accordingly by performing tests for the causal mosquito. So, only II and III, follow.
4. **(d);** I is weak because it is not desirable. Moreover, it falsely assumes that govt authorities can't cope with the demand of driving licenses. II is weak because it is not logical. It wrongly assumes that such a move will lead to a spurt in the number of vehicles.

Direction (5 -6):

5. **(a);** Note the words “according to the passage” given in the question. So according to the passage only (a) is correct.

6. (b); Conclusion I can be inferred from the sentence - "The pressure of increasing population sub-divisions of farm holdings." II can be inferred from the fact that the "small size of holdings makes farming activity uneconomical." III can be inferred from the way even the hill slopes have been cut for cultivation.

Direction (7-8):

7. (e); Merit, fair selection and equal opportunities for all these three factors, if taken care of, can help government recruit competent officials and also fulfil the objectives of the Constitution. Thus, both the arguments hold strong.

8. (e); Both the arguments are strong enough. The conditions have to be agreed to, in order to save the life of the victims, though actually they ought not to be agreed to, as they encourage the sinister activities of the kidnappers.

9. (b); The blood group, complete address and telephone number must be mentioned on the identity card of each person. This must be useful in case of any serious accidents and police needs that information during that critical situation.

Direction (10-11):

10. (d); In present times, women are being imparted education at par with the men and are capable of competing with them in all professions and fields. So, argument I holds. Also, women cannot be confined to the household and kept away from the challenges of the outside world against their will. They too have the right to be self-dependent. Besides, present-day women are well looking to outside jobs together with the household jobs. So, argument III holds while II does not.

11. (b); Clearly, banning a product would surely render jobless the large number of workers involved in manufacturing it. Besides, firecrackers on burning produce explosive sounds and immense poisonous fumes, which cause both air and noise pollution. So, both arguments I and III hold. However, to stop child labour, it is not necessary to close down the industry but strict laws against child abuse should be enforced and legal actions taken. Similarly, there are many other ways to make parties boisterous and special events enjoyable. Hence, II as well as IV does not hold strong.

12. (b); I directly follow from the statement and so is implicit. The decision to shift factories on the outskirts of the city must have been taken after taking into account the availability of land there. So, II is implicit. Nothing can be assumed as to what strategy would the factory owners adopt in future. So, III is not implicit.

Direction (13-14):



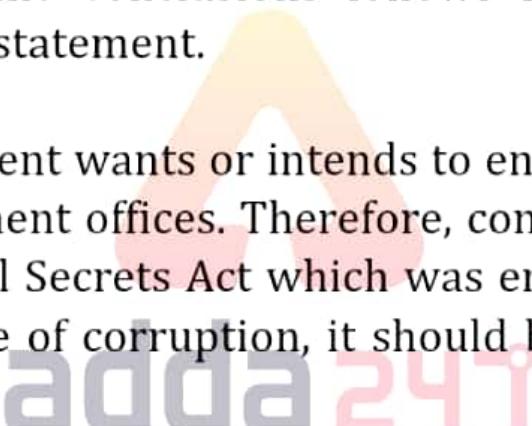
13. (d); Clearly, our Constitution considers youngsters above 18 years of age, mature enough to exercise their decisive power in Government by voting. This implies that such individuals can also judge what is good or bad for them. Thus, argument I holds strong. However, at such places, youngsters may be lead astray by certain indecent guys and swayed from the right path into bad indulgences. So, IV also holds strong. Hiking the entry fees is no way to disallow them, and also the idea of imitating the western countries holds no relevance. So, neither II nor III holds strong.

14. (b); No doubt making military education compulsory for all college students would strengthen India's forces and also inculcate strong discipline among them, but this is not the only means to achieve these ends. So, neither I nor III holds strong. Besides, the students really willing to join the armed forces and defend the nation can put up a better defence than those compelled to do so. And it is the fundamental right of every student to pursue a career of his choice. So, II as well as IV holds strong.

Direction (15-16):

15. (d); Neither of the conclusions follows from the information given in the statement.

16. (d); No government wants or intends to encourage corruption in the government offices. Therefore, conclusion II is not valid. If the Official Secrets Act which was enacted during the war is the source of corruption, it should be abolished after the war.



17. (c); Option (c) may be a possible fallout of the given situation.

18. (c); Option (c) substantiates the views expressed in the statement.

Direction (19-21)

19. (a); Since the statement talks of putting the child in school at the age of 5, it means that the child is mentally prepared for the same at this age. So, I is implicit. But nothing about admission after 6 years of age is mentioned in the statement. So, II is not implicit.

20. (e); The customer's eagerness to get the bills makes I implicit. Besides, the customer has written to the editor to bring the malfunctioning of the department to public notice. So, II is also implicit.

21. (e); The use of the words 'impoverished community' in the statement makes I implicit while the phrase 'college education should be restricted to a brilliant few' makes II implicit.

Direction (22-23):

22. (a); Clearly, health of the citizens is an issue of major concern for the Government. So, a product like drugs, must be first studied and tested in the Indian context before giving license for its sale. So, only argument I holds strong.

23. (b); Clearly, there should be some norms regarding the number of ministers in the Government, as more number of ministers would unnecessarily add to the Government expenditure. So, argument II holds strong; also, giving liberty to the party in power could promote extension of unreasonable favour to some people at the cost of government funds. So, argument I does not hold.

24. (d); Ours is a secular state does not mean that religion and religious values should be eradicated. In fact, these inculcate moral values. So, argument I is vague while argument II is strong. Also, teaching religion can in no way hinder the students' capability to face the challenges of the 21st century.

Direction (25-28):

- 25. (a);** Clearly, India has a patriarchal society.
- 26. (c);** Modern girls are highly educated and they have demolished most of the traditional myths that girls are inferior to boys.
- 27. (c);** There are many customs and traditions among the Hindus which weaken the position of women in India because India has a patriarchal society.
- 28. (b);** Besides traditionally bestowed low position to women in India, khap panchayats and frequent *fatwas* issued by Ulemas add to the discomfiture of women.

Directions (29-31):

- 29. (a);** Clearly, none of the arguments provides a substantial reason either for or against the given statements. So, none of the arguments holds strong.
- 30. (b);** Clearly, television offers various educational programs which are of great practical value to the students. So, it serves as a means (but it is not the 'only' means) to educate the masses. Thus, I holds strong while IV does not. Besides, the demerits of watching television, mentioned in II and III, may be done away with by allowing children to watch selected programs on television, according to a set schedule. So, neither II nor III holds strong.

31. (d); Clearly, a policy to select deserving candidates cannot be abolished just because of the expenditure it entails. So, argument I does not hold. Also, students who are intelligent enough to secure good marks in academic exams have no reason not to perform well in entrance tests. So, II also does not hold. Further, the students passed out from different universities are assessed on different patterns and hence a common entrance test would put the candidates to uniform test and assessment. So, only III holds strong.

Direction (32):

32. (d); According to given statement, Television makes a feeling of helpless among viewers and it also persuades them to accept whatever happens to them.

33. (b); Statement (b) is the correct option because it clearly weakens the argument as it is given there that the average salary of persons working in industries is less than that of average salary of persons working in business schools which contradicts the given statement.

Direction (34-35):

34. (e); VI clearly weakens the given statement because according to that development of resistance amongst mosquitoes depend upon the amount of repellent used.

35. (d); It is clearly given in the statement II that the increased concentration of repellent would endanger the health of humans as well as the ecosystem as a whole.

- 36. (a);** Civilization taught us the moral duties regarding the children and relatives. So, statement (a) is the correct option.
- 37. (b);** The exposed articles by the publication must be verified so that the authentic and original content can publish. So, the statement (b) is the correct assumption. Statement (c) cannot be assumed as verification of content does not depend upon minor or major publications. Statement (d) is not the correct assumption because it is given that publishers are more interested in boosting circulation, but it cannot be assumed that Publishers are the persons who decide the content of the newspapers.
- 38. (c);** Statement (c) is the correct option because according to this the increase in crime rate has been contributed by other factors, not leniency in the punishment. So, it weakens the given passage.
- 39. (d);** Most logically such comparison should reveal mortality rate per thousand doctors indulged in SARS treatment and not indulged in treatment. So, statement (d) is the correct option.
- 40. (a);** Actions I and II will directly improve the working condition of railways. Action III though, not directly related with improving railway traffic conditions but will encourage other signal men to be more watchful on their duties, which, in turn, will reduce the probability of accidents.
- 41. (c);**

42. (d); Option (d) contradicts the views expressed in the statement as it is mentioned that there are opportunities for them in developed countries.

43. (a); Option (a) may be a best possible reason as there will be more supply of cars than demand. Hence, manufacturers have not been able to meet their sales target.

44. (b); Once students reserve their seats at the time of counseling they can't withdraw their admission, this leads to seats lying vacant in the colleges. So only b) is a valid option. Others options will be ruled out.

Direction (45-46):

45. (d); Lack of powerful laws to create fear amongst the criminal is the most probable reason for increasing the crime against women in recent times.

46. (c); Due to the recent increase in crime against women in India. Women want to improve their self-defense against the crime, criminals and criminal activities.

Direction (47-48):

47. (d); For the safety of pedestrians there should be strict enforcement of speed limit for offenders.

48. (a); Due to fast cars and faulty roads taking a walk in city road is now dangerous.

49. (d); To alert the dot centre can be a better course of action. Also to equip the TB Hospitals for the treatment is a right course of action. Hence both can be effective steps.

50. (e); Classification of wearing tie as per academic scores is the cause of discrimination to the low scorer so statement (a) strengthens the argument best. while statement (b) is neutral in nature.

Direction (51-52):

51. (a); Only courses of action I and II seem to be appropriate for pursuing course of action III is so harsh to be appropriate.

52. (d); Only courses of action I and II seem to be appropriate for pursuing, the recurrence of an incident is sufficient to take course of action I.

53. (a); Only assumption I is implicit. III is not implicit because the reason behind this decision is that the witnesses or victims can't be felt any problem regarding the case. They can be pressurized by the accused to change their witnesses. The decision is not given because of the court's immediate concern for the victims.

54. (b); The statement is saying about the benefits for the soil but the assumption I describes the benefits of burying the leaves for reducing air pollution. Hence, it is not implicit. But assumption II is implicit. That is why the notice stresses on burying the leaves instead of burning it.

55. (b); I does not follow. Salary can't reduce workload but either II or III is a way out.

Direction (56-57):

56. (b); Only I and II can be deduced from above paragraph as it is mentioned in second line of paragraph that Avian influenza virus is capable of causing death among human and others and in last part of paragraph it is clearly mentioned that India has implemented preventive measures to check influenza virus but it is nothing mentioned about symptoms and nowhere in paragraph it is compared with HIV and DENV virus.
57. (e); I and II is telling about loss which had occurred last year which was a huge loss to humans and birds so it substantiates the fact of threat from bird flu. In III statement it is mentioned that Indian Govt. has implemented an action plan it means it is matter of threat and Indian Govt. is taking preventive measures. So, All I, II and III substantiates the fact of threat from bird flu.

Directions (58-59):

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58. (b); Only II and III can be hypothesized from the above passage. As, air quality index of Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad is almost at safe level in comparison to northern part of the country. It doesn't mean that people of Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad gives less importance to Deepavali. But we can assume the negligence of people of northern part of country as all know rise in pollution level will affect their health. And as AQI is at worst level so, we can assume that Govt. of northern part had no plan to check worst situation of AQI.

59. (c); The overall fact in the above passage is rise in pollution level and worst condition of AQI in northern part of country. So, only Statement II nullify the above fact. And statement I and III support the given fact in passage.

60. (a); The reservation of jobs in the private sector too would surely increase opportunities for weaker sections to improve their economic plight. Thus, argument I is strong enough. Also, private sector companies work on a good profit margin and they can and will have to accommodate such a policy if implemented. So, neither II nor IV holds strong. Further, just imitating other countries holds no relevance. So, argument III also does not hold.

61. (c); Such strict actions of Delhi government made private hospitals to serve their services to poor people. So I is implicit. But nothing is mentioned about its monitorization in the statement. So, II and III are not implicit.



62. (b); Only better quality can put India back in the competitive field of black pepper production. So, India should go for modern technology for cultivating black pepper to compete in the present international market.

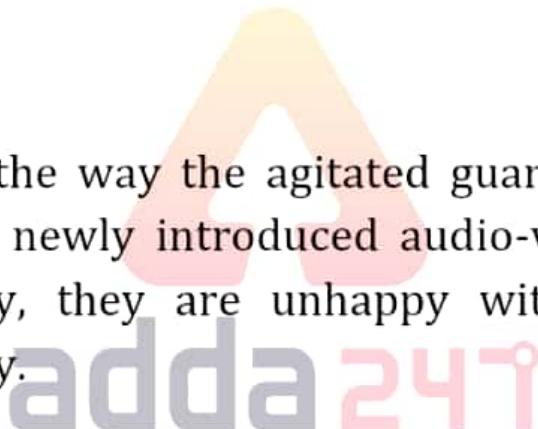
63. (b); Only II & III are implicit. It may be possible that private forums can complete the work of highway in a given time and also get financial profit.

64. (a); The strike involves only two parties: the cinema halls and the government. The employees or the public have nothing to do with the strike. Hence I and III are not implicit. II is not implicit because of the word all.

65. (a); The correct response to this question is a statement that focuses upon an unforeseen casual outcome. What (a) asserts is that you can pour the money into the system, and you can train students in Maths and Science, but they will not go into teaching. Thus, your plan will not achieve the desired result.

Direction (66-67):

66. (e); Clear from the way the agitated guardians have protested against this newly introduced audio-visual aid of teaching methodology, they are unhappy with the new teaching methodology.



67. (c); Any new thing takes some time for its adjustment. So, school authority may defend themselves by saying this statement.

Directions (68-69):

68. (a); Only Ist course of action seems to be appropriate because it is clearly mention that buses which have fitted CNG Kit without obeying the safety guidelines met with short circuit resulting of catching fire. So, IIInd and IIIrd courses of action are not appropriate.

- 69. (d);** Only II and III follow because in this type of situation, immediate courses of action should be taken which is mentioned in II and III. Ist will not follow because of word "immediately". It is of preventive nature and will take long time.
- 70. (d);** All three steps can be effective steps to reverse the trend. The govt. should completely ban and should announce that strict action will be taken against culprit. Nationwide campaign and incentive scheme will motivate parents to have a girl child.
- 71. (c);** As in the statement, it is mentioned that there is lack of enough opportunities but in option (c) it is given that there is gap of level between competence of technologically qualified graduates and requirement of industry it means opportunities are there but level of desire and output is not matching.
- 72. (b);** Concern of Indian PM is that no player should take shortcut in trying to achieve success in sports.
- 73. (a);** 1st option may be the probable cause of the above effect as company is not able to pay salary to its employees; many of them at least want to avail retirement benefits.
- 74. (d);** Literacy at basic level is the most important need to prepare good future citizens. So, all children need to be educated. This can be achieved by creating awareness, providing incentives, enforcing education and banning employment of children. Thus, all three courses of action follow.

75. (c); The question stem here asks for the evidence that would most weaken the theory that the metal particles are important to the bird's navigational mechanism. The best refutation of the theory would be a finding that when the particles are removed, the birds continue to migrate as effectively as before. (c) is tantamount to saying that this was the case.

76. (a); The question was put to people who were coming out of the terminal about the services aboard the flight. If it was shown that a majority of people coming out of the terminal were not passengers, Then the conclusion would really be jeopardized. (a) does just that.

Direction (77-78):

77. (b); Teaching in vernacular medium would surely make it easy for students to grasp. But the use of 'only' in argument I make it invalid. Also, teaching in international language would open up more avenues for students – in procuring books and study material, in going abroad for studies as well as taking up jobs which require interaction with people of different nationalities. So, argument II holds strong.

78. (b); Clearly, I does not provide a strong reason in support of the statement. Also, it is not possible to analyze the really deserving and not deserving. So, argument II holds strong.

Direction (79-81):

79. (d); Doing away with cinema halls is no solution. Hence, none of the course follows. Instead, certain incentives and promotional schemes should be awarded to cinema hall owners so that they could manage to draw in crowds.
80. (a); 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 would reduce the volume of passengers. Hence, II does not follow.
81. (e); Clearly, prevention from mosquitoes and elimination of mosquitoes are two ways to prevent malaria. So, both the courses follow.

82. (d); Assumptions I and II are implicit in the statement.



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CHAPTER 6

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Statement and Argument

1. In the following question a statement is given followed by three statements numbered as I, II and III. You have to read all three statements and decide which of them strengthens or weakens the statement.

Statement: Among the governments, there is a strong policy emphasis on improving living conditions in urban areas as more and more people are looking to migrate to semi-urban or rural areas. People are willing to compromise on their standard of living in order to live in a healthier/pollution free environment.

- (I) Cities are economically vibrant spaces around the world and drawing a large number of rural migrants looking for better prospects. This is a sustained trend, particularly in developing countries now a day.
- (II) A fresh look at urban governance is necessary as migration from rural areas picks up pace.
- (III) The rate of migration has shown a consecutive decline in the last three Censuses. It was possible that this slow-down signalled the worsening conditions in urban slums, where most of the rural immigrants were concentrated.
- (a) Only statement (I) strengthen but statement (II) and (III) is the neutral statement.
- (b) Both statement (I) and statement (III) strengthen the given statement but statement (II) is neutral statement.
- (c) Both statement (I) and statement (II) are neutral statements and statement (III) strengthen the statement.
- (d) Both statement (I) and (II) weakens but statement (III) strengthen the given statement.
- (e) All statement (I), (III) and statement (II) weaken the given statement.

2. Today's children are different from the children of previous generations. They are more interested in playing video games or sitting hours on the play stations than in playing outdoor games. They are more technology oriented. These things are depriving the child from developing their personality. They lack the stamina and strength of the previous generations.

Which of the following statement weakens the given statement?

- (I) The children of today are mentally active as this has made children much more organized and mature than in previous times.
 - (II) These gadgets are addicting. They have made the children so much addicted to PC and PS that they do not enjoy the outdoor games anymore.
 - (III) The children of present time are not physically active. These children are not being a team player anymore, they grow up to become shy and introvert instead of being bold and extrovert.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Both III and I
 - (c) Only II
 - (d) Both II and III
 - (e) All I, II and III

3. A survey conducted recently shows that religious people are more financially successful than atheists. This proves that following religious practices or having religious beliefs is not only important for your spiritual health but also beneficial in maintaining a healthy bank account.

Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the above conclusion?

- (a) The survey does not tell us if those people became financially successful after they started practicing religion or they started practicing religion after they became successful.
 - (b) Some people embrace religion and spirituality mainly because they believe that somehow being religious or spiritual can help them achieve financial success.
 - (c) Most of the poor people are too busy thinking about earning their daily livelihood.
 - (d) Percentage of atheists among the total population is highest in most of the developed countries.
 - (e) Spiritual and religious people lead a more disciplined life.
4. In the following question a statement is given followed by some more statements. You have to read all the statement and decide which of them weakens the statement.

The NITI Aayog released the results of a study warning that India is facing its “worst” water crisis in history and that the demand for potable water will outstrip supply by 2030, if steps are not taken.

Which of the following most weakens the above statement?

- (a) Currently 600 million Indians face high to extreme water shortage and about two lakh people die every year due to inadequate access to potable water.
- (b) People may face water scarcity and the country will suffer a loss of up to 6 per cent of the GDP.
- (c) The country's nearly 70 per cent of water is contaminated, which puts India at the 120th position among 122 countries in the water quality index.
- (d) The ranks of all states in the index on the composite water management, comprising 9 broad sectors with 28 different indicators covering various aspects of ground water, restoration of water bodies, irrigation, farm practices, drinking water, policy and governance.
- (e) The condition of availability of water currently in India is better than the water crisis which India had faced in 1960.

Direction (5): In the following question a statement is given followed by two more statements numbered as I and II. You have to read both the statement and decide which of them strengthens which of them strengthens or weakens the statement.

5. Statement- As an emerging economic superpower, it is quite tragic that more than one in three children in India are stunted. Stunting is associated with an underdeveloped brain, with long-lasting harmful consequences, and increased risks of nutrition-related chronic diseases, such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity in future. Thus, stunting can be classified by itself as an illness as it leads to negatively affecting the present and future of the child.

- (I) Higher economic growth and increased spending on nutrition access programme have not resulted in proportionate decrease in child malnutrition or stunting.
 - (II) Multiple researchers have proven the link between illness and malnutrition/ stunting in children.
 - (a) Both I and II strengthens
 - (b) I strengthens while II weakens
 - (c) II strengthens while I weakens
 - (d) Statement I strengthens while Statement II is neutral.
 - (e) Both I and II weakens.
6. Which of the following arguments is strong in respect of the given statement?
- Statement:** An apple a day, keeps a doctor away-Instruction given by Health ministry of India.
- Arguments:**
- I. Every individual should consume an apple daily to keep himself fit physically and mentally.
 - II. Real juice of apple flavor should be banned as it is contaminated with harmful chemicals.

- III. To consume an apple daily by every individual is not possible as it is costly in summer season.
 - IV. An individual can be healthy by taking green vegetables and alternative cheap fruits.
- (a) I and III
 - (b) I, II and III
 - (c) I, III and IV
 - (d) All I, II, III and IV
 - (e) None of these

Directions (7): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions which follow.

In a recent study of responses to visual images, researchers found that women most frequently gave the rating 'most attractive' to images of male faces that were more feminine in contour, and rated more masculine faces, on average, 'less attractive'. The researchers concluded that modern women prefer men who are less obviously masculine in their facial features.

- 7. The conclusion would be most severely weakened if which of the following were true?
- (a) Facial features are not the criterion that most women use to decide whether a man is attractive.
 - (b) The visual images were computer generated composites of photographs and not pictures of actual men.
 - (c) The rating scale was a ten point scale with most attractive scoring 1-2 and least attractive scoring 8-10.
 - (d) Most popular male actors have the features that the study allocated to the more masculine category.
 - (e) The faces with the more masculine features were all significantly older than those with the feminine features.

8. Secondary school graduates in Japan score significantly higher on tests of science and mathematics than do students at the same level in the United States. Some educational reformers in the United States attribute this difference to the more rigid and rigorous Japanese secondary school programme, which emphasizes required courses, long hours of study and homework, and memorization to a far greater degree than do American schools.

Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the conclusion drawn by the above passage?

- (a) The Japanese elementary school programme is far less rigid and structured than the elementary school programmes in most United States schools.
- (b) Many Japanese parents and educators decry the Japanese educational system, saying that it stifles independent thinking on the part of students.
- (c) United States schools, in which creativity and flexible student schedules are emphasized, usually produce students with science and maths scores equal to those of the best Japanese students.
- (d) On an average, Japanese students score lower than United States students on tests of logical thinking, language arts, and communications skills.
- (e) A higher percentage of American students go for higher education than in Japan.

9. An animal welfare agency has claimed that the carelessness by the zoo authorities in city X to be responsible for the death of four dolphins within a span of a week.

Which of the following supports the claims made by the animal welfare agencies?

- (a) There has been a dispute regarding sharing of water between city X and city Y since the past few months.
- (b) Some organisms were found to be infected with an unknown virus.
- (c) Some of the visitors have reported seeing a group of zoo officials playing cards in the zoo premises.
- (d) A huge pile of garbage was discovered near the zoo premises.
- (e) Both (d) and (c)

10. Statement: Some of the recent researches point to the addictive nature of grains. Neurologist and author of Grain Brain, Dr. David Perlmutter, discussed the addictive effects grains have on our brain in his book. While the book doesn't directly say "carbs are addictive," it does say that when you eat carbs you will crave more carbs. And absolutely, wheat for many people feels like something they could never give up.

Which of the following most strengthens the above statement?

- (a) Emotional eating doesn't fix your emotional problems, in fact, it usually makes them worse.
- (b) Grains are not meant for human consumption, a close look at our digestive autonomy suggest that we are "frugivores" or "fruit eaters".
- (c) Many birds have a distinct organ, called the gizzard, which helps grind grains and seeds. Grains are meant to be bird food for parrots, pigeons, and doves.
- (d) Our digestive tract cannot handle the mixture of starch and sugar found in most recipes of cereals, breads, bagels, etc. And as a consequence, most cooked grain we eat tends to ferment inside of us producing gas and alcohol.
- (e) Most people could easily go for months without eating certain fruits or vegetables and it wouldn't be a problem for them but that's not the case with processed grains.

11. In the following question a statement is given followed by some more statements. You have to read all the statement and decide which of them strengthen the statement.

Out of all the major quadrennial international sporting events, the Football World Cup is the one that gives Indians the purest pleasure. The Cricket World Cup douses Indians in a broth of tension. The Olympics continue to visit humiliation on the idea of India as an athletic nation. The FIFA jamboree, though, is devoid of any such freight.

Which of the following most strengthen the above statement?

- (a) Cricket has always been the first love of Indi Indians breath Cricket and enjoy every bit of it.
- (b) Cricket is a religion here and it makes a lot of us happy. People need a Sachin in football. Indians want to talk about the popularity of football players in the national side as well.
- (c) With the people expressing their support, this surely earmarks a turning point for the rise of football in India and exploit the potential of our youth and give impetus to the rising status of this sport.
- (d) So far, Hockey is the superior sport. Its players took pride in 'their' way of playing - of their touch and superb body language.
- (e) The performance of Indian Women who reach the Olympics are thus likely to already have exceptional skills, relative to men in India. Therefore, India should field more make an effort to field more women and give them better access to trainers and facilities.

Direction (12): Study the following information which is followed by some statement read carefully and answer the question below-
The number of hungry people in the world has risen for the first time in more than a decade, according to a United Nations report released on Wednesday. After a prolonged decline, world hunger appears to be on the rise again. Conflict, drought and disasters linked to climate change are among the key factors causing this reversal in progress," said the report.

Which of the following statement strengthen the give statement?

- (a) The increasing impact of extreme events related to a changing climate, economic losses attributed to disasters were estimated at over \$300 billion.
- (b) More than nine out of 10 people living in urban areas around the world are breathing polluted air, with southern Asia scoring the worst in this area.
- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) All of the above
- (d) Either I or II
- (e) None of these

13. A statement by motivational speaker- Love is not an attachment, not a feeling, not a lust. It is not an emotion just to make yourself cherish. It's an admiration between two soul that connects them direct from heart to heart in which one partner remains pleased in his/her partner's delight.

Which of the following substantiates the statement given by motivational speaker?

- I. A well renowned youth leader- Love is a desire, passion, addiction, excitement and intensity.
- II. It's just an emotional support between two individuals.
- III. It is a determination in which one also become ready to sacrifice his/her joy to be in blessing of other.

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) Only II
- (d) Only III
- (e) All of the above

Direction (14-15):

There are some criteria which will be considered during appraisal of employee-Statement by manager of a company.

Punctuality and sincerity are one of the key points which will surely reviewed.

Hard work and dedication towards work will be applauded.

Just to quantify an amount in the salary package of employee with no reason will not be entertained.

14. Which of the following undermines the statement given by Manager?

- I. Increment of 15% has been done for all the employees whose 1 year is completed.
- II. Performance chart has been prepared by leaders of different department based on their proficiency.
- III. Relaxation time for late coming of 240 minutes in a year i.e. of 10 minutes twice in a month is given to all employees.

- (a) Only II
- (b) Both II and III
- (c) Both I and III
- (d) Only I
- (e) None of these

15. Many employees of a company whose basic salary is 20k starts playing IPL game on Dreams11 in office premises. Five employees have won 5k each as a prize money in a single day and its craze is increasing among other office employees. But it is just like betting and starting phase of compulsion.

Which of the following can be the fallout of this activity?

- I. There may be adverse impact on working in office premises.
 - II. Income from Dream11 will boost net earning up to 25k, which will be supplement for office employees.
 - III. Craving to earn money in short time may give them wrong direction, and its impact may be reflected to their earning.
- (a) Only III
 - (b) Both I and III
 - (c) Both II and III
 - (d) Only II
 - (e) None of these

16. “Dowry” which is illegal in India but it is entertained very pleasantly by the family members and grooms itself. They take it as their birth right. There is a mindset in society that women have to take care of kitchen, babies and home and men have to see their office only. But the bitter truth is that a woman gives many sacrifice in comparison to men in persuasion of society. Which of the following is not in line according to above statement?

- I. There should be awareness program about dowry which should be regulated in the society on timely basis.
 - II. There should be law of death penalty for rape cases which is a must do step in India.
 - III. It is also believed that women should follow the customs that are made by the society for better civilization.
- (a) Only III
 - (b) Both I and III
 - (c) Both II and III
 - (d) Only II
 - (e) None of these

17. Statement: State X has increased his demand once again for special category status to state after demand of State Y has been rejected by Central Government as State X has claimed, there has been a great loss to economy after division of state. And As a result of this state Y government party has break alliance with central Government party.

What may be the fallout after breaking of alliance of State Y government party with Central government party?

- (I) Central government will fall as magic number will get decreased.
 - (II) State X demand will be like extra political pressure on central government.
 - (III) Government of State Y may go on protest at different venues and may call state bandh.
- (a) Only II and III
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Only I and II
 - (d) Only II
 - (e) None of these

Direction (18): Statement: Amazon's country manager for India has proposed a radical idea: "*Log off; get a life.*" In an email to his team earlier this month, Amit Agarwal counseled colleagues to stop responding to emails or work calls between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. in the interest of "work-life harmony." He also talked about the importance of work discipline and how to draw the line. The leaked note has broken through the sleep-deprived haze in the technology hub of Bangalore and is a topic of heated discussions on social networks and WhatsApp chat groups.

18. Which of the following abrogates the radical idea of Mr. Agarawal?

- (I) Psychologists, sleep laboratories and fertility clinics have raised concerns about the mental and physical toll wrought by the frenetic work schedule.
 - (II) Employees of many MNC companies are working late night and they are getting a handsom salary package.
 - (III) Insomnia, depression and suicidal tendencies are rampant symptoms, said Dr. S. Kalyanasundaram, a well-known psychiatrist who sees many technology workers in his thriving south Bangalore practice.
- (a) Only II and III
 - (b) Only I and III
 - (c) Only I and II
 - (d) Only II
 - (e) None of these

19. Statement: Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal who is much concerned for the social security, education and health system has visited Government hospital for the inspection of medicines and availability of doctors. At the same time when Mr. Kejriwal was on inspection, a dalit boy has been beaten by some goons near a police station which was at 100 m away from the place of incident. Spokesperson of Delhi Government has stated that Delhi police is under Central Government, so we face hindrance to achieve social security.

Which of the following abrogates the concern of spokesperson of Delhi Government?

- (I) "There was a heated argument between Delhi CM and Delhi Police Chief and a Central minister 2 days ago." – A Report.

- (II) PM himself bothers about Delhi security and in his recent speech he told, will take all necessary steps to maintain law and order in state.
- (III) Central government has decided to give a special package to Delhi for the safety of women and to maintain law and order.
- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) Only III
- (e) None of these
- 20.** In a live program of Republic TV from Jantar Mantar in which spokesperson of BJP, Congress, AAP and BSP was present in which Mr. Arnab a chief reporter stated-
“Campaign for 2019 Lok Sabha election has been started by all the parties. Allegation, denouncement and criticizing to each other is on peak. So, nation wants to know, who will be the right PM of India in 2019 who can solve Kashmir issue, who can abolish women security issue, who can take country to the next level in prospect of economic growth”
Comments by different spokesperson: -
- (I) Mr. Patra, a BJP spokesperson- In 4 years, BJP govt. has given 2 crores employment and curb corruption through the demonetization and GST bills. We have signed many deals to empower our country.
- (II) Mr. Sibal, a Congress spokesperson-BJP has not clear his stand nor given any clarification on Rafel issue. BJP govt. is against Muslim community.
- (III) Mr. Sindhe, a BSP spokesperson- GDP has fallen in comparison to previous govt. session. Our soldiers are killed daily on the border but there is no intention of govt. to solve Kashmir issue.

Which of the following comments according to the statement can be most effective for Indian people to select right PM of India?

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) Only II and III
- (e) None of these

21. Statement: Two years back, Mr. prime minister had started “Swachh Bharat Abhiyan” and to a great extent he has succeed to keep India clean. But the point is: Will India be a clean country, without improving the thinking of people. We are in 2018 and even today also people judge girls on the basis of length of their dresses.

Which of the following refutes the concern which is raised in above statement?

- (I) Keeping women safety as top priority, toilets are made in every home of 550 villages of India under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.
 - (II) Education of Girls has been made free in all Government schools of India.
 - (III) Recently, Five Southern states of India has launched a program to improve mental thinking of people.
- (a) Only II and III
 - (b) Only I and II
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only I and III
 - (e) Only I

Direction (22): Study the following passage carefully to answer the given questions.

It was a step which was long overdue. The Union cabinet has cleared amendments to the Public Premises Act to ensure that our parliamentarians and bureaucrats don't use their clout to flout accommodation norms. The amendments will ensure that ministers, Members of Parliament and bureaucrats do not continue to overstay their welcome in government bungalows even after their term is over. They'll also have to pay steep penalties. Anybody overstaying beyond five months, for instance, will have to pay a fine of Rs 10 lakh.

22. Which of the following *negates* the possible *fallout* of Public Premises Act?

- (I) Fine of Rs. 10 lakh is for anybody who overstay beyond five months.
 - (II) A meeting will be called by some political parties to appeal for some changes in this new public premises act.
 - (III) This amendment is for the all ministers, all parliamentarians who are of ruling party or opposition party.
- (a) Only I and III
 - (b) Only I
 - (c) Only II
 - (d) Only II and III
 - (e) All of these

Direction (23-24): Pollution control can no longer be viewed as a national problem to be addressed by individual countries on the basis of national sovereignty. As the international effects of the Chernobyl nuclear accident make clear, pollutants do not respect political boundaries; thus every nation has a legitimate stake in the environmental practices and policies of its neighbours.

- 23.** Which of the following would be the most logical continuation of the argument above?
- (a) So, growth of the nuclear power industry should be halted until more rigorous safety procedures have been developed.
 - (b) Hence, attempts made by one nation to impose its environmental policies on another should be resisted-if necessary, by force.
 - (c) Consequently, issues of pollution should be handled by an international commission with the authority to set policies for all nations.
 - (d) Thus, every nation should pledge itself to environmental policies that will minimize the danger to its neighbours.
 - (e) As a result, only the ultimate emergence of a sovereign world government will resolve today's most pressing environmental dilemmas.
- 24.** Which of the following, if true, most strongly supports the view expressed in the passage?
- (a) Acid rain from factories in the midwestern United States pollutes lakes in Canada.
 - (b) Soviet leaders refused western reporters access to safety records after the Chernobyl accident.
 - (c) Neighbouring states within the United States are often unable to agree on joint pollution control efforts.
 - (d) Existing international bodies have no authority to impose pollution control regulations on member-nations.
 - (e) Fishers from Japanese fleets have increasingly depleted fish supplies in United States' territorial waters.

25. Unless new reserves are found soon, the world's supply of coal is being depleted in such a way that with demand continuing to grow at present rates, reserves will be exhausted by the year 2050.

Which of the following, If true, would most weaken the above arrangement?

- (a) There has been a slowdown in the rate of increase in world demand for coal over the last 5 years from 10% to 5%.
- (b) It has been known for many years that there are vast stocks of coal under Antarctica which are yet to be economically exploited.
- (c) Oil is being used increasingly in place of Coal for many industrial and domestic uses.
- (d) As Coal resources are depleted more marginal supplies, which are more costly to produce and less efficient in use, are being mined.
- (e) None of the above

26. A government survey released today shows that 80 % of the people who fly are satisfied with the service they receive from the airlines in this country .Three interviewers stood outside a major airport and asked people leaving the terminal, "Do you have any complaints about the flight you just got off?" Only 20 percent responded "yes!"

Which of the following, if true, would most **undermine** the conclusion of the argument above?

- (a) Sixty percent of the people coming out of the airline terminal were not people who had just gotten off a flight.
- (b) One percent of the people approached by the interviewers refused to respond to their inquiries.
- (c) The interviewers began their inquiry just after passengers were discharged from a flight that was 40 minutes late.

- (d) The interviewers were able to speak to only 70 percent of the people leaving the terminal, but those people were selected at random.
- (e) For six months following the day of the interviews, no official complaints were filed by any passenger with the Federal agency that regulated the airlines.
- 27.** Landmark preservation laws unfairly impinge on the freedom of owners to develop their own property as they see fit. In some cases, owners of hotels and office buildings designated as landmarks have been forbidden to make changes in the original facades or interiors, even though they reasonably believe that the changes would enhance the structures and make them more valuable.
- Which of the following statements, if true, seriously weakens the author's argument?
- (a) Altering the appearance of a historic structure sometimes does not enhance its beauty or value.
- (b) In traditional legal doctrine, ownership of a property implies the right to alter it at will.
- (c) Only buildings over 75 years old are normally affected by landmark preservation laws.
- (d) Landmark designations must be approved by a local regulatory body before taking effect.
- (e) Historic buildings represent a cultural heritage which the community has a legitimate stake in preserving.
- 28.** Some scientists believe that, in certain species of birds, actual particles of metal within the brain react to the Earth's magnetic field in the same way as the needle in a compass. It is this mechanism that is thought to underlie the birds' amazing ability to navigate accurately over distances of thousands of miles by

day and night during migration. To test this theory, researchers surgically removed the metal particles from the heads of some birds and then released them, along with a number of untreated birds, at the usual time and place of their annual winter migration.

Which of the following results would most seriously weaken the theory being tested?

- (a) The untreated birds were confused by the erratic flight patterns of the surgically treated birds and failed to migrate successfully.
- (b) The surgically treated birds were able to follow their usual flight patterns successfully by day, but not by night.
- (c) The surgically treated birds were able to migrate about as accurately as the untreated birds.
- (d) The surgically treated birds were able to migrate successfully only when closely following a group of untreated birds.
- (e) In addition to being impaired in their migration ability, the surgically treated birds suffered a variety of other disabling effects.

Direction (29–30): Read the questions carefully and answer the questions which follow:

29. The earth's resources are being depleted too much fast. To correct this, the United States must reduce its resource consumption at present levels for many years to come.

Which of the following, if **true**, would most **strengthen** the argument above?

- (a) The United States has been conserving resources for several years.
- (b) Other countries have agreed to hold their resource consumption at present levels.

- (c) Other countries need economic development more than the United States does.
 - (d) New resource deposits are constantly being discovered.
 - (e) The United States consumes one-third of all resources used in the world.
- 30.** Red is a colour which has powerful effects on human beings as well as animals. A group of psychologists carried out an experiment which confirms the subconscious effects of this colour on human behaviour. They provided selected sports teams at school and college level with either red or blue shorts and recorded the outcome of the games. The teams wearing red won in a disproportionate number of matches. The psychologists suggested that either the teams wearing red subconsciously felt themselves more powerful, or that the non-red teams were subconsciously intimidated by the red colour.
- Which of the following, if **true**, would most **weaken** the psychologists' suggestion?
- (a) Each team wore red in some matches and blue in others.
 - (b) The colour blue has the subconscious effect of making human beings less competitive.
 - (c) The effect was only observed if all the team members wore white shirts.
 - (d) Red signifies danger in some cultures whereas it signifies happiness in others.
 - (e) In a subsequent study, teams with all-red outfits were more likely to report that they thought they would win no matter what colour the opponents wore.

Directions (31-32): Read the following paragraph carefully and answer the questions that follow.

After rising for several months, gold prices are likely to see a gradual decline in the short term on the back of strong global cues. With the US economy showing signs of recovery, domestic gold prices are expected to settle at under Rs. 30000 per 10 grams by March, although the decline may not be as steep as international prices.

- A. Gold prices are determined by international market prices.
- B. Prices of gold in local market are on a continuous decline
- C. Soaring price of gold is not a positive sign for an economy.
- D. The US economy is very speculative.
- E. There are strong signs of decline in the price as it was in the case of petroleum and crude oil five years ago. Later, the market did decline.

31. Which of the following statements (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) would **weaken** the argument of the author?

- (a) Only A
- (b) Only B
- (c) Only D
- (d) Both B and C
- (e) Both A and E

32. Which of the following, if true, would **strengthen** the argument of the author?

- (a) Only C
- (b) Only E
- (c) Both A and C
- (d) Both B and C
- (e) None of these

Directions (33-34): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by three or four arguments numbered I, II, III and IV. You have to decide which of the arguments is/are 'strong' (arguments) and which is/are 'weak' (arguments) and accordingly choose your answer from the alternatives given below each question.

33. Statement: A record of sort was created after the UP government, which advertised for 368 posts of peon in secretariat, got 23 lakh responses. The minimum qualification for the post of peon is that the applicant should be a class five pass out and know how to ride a bicycle. Grabbing the opportunity, opposition parties in unison attacked the SP-led state government over its promise of providing employment to youths in the state. Of the total 368 posts, 268 are for general category and the rest are for SC, ST and other reserved categories in the age group of 18 to 40 years. "When we categorized the applications viz. a qualification, we were surprised to find that 255 doctorates have applied for the job", a senior secretariat administration official said.

Should people with educational qualification higher than the optimum requirements be debarred from seeking jobs?

Arguments:

- I. No, It will further aggravate the problem of educated unemployment.
- II. Yes, It creates complexes among employees and affects the work adversely.
- III. No, This goes against the basic rights of the individuals.
- IV. Yes, This will increase productivity.
 - (a) Only I and III are strong
 - (b) All are strong
 - (c) Only II and IV are strong
 - (d) Only III is strong
 - (e) None of these

34. Statement: Sociologists and political observers are of the opinion that making education qualification mandatory for election candidates would be discriminatory since that would naturally deprive citizens of India the right to represent their people.

Institutional qualification, as they say, is different from political acumen and wisdom. In a country like India where about a quarter of 815 million eligible voters are illiterate, it would not be prudent to deny a politically aware and socially conscious individual the election ticket just because he/she doesn't have a minimum qualification.

Should "literacy" be the minimum criterion for becoming a voter in India?

Arguments:

- I. No, Mere literacy is no guarantee of political maturity of an individual.
- II. Yes, Illiterate people are less likely to make politically wiser decisions of voting for a right candidate or party.
- III. No, Voting is the constitutional right of every citizen.
 - (a) None is strong
 - (b) Only I and II are strong
 - (c) Only III is strong
 - (d) Only II and III are strong
 - (e) All are strong

35. Statement: In a recent report, the gross enrolment ratios at the primary level that is, the number of children enrolled in classes one to five as a proportion of all children aged 6 to 10, were shown to be very high for most states; in many cases they were above 100 percent! These figures are not worth anything, since they are based on the official enrolment data compiled from school records. They might as well stand for 'gross exaggeration ratios'.

Which one of the following options **best supports** the claim that the ratios are exaggerated?

- (a) The definition of gross enrolment ratio does not exclude, in its numerator, children below 6 years or above 10 years enrolled in classes one to five.

- (b) A school attendance study found that many children enrolled in the school records were not meeting a minimum attendance requirement of 80 percent.
 - (c) A study estimated that close to 22 percent of children enrolled in the class were below 6 years of age and still to start going to school.
 - (d) Demographic surveys show shifts in the population profile which indicates that the number of children in the age group 6 to 10 years is declining.
 - (e) None of these
- 36.** Prompted by a proposal to convert a shipyard into a complex of condominiums with a full-service marina and boat repair centre and by concern about the proposal from local residents, baymen, and environmentalists, the town is considering a one-year building moratorium for the waterfront area.
Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken opposition to the complex?
- (a) Condominiums would sell for \$350,000 each.
 - (b) There is large demand for boat repair services.
 - (c) A growing population results in the closure of shellfish.
 - (d) There are already 1200 moorings on the waterfront.
 - (e) The shipyard may be sold for another commercial use.
- 37.** Before the arrival of Joe, a new partner, sales output in Bill's company, Midas in Revere Ltd., had been rising by 10% per year on average. Innovations by Joe included computerization of technical processes and reductions in the work force, but annual sales output has only risen by 5% per year. It appears that Joe's innovations have caused the reduction in the annual growth rate.
Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the conclusions above?

- (a) The investment in new machinery entails a provision for depreciation of the cost of the fixed assets, which causes a reduction in profit.
- (b) Midas in Reverse Ltd. Does not base increase in the selling price of its products with costs.
- (c) Joe's innovations were intended as long-term investment and not made for short-term profit growth.
- (d) General demand for the product manufactured by the company has declined.
- (e) Workers laid off by Midas in Reverse Ltd. have been hired by a competitor who is taking an increasing share of the market.
38. While Governor Verdant has been in office, the state's budget has increased by an average of 6 per cent each year. While the previous governor was in office, the state's budget increased by an average of 11.5 per cent each year. Obviously, the austere budgets during Governor Verdant's term have caused the slowdown in the growth in state spending.
Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the conclusion drawn above?
- (a) The rate of inflation in the state averaged 10 per cent each year during the previous governor's term in office and 3 per cent each year during Verdant's term.
- (b) Both federal and state income tax rates have been lowered considerably during Verdant's term in office.
- (c) In each year of Verdant's term in office, the state's budget has shown some increase in spending over the previous year.
- (d) During Verdant's term in office, the state has either discontinued or begun to charge private citizens for numerous services that the state offered free to citizens during the previous governor's term.

- (e) During the previous governor's term in office, the state introduced several so called "austerity" budgets intended to reduce the growth in state spending.
39. The use of petroleum products in the manufacture of plastics should be regulated and limited by law. Our country's need for petroleum for energy production is more vital than our need for plastics, and our growing dependence on foreign sources of petroleum could have serious consequences if, for example, a war cut off our access to those imports. By reducing our use of petroleum products in making plastics, we can take a major step towards national energy independence and so enhance our country's security.
- Which of the following, if true, would most greatly weaken the argument above?
- (a) Only a small fraction of petroleum products consumed in this country is used in making plastics.
 - (b) New methods of plastics manufacture can somewhat reduce the amount of petroleum needed.
 - (c) The development of atomic energy as an alternative to petroleum-based energy has been slowed by legitimate concerns over safety.
 - (d) In times of war, combatant nations would be seriously tempted to seize forcibly the territories of petroleum-producing nations.
 - (e) Some plastic products, such as aircraft and motor vehicles' parts, play vital roles in our nation's defence.

Directions (40-44): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments a 'strong' argument is and which a 'weak' argument is. Give answer as:

- (a) If only argument I is strong
- (b) If only argument II is strong
- (c) If either I or II is strong
- (d) If neither I nor II is strong
- (e) If both I and II are strong

40. Statement: Should the educated unemployed youth be paid “unemployment allowance” by the Government?

Arguments: **I.** Yes. It will provide them some monetary help to either seek employment or to kick start some ‘self-employment’ venture.

II. No. It will dampen their urge to do something to earn their livelihood and thus promote idleness among the unemployed youth.

41. Statement: Should all the practicing doctors be brought under Government control so that they get salary from the Government and treat patients free of cost?

Arguments: **I.** No. How can any country do such an undemocratic thing?

II. Yes. Despite many problems, it will certainly help minimize, if not eradicate, unethical medical practices.

42. Statement: Should there be concentration of foreign investment in only few states?

Arguments: **I.** No. It is against the policy of overall development of the country.

II. Yes. A large number of states lack infrastructure to attract foreign investment.

43. Statement: Should India engage into a dialogue with neighbouring countries to stop cross border tension?

Arguments: I. Yes, This is the way to reduce the cross border terrorism and stop loss of innocent lives.

II. No, Neighbouring countries cannot be relied upon in such matters, they may still engage in subversive activities.

- 44. Statement:** Should system of offering jobs only to the wards of government employees be introduced in all government offices in India?

Arguments: I. No. It denies opportunity to many deserving individuals and government may stand to lose in the long run.

II. No. It is against the principle of equality. Does not government owe its responsibility to all its citizens?

- 45. Statement:** A slump in home sales has pushed builders' inventory to "unsustainable levels" in the National Capital Region of Delhi, creating conditions for a real price correction that developers have so far avoided.

Which of the following statements is **definitely true** on the basis of the given statement?

- (a) Demand for houses is quite low in most of the big cities.
- (b) The high inventory level will hamper the ability of launching new projects by the builders.
- (c) Builders in the market who have shown a good track record of delivering on time and on their promises have been able to garner sales even in this slow market.
- (d) Unless this unsold stock gets absorbed, it will be difficult for consumer confidence to come back in this market.
- (e) High prices have pushed most of the on-sale apartments beyond the reach of average home buyers.

- 46. Statement:** The water situation is grim as the total storage in 91 main reservoirs across the country has gone below the last 10-year average, says the report of the Central Water Commission (CWC).

Which of the following may be the most **probable reason** for the fall in the level in reservoirs?

- (a) Less rainfall across the country
- (b) More use of water by the irrigation department
- (c) Depletion of ground level in the country
- (d) Less plantation of tree in the country
- (e) Wastage of water by the people of the country

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47. Statement: Should sex education promote in school?

Arguments:

- I. No, it will end the education system set from ancient times.
- II. Yes, it will give right information at right time. It will help children in fighting against problem in future.

48. Statement: Should overseas press enter in India?

Arguments:

- I. No, they do not give good information, and Indian press industry will destroy.
- II. Yes, they will give true and right news receives good reactions and overseas press will help us to know truth.

49. Statement: Is globalization necessary for India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, we need latest technology to feed large population of India and in a short time this need can be fulfilled by globalization.
- II. No, globalization can't face poverty and unemployment and this will increase problems because modern technology need less investment and human power.

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50. Statement: Should doctors make an organisation?

Arguments:

- I. No, doctors are in top and ideal profession and to make organisation is against the rules of jobs.
- II. Yes. If you are not an organisation, there will be no attention paid towards your small requirements.

51. Statement: Should we end censor in Cinema?

Arguments:

- I. No, It will increase vulgarity.
- II. Yes, control will prevent rise and development in art.

52. The earth's resources are being depleted much too fast. To correct this, the United States must reduce its resource consumption at present levels for many years to come.

Which of the following, if **true**, would most **strengthen** the argument above?

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Statement:

Should the income generated out of agricultural activities be taxed?

Arguments:

- I. No. Farmers are otherwise suffering from natural calamities and low yield coupled with low procurement price and their income should not be taxed.
 - II. Yes. Majority of the population is dependent on agriculture and hence their income should be taxed to augment the resources.
 - III. Yes. Many big farmers earn much more than the majority of the service earners and they should be taxed to remove the disparity.
- (a) Only I is strong
 - (b) Only I and II are strong
 - (c) Only II and III are strong
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55. Landmark preservation laws unfairly impinge on the freedom of owners to develop their own property as they see fit. In some cases, owners of hotels and office buildings designated as landmarks have been forbidden to make changes in the original facades or interiors, even though they reasonably believe that the changes would enhance the structures and make them more valuable.

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56. All the members of the Student Rights Coalition signed the petition calling for a meeting with the university trustees. Philip must be a member of the Student Rights Coalition since his signature appears on the petition.

Which of the following best states the central flaw in the reasoning above?

- (a) Some members of the Student Rights Coalition may not support all of the organization's positions.
- (b) It is possible that Philip's signature on the petition was forged by a member of the Student Rights Coalition.
- (c) Any member of the student body is eligible to sign a petition dealing with university affairs.

- (d) Philip may have resigned from the Student Rights Coalition after signing the petition.
 - (e) Some of those who signed the petition may not be members of the Student Rights Coalition.
57. The percentage of family income spent on entertainment has remained almost the same over the past twenty years – about twelve per cent. When new forms of entertainment become popular, they do not expand this percentage; instead, they take consumer spending away from other forms of entertainment. Therefore, film producers have observed the video boom with concern, knowing that every dollar spent on rental of videos means a dollar less spent on movie theatre admissions.
- Which of the following, if true, most forcefully undermines the argument of the passage above?
- (a) The cost of renting a video is generally substantially less than the price of a movie theatre admission.
 - (b) Most film producers receive a portion of the income from the sale of video rights to their movies.
 - (c) Fears of some film producers that videos would completely supersede movies have not come to pass.
 - (d) Since the start of the video boom, money spent on forms of entertainment other than videos and movies has dropped.
 - (e) Some movies that were unprofitable when shown in theatres have become successful when released in video form.

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- 1. (d);** For I- Statement I weaken the given statement as according to it large number of people migrating to urban areas for better job opportunities whereas the given statement suggests that people are willing to compromise on their standard of living in order to live in a healthier/pollution free environment
For II- Statement II weaken the given statement as according to it migration from the rural areas is increasing whereas according to the statement, more and more people are willing to migrate to rural/semi-urban areas.
For III- Statement III strengthens the statement as it states that there has been a decline in number of migrants but it is due to the poor condition of urban slum areas, mostly acquired by the migrants and because of the policies of the government.
- 2. (a);** Only I weakens the given statements as the statement suggest that the today's children are weaker than previous generation and are not as much active and also lack in developing their personality whereas the statement I states that today's children are mentally more active so it weakens the given statement.
- 3. (a);** (a) mention a flaw in the survey which weakens the conclusion drawn from it.
(b) supports the statement by pointing out that some people embrace religion to achieve financial success.
(c) poor people might not have enough time to engage in religious practices but it does not eliminate the possibility of them having religious beliefs.

- (d) mentions a fact which is irrelevant as the given statement talks about the general population of financially successful people which includes both developed and developing countries.
- (e) is irrelevant to the statement.
- 4. (e);** Except (e), all the statement strengthens the given statement by pointing out the effects of water scarcity India is currently facing and problems related to it but option (e) states that the crisis was more in 1960 from now which contradicts the given statement as it states that India is facing its “worst” water crisis in history. So (e) weakens the given statement.
- 5. (d);** Statement I strengthen the given statement as even the economic growth is higher the problem of stunting is keep on increasing among children. But statement II is neutral statement.
- 6. (e);** For I: Yes, It is strong argument as it supports the statement that by consuming an apple a day any one can keep himself fit and fine.
For II: No. It is not supporting the statement because argument II is about real juice of apple flavor but in statement consuming of apple fruit is instructed and it is also said in argument to ban it which is not in support of statement.
For III: No, It is not strong because according to statement it's an initiative from health ministry to take an apple daily but in argument III, other side of statement is shown which is not in support.
For IV: No, it is not strong with respect to statements as it's an alternative to be healthy but it is not in support of an initiative which is stated by health ministry.

Directions (7):

7. (e); The researchers are testing preference for one feature: the masculinity/femininity of the faces. However, if the faces have other differences, say race or size or age, then the subjects could be responding to that feature. In statement E, the correct answer, we have the possibility that the subjects are responding to age, a situation that is very damaging to the conclusion.
8. (c); The passage claims that the critical difference between the Maths and science scores of Japanese and American children is the discipline of the Japanese educational system. (c) Directly contradicts this claim. It says, in essence, that this cannot be the proper causal explanation because American students, in highly flexible environments, actually outscore the Japanese students in their rigid environments.
9. (c); (a) Water sharing between two cities is out of the scope of the zoo authorities.
(b) Does not clarify the role of zoo authorities in this regard. Unknown virus eliminates the possibility of the treatment which might have been the cause of deaths.
(c) Mentions an incident which proves the insincerity and carelessness by the zoo officials towards their duties.
(d) Zoo officials could not be held responsible for anything that happened outside zoo premises.
10. (e); Statement (b), (c) and (d) talks about the digestibility of grains or their bad effects while the statement is only concerned with the addictive nature of grains.
Statement (a) is irrelevant. Statement (e) points to a fact which proves the addictive nature of grains.

11. (c); Only (c) strengthen the given statement as it states that interest of people of India is rising in football which will help the skilled youth to indulge in this game. But (a) and (b) suggest that Cricket is the most lovable game and football require star players to become as popular as cricket players among Indi Further (d) is about the extraordinary players of Hockey in India and (e) is about superiority of Indian Women players over Men players in Olympics game

12. (a); Statement I strengthen the given statement as is states about the amount invested on disasters and climate related mishappenings which is also a cause for rising the number of hungry people. But statement II cannot be assumed from the given statement as it is about increase in pollution level.

13. (d); For I: No, Statement given by youth leader refutes the statement given by motivational speaker because love has not been described as it is described by speaker.

For II: No, It is not a just emotional support, as love has been described by speaker very deeply.

For III: Yes, It describes the depth as it is also stated in statement that one partner remains happy in his/her partner delight.

14. (c); For I: Yes, it weakens the statement of manager as it is said by manager that increment will be based on performance i.e. hard work and determination. But 15% for all those employees who have completed 1 year undermines the statement by manager.

For II: No, it strengthens the statement by manager as performance chart has been prepared and appraisal will be done accordingly.

For III: Yes, it weakens because it is mentioned that punctuality is one of the key factor and if those who is punctual and those who gets relaxation time and both are considered as same, then it's a partiality for the punctual coming employee.

15. (b); For I: Yes, in this question we have to find the possible adverse impact of playing IPL game on Dream11. So, there may be wrong impact on working as concentration of employee may be deviated from their office works.

For II: No, as according to the question we have to find the adverse impact but IIInd statement is a positive vibe for employees.

For III: Yes, addiction of betting may impact on their basic earning which is coming from their hard work.

16. (d); In this question, we have to find which is not related to the above statement.

For I: It is completely related to the passage, there must be awareness program to make society awake.

For II: This is must do step which should be taken by Government but it is not related to statement which is mention above.

For III: It is a myth that should be avoided or abolished but it is the part of the statement given above.

17. (a); For I: False, We cannot consider this point, because in this with certainty, it is said that number will get decreased but according to statement we don't know even the magical number.

For II: True, Demand of State X has come after demand of State Y has been rejected and state Y government political party has also withdrawn their support.

For III: True, It may be the adverse result as demand of state Y has been rejected by Central government.

18. (d); For I: False, It supports the above idea as it shows the mental and physical concerns.

For II: True, It nullifies the above idea because it shows the another angle that working upto late night and they get ransom salary.

For III: False, It supports the above statement as some psychological issues are shown in last statement.

19. (c); For I: False, It supports the concern of Spokesperson of Delhi Government.

For II: True, It nullifies the concern as it shows PM himself bothers about Delhi security.

For III: True, it also nullifies the concern as Central Government is giving a special package to Delhi Govt. for safety of women and to maintain law and order.

20. (b); For I: False, according to statement which we have to consider as base, and in comments Mr. Patra has not discussed about points which is mentioned in statement. Empowering the economy has been discussed but we have to find most effective comment.

For II: False, Congress has not even discussed on a point which has been mentioned by Mr. Aranab.

For III: True, Mr. Sinde has discussed two points which is most effective comments among all.

21. (b); We have to find which conclusion nullifies the concern of statement.

For I: True, In statement I it is concern that cleaning program had been started in country but thinking towards girls is not clean but in conclusion it is trying to show some steps has been taken for women safety.

For II: True, in conclusion II, it is shown same as conclusion I that something is done for girls but by this step concern of statement will not get solved.

For III: False, it supports the concern of statement as recently steps has been taken to improve the mental thinking of people.

Direction (22):

22. (a); In this question we have to choose that particular statement which nullifies the possible adverse effect of Public Premises Act.

For Statement I: Right, As there is monetary punishment of Rs. 10 lakh for all so if any one does so, he will have to pay the declared monetary punishment.

For Statement II: Wrong, This will support the fallout of Public premise act.

For Statement III: Right, as this rule is for all so opposition cannot raise voice against it.

23. (c); The argument is leading up to call for some sort of international agency to control pollution, which, as the author claims, is an international problem. Thus (c) is the best response.

24. (a); The author cite one example of international pollution, so another example would help strengthen his claim. (a) provides such an example.

25. (e); statement (a) states that demand of coal is still increasing at 5% per annum therefore the argument is not weakened by the statement. Statement (b) does not affect the argument that stocks will be depleted unless new reserves are found because it considers the reserve in Antarctica. statement (c) informs that there is an alternative to coal which is being used increasingly.(d) states an economic fact of life that would have to be faced if the statements in the paragraph are true.so neither (a),(b),(c) or (d) is appropriate.

26. (a); The question was put to people who were coming out of the terminal about the services aboard the flight. If it was shown that a majority of people coming out of the terminal were not passengers, Then the conclusion would really be jeopardized.(a) does just that.

27. (e); The conclusion of the argument is that landmark preservation laws deprive landlords of their right to use their own property. (e) comes to grips with this assumption by noting that a landmark building may not be purely private property and some part of building may belong to the community at large. (a) does not valid as it represents only a partial attack on argument.(b) strengthens the claims that landmark preservation laws represent an unwanted interference with the rights of the landlord.

28. (c); The question stem here asks for the evidence that would most weaken the theory that the metal particles are important to the bird's navigational mechanism. The best refutation of the theory would be a finding that when the particles are removed, the birds continue to migrate as effectively as before. (c) is tantamount to saying that this was the case.

Direction(29-30):

- 29. (e);** All other option are irrelevant except option (e) which says that because US consumes one-third of all world's resource, it should keep its consumption under check as they are depleting very fast.
- 30. (b);** The conclusion concerns the supposed "powerful effects" of red colour. However, if the observed results are due to the "power" of blue, the conclusion is not valid! The experimental design is flawed in that only two colours are used and the so-called positive effect of red cannot be distinguished from a possible negative effect of blue.

Directions (31-32):

- 31. (c);** If an economy is speculative, it cannot be so trustworthy and hence we can't predict or determine the prices of goods or commodity with respect to that economy. Hence, it weakens the argument of the author.
- 32. (b);** It clearly strengthens the argument of the author, who is optimistic about the decline in the price.
- 33. (d);** The issue discussed in the statement is nowhere related to increase in unemployment, as the number of vacancies filled in will remain the same. Also, in a working place, it is the performance of the individual that matters and that makes him more or less wanted, and not his educational qualifications. So, neither I nor II holds strong. Besides, the needs of a job are laid down in the desired qualifications for the job. So, recruitment of more qualified people cannot augment productivity. Thus, IV also does not hold strong.

However, it is the right of an individual to get the post for which he fulfills the eligibility criteria, whatever be his extra merits. Hence, argument III holds strong.

- 34. (e);** Clearly, illiterate people lack in power and maturity in thoughts. They may easily be misled into false convictions or lured into temptations to vote for a particular group. So, argument II holds. However, a person is literate does not mean that he is conscious of all political movements, which requires practical awareness of everyday events. Thus, I also holds strong. Besides, Constitution has extended the right to vote equally to all its citizens. Hence, III also holds.
- 35. (c);** From the statement, it is clear that the word 'exaggerated' represents something as better or worse than it really is. It is mention there that the number of children enrolled in classes one to five were shown to be high for more states and in option (c), it is given that 22 percent children enrolled and still going on. So, this option supports the best.
- 36. (e);** If the shipyard is not covered into the proposed complex, it might be sold for another use, which could be more detrimental to the opposition's interests than the current plan.
- 37. (d);** In order to shift the blame for the reduction in the annual rate of growth of sales output away from Joe's new regime, we must find reason for the lack of sales. (d) provides us with this alternative.

38. (a); Statement (b) deals with the courses of government income, not with government spending. The accuracy of the six-percent figure given in the argument and on which the argument rests is not called into question; so (c) does not weaken the conclusion. (d) tends to strengthen, rather than weaken the position that Verdant's budgets have been austere. (e) is inappropriate because the conclusion is based on actual figures, bot descriptive phrases and avowed goals.

39. (a); In the passage it claims that in order to ensure that we have sufficient energy ,we should quit using petroleum to manufacture plastics. If we do so, we will have made a significant step towards energy independence. This argument however assumes that we use a lot of petroleum in the manufacture of plastics -an assumption questioned by (a).

Directions (40-44):

40. (e); Young people, who do not get employment due to the large number of applicants in all fields, must surely be given allowance so that they can support themselves. So, argument I is strong. However, such allowances would mar the spirit to work, in them and make them idle. So, argument II is also strong.

41. (b); A doctor treating a patient individually can mislead the patient into wrong and unnecessary treatment for his personal gain. So, argument II holds strong. Also, a policy beneficial to common people cannot be termed 'undemocratic'. So, I is not strong.

42. (a); An equitable distribution of foreign investment is a must for uniform development all over the country. So, argument I holds. Also, no backward state ought to be neglected; rather such states should be prepared and shaped up to attract foreign investment as well. So, II does not hold.

43. (a); Clearly, peaceful settlement through mutual agreement is the best option, whatever be the issue. So, argument I holds strong. Moreover, the problem indicated in II can be curbed by constant check and vigilance. So, 2nd one is not strong.

44. (e); Merit, fair selection and equal opportunities for all – these three factors, if taken care of, can help government recruit competent officials and also fulfill the objectives of the Constitution. Thus, both the arguments hold strong

45. (e); (a) does not follow because the NCR phenomenon can't be extrapolated to "most of the big cities". b) and d) are probable consequences. c) shows us the other side. e) follows from the mention of "slump in home sales" and scope for "price correction".

46. (a); The main reason for the depletion in the reservoirs is less rainfall in the country. So only option a) follows.

Directions (47-49):

47. (b); Sex education provided in school is true when it is provided in adolescence age. They are confused in so many things about sex. They remain in tension, it will be better if they are given information at right time. Education given in a controlled environment does not affect ancient Indian system. Argue II is strong but I is not.

- 48. (d);** If we view closely none of argue seems strong. This seems that it is just imagination.
- 49. (b);** Today is time of machines and computers. Reality is that it needs very less man power. Hence argument II is strong and I is not.
- 50. (a);** In reality doctor is considered as God. It is not expected from them to make organisation and to do strikes. Because patients need them anytime. If anything goes wrong with them. They can use another organisation to strong their voice. So argue I is strong and argue II is not strong.
- 51. (a);** If censor is finished vulgarity will increase. Under censor everything goes through a system. So, argue I is strong but II is not.
- 52. (e);** All other option are irrelevant except option (5) which says that because US consumes one-third of all world's resource, it should keep its consumption under check as they are depleting very fast.
- 53. (b);** The conclusion concerns the supposed "powerful effects" of red colour. However, if the observed results are due to the "power" of blue, the conclusion is not valid! The experimental design is flawed in that only two colours are used and the so-called positive effect of red cannot be distinguished from a possible negative effect of blue.
- 54. (c);** Clearly, if the income of farmers is not adequate, they cannot be brought under the net of taxation as per rules governing the Income Tax Act. So, I is not strong. Besides, a major part

of the population is dependent on agriculture and such a large section, if taxed even with certain concessions, would draw in huge funds, into the government coffers. Also, many big landlords with substantially high incomes from agriculture are taking undue advantage of this benefit. So, both arguments II and III hold strong.

55. (e); The conclusion of the argument is that landmark preservation laws deprive landlords of their right to use their own property. (e) comes to grips with this assumption by noting that a landmark building may not be purely private property and some part of building may belong to the community at large. (a) does not valid as it represents only a partial attack on argument. (b) strengthens the claims that landmark preservation laws represent an unwanted interference with the rights of the landlord.

56. (e); In the above question it is asked to choose from a given option which weaken the statement or make it imperfect so correct answer will be (e).

57. (d); The author argues for the following connection: videos take money away from movies. What choice (d) asserts, in effect, is that the money spent on videos came from some other source. So, (d) statement undermines the given passage.



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1. All the members of the Student Rights Coalition signed the petition calling for a meeting with the university trustees. Philip must be a member of the Student Rights Coalition since his signature appears on the petition.

Which of the following best states the central flaw in the reasoning above?

- (a) Some members of the Student Rights Coalition may not support all of the organization's positions.
- (b) It is possible that Philip's signature on the petition was forged by a member of the Student Rights Coalition.
- (c) Any member of the student body is eligible to sign a petition dealing with university affairs.
- (d) Philip may have resigned from the Student Rights Coalition after signing the petition.
- (e) Some of those who signed the petition may not be members of the Student Rights Coalition.

Direction (2): Study the given information and answer the questions that follow.

India is renowned as the land of tiger, elephant and many other wildlife creatures. But sadly, the equation that existed between people and wildlife centuries ago has vanished, and our protected areas, which comprise mere 4% of India's landscape, are themselves in an alarming condition for the government.

2. Which of the following is the **main threat** to wildlife in India at present?
- I. Increasing number of illegal poaching of animals
 - II. Poor quality of forest administration
 - III. Reckless development in the forest area
 - IV. Lack of political will
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only I and III
 - (e) All of these

Directions-(3-4) Read the following information carefully and answer the questions which follow-

In a recent study of responses to visual images, researchers found that women most frequently gave the rating 'most attractive' to images of male faces that were more feminine in contour, and rated more masculine faces, on average, 'less attractive'. The researchers concluded that modern women prefer men who are less obviously masculine in their facial features.



3. The conclusion would be most severely weakened if which of the following were true?
- (a) Facial features are not the criterion that most women use to decide whether a man is attractive.
 - (b) The visual images were computer generated composites of photographs and not pictures of actual men.
 - (c) The rating scale was a ten-point scale with most attractive scoring 1-2 and least attractive scoring 8-10.
 - (d) Most popular male actors have the features that the study allocated to the more masculine category.
 - (e) The faces with the more masculine features were all significantly older than those with the feminine features.

4. Which is the following is an assumption that the researchers apparently made in this study?
- (a) The women who participated in the study were sufficiently representative of modern women in general.
 - (b) Male faces are, in general, attractive to women.
 - (c) Visual images are important to women.
 - (d) It is impossible to predict what features an ideal face would have.
 - (e) Women in previous ages would have preferred more masculine men.

Directions (5-7): In each question below is given a statement followed by three assumptions numbered I, II and III. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions, decide which of the statement and choose your answer accordingly.

5. **Statement:** Use 'X' brand shoes. These are durable and available in all sizes-An advertisement in the newspaper A.

Assumptions:

- I. Normally people like durable shoes.
 - II. Very few people read advertisement in a newspaper.
 - III. Very few people read the newspaper A.
- (a) None is implicit
 - (b) Only I and II are implicit
 - (c) Only I, and either II or III are implicit
 - (d) All are implicit
 - (e) None of the above

6. Statement: These apples are too cheap to be good.

Assumptions:

- I. When the apple crop is abundant, the prices go down.
 - II. The lower the selling price, the inferior is the quality of the commodity.
 - III. Very cheap apples are also good.
- (a) None is implicit
 - (b) Only I and III are implicit
 - (c) Only II is implicit
 - (d) Only II and III are implicit
 - (e) All are implicit

7. Statement: The employees' association has appealed to the Managers of Company Z to introduce written examinations for clerical cadre recruitment to prevent selection of incompetent persons.

Assumptions:

- I. So far the Company Z used to select candidates without conducting a written examination.
 - II. A written examination can help to identify competent persons.
 - III. At higher level, written examination may not be of much use.
- (a) Only I and II are implicit
 - (b) Only II and III are implicit
 - (c) Only I and III are implicit
 - (d) Only III is implicit
 - (e) None of the above

Directions (8-9): In each of the following questions, a statement/group of statements is given followed by some conclusions. Without resolving anything yourself, choose the conclusion which logically follows from the given statement(s).

8. Statement: In this company, 60 per cent of the employees are males, 40 per cent are females, 80 per cent of the employees are sincere and 40 per cent of the employees are from this city—Rawalpura.

Conclusions:

- (a) All male employees are from out station.
- (b) All male employees are sincere.
- (c) 20 per cent of female employees are not sincere.
- (d) All female employees are from Rawalpura.
- (e) None of these.

9. Statement: In a class, three-fourth of the boys play football, one-half play cricket, one-fourth of those who play cricket do not play football.

Conclusions:

- (a) Two-third of the boys plays only football.
- (b) One-fourth of the boys play neither cricket nor football.
- (c) One-third of the boys play neither cricket nor football.
- (d) One-eighth of the boys play neither cricket nor football.
- (e) Two-fifth of the boys plays only football

Directions (10): In the question below is given a statement followed by some assumptions numbered. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and then decide which of the assumption(s) is/are implicit?

10. Statement: “Wanted a two bedroom flat in the court area for immediate possession”. — An advertisement.

Assumptions:

- I. Flats are available in court area.
- II. Some people will respond to the advertisement.
- III. It is a practice to give such an advertisement.

- (a) All are implicit
- (b) Only II is implicit
- (c) None is implicit
- (d) Only I and II are implicit
- (e) None of these

Directions (11-12): In each of the following questions, a statement/group of statements is given followed by some conclusions. Without resolving anything yourself, choose the conclusion which logically follows from the given statement(s).

11. Statement: Hitesh told Mohit a ghost lived by the peepal tree on the outskirts of the village.

Conclusions:

- (a) Peepal trees grow on the outskirts of the village.
- (b) Ghosts live on peepal trees.
- (c) Hitesh perhaps believed in the stories of ghosts.
- (d) Mohit must be afraid of ghosts.
- (e) None of these

12. Statement: Every library has books.

Conclusions:

- (a) Books are only in library.
- (b) Libraries are meant for books only.
- (c) No library is without books.
- (d) Some libraries do not have readers.
- (e) None of these

Directions (13-15): In each question below is given a statement followed by three assumptions numbered I, II and III. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions, decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement and choose your answer accordingly.

13. Statement: "Buy pure and natural honey of company X." - An advertisement in a newspaper.

Assumptions: I. Artificial honey can be prepared.

II. People do not mind paying more for pure and natural honey.

III. No other company supplies pure honey.

(a) Only I is implicit

(b) Only I and II are implicit

(c) Only I and III are implicit

(d) All are implicit

(e) None of these

14. Statement: "A rare opportunity to be a professional while you are at home." — An advertisement for computer literate housewives by a computer company.

Assumptions: I. Some housewives simultaneously desire to become professional.

II. Computer industry is growing at a fast pace.

III. It is possible to be a professional as well as a housewife.

(a) Only I and II are implicit

(b) Only II and III are implicit

(c) Only I and III are implicit

(d) Only II is implicit

(e) None of these

15. Statement: Everybody loves reading adventure stories.

Assumptions: I. Adventure stories are the only reading material.

II. Nobody loves reading any other material.

III. All are literate.

(a) None is implicit

(b) Only I and II are implicit

(c) All are implicit

(d) Only II and III are implicit

(e) None of these

Directions (16–18): 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 assumption II is implicit
- (d) If neither assumption I nor assumption II is implicit
- (e) If both assumption I and II are implicit

16. Statement: 'You are expected to be frank and objective while writing your self-appraisal report'. An instruction for writing self-appraisal report.

Assumption:

- I. Unless cautioned, people may tend to be little shy and less objective while writing their self-appraisal report.
- II. Every self-appraisal report helps the person in his further development.

17. Statement: The higher echelon of any organization are expected to be models of observational learning and should not be considered as merely sources of reward and punishments.

Assumption:

- I. Employees are likely to be sensitive enough to learn by observing the behavior of their bosses.
- II. Normally bosses are considered as sources of reward and punishment.

18. Statement: 'But, out of A, B, C and D products, you buy 'B' which alone is based on the international technology. A shopkeeper tells a customer'.

Assumption:

- I. The customers normally accept the recommendation of the shopkeeper.
- II. Use of international technology is supposed to ensure better quality standards.

19. If you want a hassle-free holiday package for city M, then join only our tour. Hurry up; only a few seats available 'An advertisement of ABC Tourist Company.'

If the above statements are true, then which of the following has been assumed while making the statement?

- (a) No seats may be available with other tour operators for city M
- (b) Now-a-days people have a lot of money to spend on their comforts
- (c) Travel packages offered by other tour operators are neither cheap nor comfortable
- (d) Many people desire convenience and comfort while going for a holiday
- (e) None of the above

20. The State Government's agency 'Housewell' has constructed 500 flats for the middle class but inspite of a shortage of houses, it has not even received 100 applications.

Which of the following, if true, could explain this?

- (a) A private builder's scheme which has come up on the adjacent plot is overbooked inspite of higher cost and 100% advance payment.

- (b) The flats are nearby village area and not accessible either by bus or by train easily.
- (c) The quality of construction of 'flat' is reported to be very poor.
- (d) The conditions of payment and facilities given in flat are not liked by people.
- (e) None of the above.

Directions (21-23): These questions are based on statement given below and the sentences labeled (1), (2), (3) and (4) as given below. In an attempt to increase sales, XYZ Ltd. implemented a new customer service policy that required all sales representatives to address all prospective clients by name. Within six months, sales had risen 15%. The new policy was therefore a success.

- (1) The customers would like to be addressed by name by the sales representatives.
 - (2) The XYZ Ltd. has launched a new product which has got tremendous response from the customers.
 - (3) A recent survey shows that customers feel more connected and show faith in a company when the company representative addresses them by name.
 - (4) A regular customer of XYZ told the branch manager to address him by name as he likes it.
- 21.** Which of the above statements numbered (1), (2), (3) and (4) was an **assumption** while implementing the new policy?
- (a) Only 1
 - (b) Both 1 and 4
 - (c) Only 4
 - (d) Only 2
 - (e) None of these

- 22.** Which of the above statements numbered (1), (2), (3) and (4) if true will **weaken** the given argument?
- (a) Only 2
 - (b) Both 2 and 3
 - (c) Only 3
 - (d) Both 2 and 4
 - (e) Both 1 and 4
- 23.** Which of the above statements numbered (1), (2), (3) and (4) if true will **strengthen** the given argument?
- (a) Only 1
 - (b) Both 1 and 3
 - (c) Only 3
 - (d) Both 1 and 4
 - (e) 1, 3 and 4

Directions (24-25): In each question below is given a statement followed by three assumptions numbered I, II and III. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and choose your answer accordingly.

- 24. Statement:** Unable to manage with the present salary, Arun has decided to join another company.

Assumptions:

- I. The new company has better work environment.
 - II. The present company offers moderate pay packets.
 - III. The new company offers higher salary to all its employees.
- (a) None is implicit
 - (b) Only II is implicit
 - (c) All are implicit
 - (d) Only II and III are implicit
 - (e) None of the above

25. Statement: Bombay people were spellbound, mesmerized and got mad when they saw the famous pop-singer Michael Jackson's hi-tech pulsating megawatt performance.

Assumptions:

- I. When a show is accompanied with latest technology, it has a magical effect.
 - II. Bombay people were never impressed with performances by Indian musicians
 - III. Michael Jackson is a super singer.
- (a) Only I is implicit
 - (b) Only II is implicit
 - (c) Only I and III are implicit
 - (d) Either II or III is implicit
 - (e) Only II and III are implicit

Directions (26-27): In each of the following questions, a statement is given followed by some conclusions. Without resolving anything yourself, choose the conclusion which logically follows from the given statement(s).

26. Statement: A factory worker has five children. No one else in the factory has five children.

Conclusions:

- (a) All workers in the factory have five children each.
- (b) Everybody in the factory has children.
- (c) Some of the factory workers have more than five children.
- (d) Only one worker in the factory has exactly five children.
- (e) None of these.

27. Statement: Most dresses in that shop are expensive.

Conclusions:

- (a) There are no cheap dresses available in the shop.
- (b) Handloom dresses in that shop are cheap.
- (c) There are cheap dresses also in that shop.
- (d) People prefer expensive dresses.
- (e) None of these.

28. Residents of an apartment complex are considering two possible plans for collecting recyclable trash.

Plan 1 - Residents will deposit recyclable trash in municipal dumpsters located in the parking lot. The trash will be collected on the first and fifteenth days of each month.

Plan 2 - Residents will be given individual containers for recyclable trash. The containers will be placed at the curb twice a week for trash collection.

Which of the following points raised at a meeting of the residents, if valid, would most favour one of the recycling plans over the other?

- (a) Residents will be required to exercise care in separating recyclable trash from non-recyclable trash.
- (b) For trash recycling to be successful, residents must separate recyclable bottles and cans from recyclable paper products.
- (c) Penalties will be levied against residents who fail to sort their trash correctly.
- (d) Recyclable trash that is allowed to accumulate for two weeks will attract rodents.
- (e) None of the above.

Directions (29-31): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions which follow.

Small brands are now looking beyond local grocery stores and are tying up with super markets such as Big Bazaar to pull their business out of troubled water.

These questions are based on the information given above and the sentences labelled I, II, III, IV, V and VI as given below.

- I. A smaller brand manufacturing a certain product of quality comparable with that of a bigger brand, makes much more profit from the local grocery stores than from the super markets.
 - II. As the super markets have been set up only in bigger cities at present, this step would fail to deliver results in the smaller cities.
 - III. Super markets help the smaller brands to break into newer markets without investing substantially in distribution.
 - IV. Super markets charge the smaller brands 10% higher than the amount charged to the bigger brands.
 - V. Being outnumbered by the bigger brands, visibility of the smaller brands at local grocery stores is much lower as compared to the super markets.
 - VI. Smaller brands are currently making substantial losses in their businesses.
- 29.** Which of the statements numbered I, II, III, IV, V and VI can be **assumed** from the facts/information given in the statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted)
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Both II and III
 - (d) Both IV and V
 - (e) Only VI

30. Which of the statements numbered I, II, III, V and VI represents a disadvantage of the small grocery stores over the super markets from the perspective of a smaller brand?
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Only V
 - (d) Only VI
 - (e) Both II and III
31. Which of the statements I, II, III, IV and V mentioned above represents a **reason** for the shift from local grocery stores to super markets by the smaller brands?
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Only IV
 - (d) Both I and IV
 - (e) Both III and V



32. **Statement:** The Indian Railways has tied up with Tata Consultancy Services to pilot a system to conduct its recruitment exams online, as the country's largest employer looks to introduce transparency into its operations.
Which of the following **assumptions** is implicit in the given information? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted).
- (a) Government jobs are the ambition of every youth in the country.
 - (b) Corruption is a major issue in railway recruitment.
 - (c) Online examination will reduce corruption and bring transparency.
 - (d) Cheating in examinations will be wiped out.
 - (e) All examinations for major recruitments in the country will be conducted online.

33. Statement: Next time, when you lose your baggage or meet with an accident while travelling by train, you need not run from pillar to post and wait for years before the cheque lands at your door. Which of the following can be **inferred** from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information.)

- (a) There will be quick settlement of claims into the customer's account.
- (b) All travellers' details will be linked with Aadhaar card.
- (c) The loss will be covered by any insurance company through railways.
- (d) There will be direct settlement of claim by the IRCTC.
- (e) None of these

34. Statement: The head of the organization congratulated the entire staff in his speech for their sincere effort to bring down the deficit and urged them to give their best for attaining a more profitable position in future.

Assumptions:



- I. The employees may get motivated and maintain and if possible enhance their present level of work.
- II. The employees may now relax and slowdown in their day to day work as there is no immediate threat of huge deficit.

Which of the following **assumptions** is implicit in the given information? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted).

- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
- (b) Only assumption II is implicit
- (c) Either I or II is implicit
- (d) Neither I nor II is implicit
- (e) Both I and II are implicit.

35. Cocoas and chocolate products have been used as medicine in many cultures for centuries. Chocolate is made from plants which means it contains many of the health benefits of leafy vegetables. Which of the following statements weakens the above arguments?

- I. Dark chocolate contains a large number of antioxidants which slowdowns the aging process.
 - II. A small study revealed that regular intake of chocolate increase insulin sensitivity thus lowering the chances of diabetes.
 - III. Green leafy vegetables have flavonoids which protect skin from UV rays.
 - IV. Chocolates have 3 types of fats one out of which increase the cholesterol level.
 - V. Cocoas increases blood flow to the retina thus giving a boost to vision.
- (a) Only IV
(b) I and V
(c) Only III
(d) None of the given statements
(e) Both III and IV

36. There has been a considerable drop in sales of four wheelers during the past six months when compared to the number of four wheelers sold during this period last year.

Which of the following can be the probable cause of the above phenomenon?

- I. The Government has imposed higher excise duty on four wheelers at the beginning of this year.
- II. The petrol prices have risen considerably during the past eight months.

III. The rate of interest on home and car loans have been rising for the past seven months.

- (a) Only I
- (b) I and III
- (c) II and III
- (d) Only II
- (e) All of these

37. Statement For the third time in a row this week, the Indira Gandhi International Airport was put on a full alert today after Air India received an anonymous message that two terrorists with explosives were aboard its Mumbai-Delhi-Hong Kong flight.
– An authority of Indira Gandhi International Airport.

Assumptions:

- I. Anonymous message is not likely to be hoax
- II. Anonymous message is likely to be a hoax call.
- III. Alertness might be helpful in reducing the menace.

Which of the following **assumptions** is implicit in the given information? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted).

- (a) I and III
- (b) II and III
- (c) Either I or II and III
- (d) Only III
- (e) None of these

38. Statement “You should be very careful so that the society does not adversely comment on the police leadership”. – A statement made by a CBI officer to the newly recruited young officers.

Assumptions:

- I. The society always indulge in adverse comments.

- II. People's trust in the police force is not up to the desired level.
- III. Society has the efficiency to judge accurately about the police leadership.

Which of the following **assumptions** is implicit in the given information? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted).

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and III
- (c) I and III
- (d) All of these
- (e) None of these

Directions (39-41): In each question below is given a statement followed by some courses of action. 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.

39. Statement The annual requirement of blood in our country is 6 million units whereas the generation is only 3.5 million units per annum at present.

Courses of action

- I. Blood donors should be attracted by telling them how the act of donating blood would improve their health.
 - II. Blood donors should be attracted by providing them monetary incentives.
 - III. More and more private blood banks should be encouraged.
- (a) Either I or II follows
 - (b) I and II follow
 - (c) II and III follow
 - (d) All follow
 - (e) Only I follow

40. Statement A survey conducted in eight airports has revealed that airports continue to be porous and the security as bad as ever.

Courses of action

- I. Adequate perimeter fencing should be provided
 - II. New machines of latest order should be deployed for security purposes.
 - III. Politicians and leaders should be asked to keep off the airport so that crowds can be avoided.
- (a) I and II follow
 - (b) II and III follow
 - (c) Only II follows
 - (d) Only I follows
 - (e) None of these

41. Statement One million Indians spent much money last year to buy a personal computer. For most of them, the biggest attraction is access to the Internet.

Courses of action

- I. Internet service providers should be encouraged to set up shop.
 - II. Personal computer manufacturers should accelerate their production
 - III. Unemployment should be fought tooth and nail.
- (a) None follows
 - (b) Only II follows
 - (c) Only I follows
 - (d) All follow
 - (e) II and III follow

Directions (42-43): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by three or four arguments numbered I, II, III and IV. You have to decide which of the arguments is/are 'strong' (arguments) and which is/are 'weak' (arguments) and accordingly choose your answer from the alternatives given below each question.

42. Statement: A record of sort was created after the UP government, which advertised for 368 posts of peon in secretariat, got 23 lakh responses. The minimum qualification for the post of peon is that the applicant should be a class five pass out and know how to ride a bicycle. Grabbing the opportunity, opposition parties in unison attacked the SP-led state government over its promise of providing employment to youths in the state. Of the total 368 posts, 268 are for general category and the rest are for SC, ST and other reserved categories in the age group of 18 to 40 years. "When we categorized the applications viz a viz a qualification, we were surprised to find that 255 doctorates have applied for the job," a senior secretariat administration official said.

Should people with educational qualification higher than the optimum requirements be debarred from seeking jobs?

Arguments:

- I. No, It will further aggravate the problem of educated unemployment.
 - II. Yes, It creates complexes among employees and affects the work adversely.
 - III. No, This goes against the basic rights of the individuals.
 - IV. Yes, This will increase productivity.
- (a) Only I and III are strong
- (b) All are strong

- (c) Only II and IV are strong
- (d) Only III is strong
- (e) None of these

43. Statement: Sociologists and political observers are of the opinion that making education qualification mandatory for election candidates would be discriminatory since that would naturally deprive citizens of India the right to represent their people. Institutional qualification, as they say, is different from political acumen and wisdom. In a country like India where about a quarter of 815 million eligible voters are illiterate, it would not be prudent to deny a politically aware and socially conscious individual the election ticket just because he/she doesn't have a minimum qualification.

Should "literacy" be the minimum criterion for becoming a voter in India?

Arguments:

- I. No, Mere literacy is no guarantee of political maturity of an individual.
- II. Yes, Illiterate people are less likely to make politically wiser decisions of voting for a right candidate or party.
- III. No, Voting is the constitutional right of every citizen.
 - (a) None is strong
 - (b) Only I and II are strong
 - (c) Only III is strong
 - (d) Only II and III are strong
 - (e) All are strong

44. Statement: The median age in developed countries is around 42 years, meaning that half the population is below and half the population is above 42 years old. Reports provided by psychologists indicate that 63% of those who seek psychological help in developed countries are below 42 years old. Such evidence clearly indicates that in developed countries psychological problems are more common among people who are younger than 42 years.

Assumptions:

- I. The percentage of the population with psychological problems is not significantly higher for developed countries than for other states.
- II. One of the primary factors contributing to the development of psychological disorders is inability to cope with excessive stress resulting from professional activity.
- III. Among those with psychological problems in developed countries, the percentage who seek psychological help is not significantly lower for those older than 42 than it is for those younger than 42.

Which of the following assumptions is implicit in the statement?

- (a) None is implicit
- (b) All are implicit
- (c) All except III is implicit
- (d) Only I and III are implicit
- (e) Only III is implicit

45. Statement: Beverage and snacks maker PepsiCo India is pushing to become more aggressive in the market as it battles Coca-Cola in soft drinks and ITC and Parle in foods. The new hierarchy clubs beverages and foods into an integrated entity, with functions of marketing, operations, HR, finance, legal, corporate affairs and R&D being brought together under common heads.

Which of the following can be a part of **possible fallout** of the above situation?

- (a) The food business is getting increasingly fragmented.
- (b) The company is battling growth slowing across foods and beverages, fluctuating weather conditions that make market behaviour unpredictable and consumers turning to healthier foods and drinks.
- (c) Its top eight brands generate a business of about Rs. 1000 crore each.
- (d) The company has made sweeping changes in its senior leadership structure.
- (e) None of these.



46. The increase in the number of newspaper articles exposed as fabrications serves to bolster the contention that publishers are more interested in boosting circulation than in printing the truth. Even minor publications have staff to check such obvious fraud. Which of the following may be the assumption of the given argument?

- (a) Newspaper stories exposed as fabrication are a recent phenomenon.
- (b) Everything a newspaper print must be factually verifiable.
- (c) Fact checking is more comprehensive for minor publications than for major ones.

- (d) The publishers of newspapers are the people who decided what to print in their newspapers.
- (e) None of the above.

47. Statement: Start to think of travelling by train for a holiday. A train journey can give one a better view of places on the way which an air journey cannot give. You can walk around whenever you want, meet other travelers and locals, relax and watch the landscape go peacefully by. Train travel is both a beautiful and affordable way to see the country, and no trip is more scenic than the trip by trains.

Conclusions:

- I. While going for a holiday, people want to enjoy the view of the places on the way.
- II. People should not travel by air when they are going for a holiday.

Which of the following can be concluded from the given statement?



- (a) Only I follows
- (b) Only II follows
- (c) Both I and II follow
- (d) None follows
- (e) Either I or II follows

48. Statement: Incessant rain for the past several days has posed the problem of overflowing and flood as the river bed is full of silt and mud.

Which of the following course of action follows from the given statement?

Courses of Action:

- I. The people residing near the river should be shifted to a safe place.
 - II. The people should be made aware about the imminent danger over radio/television.
 - III. The silt and mud from the river bed should be cleared immediately after the receding of the water level.
- (a) None follows
 - (b) Only I and II follow
 - (c) Only II and III follow
 - (d) Only I and III follow
 - (e) All follow

49. **Statement:** Kapil has twelve years of typing experience behind him; therefore, if you are looking for an efficient typist to enter your data into the new system, you need look no further.

The speaker **assumes** that:

- (a) Twelve years of practice ensures typing efficiency.
- (b) The type of typing required for the new system is identical to what Kapil has been doing.
- (c) Kapil's job profile is the best that the new employer is going to get.
- (d) Kapil is an outstandingly fast and accurate typist.
- (e) Kapil will fit well into the new office.

50. **Statement:** Should only reputed NGOs be authorized to distribute the commodities to the public under the programme of Public Distribution System (PDS)?

Arguments

- I. Yes, the move will be helpful to implement the programme more effectively and will keep a tab on various problems like black marketing of the commodities supplied under PDS.
- II. Yes, NGOs have helped Government on many occasions.
 - (a) If only argument I is strong
 - (b) If only argument II is strong
 - (c) If either I or II is strong
 - (d) If neither I nor II is strong
 - (e) If both I and II are strong

51. **Statement:** Should vacation of Central Government employees be reduced?

Arguments

- I. Yes, increase in number of working days will speed up the work done by the Central Government employees, as a result of which people will get service from these employees in reasonable time.
- II. Yes, vacation makes the employees lazy and reduces the stamina of employees to work for long hours.
 - (a) If only argument I is strong
 - (b) If only argument II is strong
 - (c) If either I or II is strong
 - (d) If neither I nor II is strong
 - (e) If both I and II are strong

Direction (52-53): 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.

Given answer-

- (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 II is implicit
- (e) If both I and II are implicit

52. Statement: Although the prospect of the strike of country Y on country X still looms large, the government is considering revising excise and import duties on oil products to cushion the impact of the steep rise in oil prices.

Assumptions

- I. New excise and import duties on oil products may cushion the impact of the strike on oil price.
- II. As a result of the strike price of oil may increase and put burden on the common man.

53. Statement: "Our cricketers who make millions are granted income-tax exemptions while no relief is offered to the needy," – Mr. 'X'

Assumptions

- I. Income-tax exemption should be given only to the poor.
- II. The decision to grant tax exemption to cricketers, who make millions, is an absolute travesty of domestic justice in a country where millions are starving and the middle class is struggling to make money.

54. "We have formulated a 10-point programme to curb molestation cases against woman and we are confident of restricting the eve-teasing cases with the help of our sincere cops." – Director-General of Police of city 'X'.

Which of the following, if true, would weaken the statement?

- (a) City 'X' is known among those cities where there are least crime records
- (b) City 'X' is the most populated city in the world
- (c) On several occasions women have complained against police cops and have charged them of indulging in eve-teasing
- (d) Literacy rate of city 'X' is the highest amongst all cities
- (e) Many NGOs are cooperating with the police forces in ensuring a peaceful life in city 'X'

Directions (55-56): On the basis of given statements answer the following question:

All good athletes want win and all athletes who want to win, eat a well-balanced diet. Therefore, all athletes who do not eat a well-balanced diet are bad athletes.

55. If assumptions of the argument above are true, then which of the following statements must be true?

- (a) No athlete who does not eat a well-balanced diet is a good athlete.
- (b) No bad athlete wants to win.
- (c) Every athlete who eats a well-balanced diet is a good athlete.
- (d) All athletes who want to win are good athletes.
- (e) None of these

56. Which of the following if true, would refute the assumptions of argument above?

- (a) Bob, the accountant, eats a well-balanced diet, but he is not a good athlete.
- (b) Ann wants to win, but she is not a good athlete.

- (c) All the players on the Burros baseball team eat a well-balanced diet.
- (d) Cindy, the basketball star, does not eat a well-balanced diet, but she is a good athlete.
- (e) None of these

Directions (57-58): Attempt these questions based on the information given against each.

- 57.** In order to qualify in an examination having 6 subjects, a student has to get at least 50% and above marks separately in any 4 subjects and 35% and above in each of the 6 subjects. If a total of 25% candidates have qualified in the examination, then which of the following is definitely true?
- (a) 50% of the students got 50% and above in 4 subjects but only half of them could get 35% and above in all the subjects.
 - (b) 75% of the students could not get at least 35% marks in all the 6 subjects taken together.
 - (c) 25% of the students have secured 50% and above in all the 6 subjects.
 - (d) Only 25% of the students could get at least 35% and above marks in each of the subjects.
 - (e) None of these
- 58.** If you want a hassle-free holiday package for city M, then join only, our tour. Hurry up; only a few seats available — an advertisement of XYZ Tourist Company. If the above statements are true then which of the following “has been” assumed while making the statement?
- (a) No seats may be available with other tour operators for city M.

- (b) Nowadays people have a lot of money to spend on their comforts.
- (c) Travel packages offered by other tour operators are neither cheap nor comfortable.
- (d) Many people desire convenience and comfort while going for a holiday.
- (e) None of these

Directions (59-62): In each question below is given a statement followed by three assumptions numbered I, II and III. 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.

59. Statements: “One day token strike was called by the employees in Government organizations to protest against privatization of profit making Public Sector Undertakings.”

Assumptions:

- I. The Government may favourably consider the views of the employees.
 - II. Strike is the most popular tool used by people to protest.
 - III. The strike may bring pressure on the Government, forcing them to reconsider the decision.
- (a) Only I is implicit
 - (b) Only III is implicit
 - (c) Only I and III are implicit
 - (d) All I, II and III are implicit
 - (e) None of these

60. Statements: "Buy a variety of items from our shop and get upto 20% discount." – An advertisement.

Assumptions:

- I. Many people will visit the shop to get the benefit of discount.
 - II. Customers may go to some other shop if the discount is not offered.
 - III. Offering discount is the best way to attract customers.
- (a) Only I is implicit
 - (b) Only II is implicit
 - (c) Only III is implicit
 - (d) Only I and II are implicit
 - (e) None of these

61. Statements: "Graduates with first class are eligible to apply for the admission to MBA courses in our Institute." – An advertisement by a Management Institute.

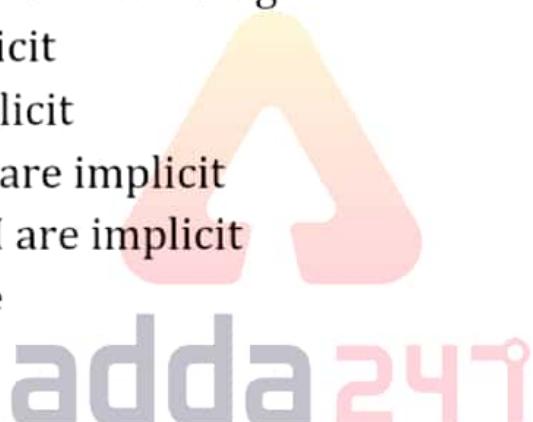
Assumptions:

- I. Only those who are first class graduates can cope up with the studies for MBA courses.
 - II. There are plenty of first class graduates who are likely to apply for admission to MBA.
 - III. Reputation of the Institute may get affected if students having less than first class are admitted.
- (a) Only I is implicit
 - (b) Only II is implicit
 - (c) Only III is implicit
 - (d) Only I and II are implicit
 - (e) All I, II and III are implicit

62. Statements: "Our school provides all facilities like school bus service, computer training, sports facilities. Also gives opportunity to participate in various extracurricular activities apart from studies." – An advertisement by a public school.

Assumptions:

- I. Now a day, extracurricular activities assume more importance over the studies.
 - II. Many parents would like to send their children to the school as it provides all the facilities.
 - III. Overall care of the child has become the need of the time as many women are working.
- (a) Only I is implicit
(b) Only II is implicit
(c) Only I and III are implicit
(d) All I, II and III are implicit
(e) None of these



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1. (e); In the above question it is asked to choose from a given option which weaken the statement or make it imperfect so correct answer will be (e).
2. (e)

Direction (3-4):

3. (e); The researchers are testing preference for one feature: the masculinity/femininity of the faces. However, if the faces have other differences, say race or size or age, then the subjects could be responding to that feature. In statement E, the correct answer, we have the possibility that the subjects are responding to age, a situation that is very damaging to the conclusion.



4. (a); The conclusion refers to “modern women” a fact that suggests the authors think their work applies to all modern women. Hence, they do assume what is stated in A.

Direction (5-7):

5. (e); Any advertisement highlights only the desirable qualities of the product. So, I is implicit. The ‘X’ brand has advertised its product in newspaper A. This implies that a large section of people reads advertisements in newspapers and that newspaper A too has a side circulation. So, neither II nor III is implicit.

- 6. (c);** It is mentioned that the apples are so cheap that they cannot be good. This means that the prices of good apples are never too low and that very cheap apples are never good. So, neither I nor III is implicit. Assumption II clearly follows from the statement that apples are of inferior quality because they are cheap. So, it is implicit.
- 7. (a);** An appeal has been made to 'introduce' written examination. This means that so far written examination was not conducted. So, I is implicit. II follows directly from the statement and so it is implicit. However, nothing can be deduced about the mode of selection at higher level. So, III is not implicit.

Direction (8-9):

- 8. (e);** None of the given options can be concluded from the given statement.
- 9. (d);** From all the given conclusions, only option (d) can be concluded from the given statement.

Direction (10):

- 10. (b);** The advertisement depicts only the requirement, not the viability of flats in court area. So, I is not implicit. Such advertisements are given with the expectation of a response which can make such a flat available. So, II is implicit. Assumption III does not follow from the statement and so is not implicit.

Direction (11-12):

- 11. (c);** From the statement, it is clear that Hitesh somewhere believed in the stories of ghosts because he is telling such stories to Mohit. So, option (c) can be concluded. Other options cannot be predicted directly.
- 12. (c);** Every library has books doesn't mean that books are only in library. It may be at some other places. But it is quite clear from the statement that no library is without books. So, option (c) can be concluded. Other options cannot be concluded completely.

Direction (13-15)

- 13. (a);** Artificial honey can be made. That is why the word 'natural' is mentioned in the advertisement. So, I is implicit. No comparison is made of the prices of natural and artificial honey. So, II is not implicit. Nothing about the quality of honey of other companies can be deduced. So, III is also not implicit.
- 14. (c);** Clearly, a company would highlight only that feature in its advertisement which people crave for and which it can make possible. So, both I and III are implicit. Nothing can be deduced about the growth of computer industry. So, II is not implicit.
- 15. (a);** The statement mentions that adventure stories are liked by everybody. This does not mean that there is no other reading material or nobody loves reading any other material. So, neither I nor II is implicit. Besides, 'everybody' in the statement stands for 'all literate people' and not for 'all people'. So, III is also not implicit.

Direction (16-18)

- 16. (a);** Only assumption I is implicit in the statement. The instruction was issued assuming that people tend to be little shy and less objective while writing their self appraisal report if not so instructed. Assumption II is not properly related with the statement.
- 17. (e);** Both assumption I and II are implicit in the statement. If employees do not learn by observing the behaviour of their bosses the statement would not have made. Again, it has been highlighted that bosses should not be considered as merely sources of reward and punishment. It implies that bosses are generally considered as sources of reward and punishment. Hence, assumption II is implicit.
- 18. (e);** Both assumptions I and II are implicit in the statement. If customers do not accept or follow the suggestion of the shopkeeper, the latter has not made such a statement. Again, the shopkeeper rendered his view assuming that customer will consider his view.
Therefore assumption I is implicit. The statement clearly indicates that international technology ensures better quality.
- 19. (d);** If a company make advertisement for their company they make according to the desire and requirement of people. If in information comfort is mentioned, then company must assume that people desire convenience and comfort while going for a holiday.

20. (d); If middle class is looking for government flats then he must go for quality of construction. It's moreover doesn't matter for them that the flats are nearby village area, or they will not look for desired facilities.

Direction (21-23):

21. (a)

22. (a)

23. (c)

Direction (24-25)

24. (b); Nothing about the environment in the new company is mentioned in the statement. So, I is not implicit. Since, Arun is not satisfied with the present salary, it is evident that the present company offers moderate pay packets. So, II is implicit. The statement talks only of Arun and not all the employees of the new company. So, III is not implicit.

25. (c); The use of the words 'hi-tech pulsating mega-watt performance' in the statement makes I implicit. Nothing is mentioned about the performances of Indian musicians. So, II is not implicit. The facts that Michael Jackson is a pop-singer and his performance left people spellbound, make III implicit.

Direction (26-27):

26. (d); From given statement, it is clear that only one worker has only five children. Other workers may have more than or less than five children.

27. (c); It is clear that most of dresses in the mentioned shop are expensive but there are also some dresses which are cheap.

28. (d); The main issue here is the frequency of trash collection. Option (d) indicates a serious problem within the 2-week frequency plan. It clearly shows that plan 2 is better than plan 1.

Direction (29-31):

29. (d); The assumption behind the small brands are tying up with supermarkets such as Big Bazaar are statements IV and V which describes that 'super markets charge the smaller brands 10 % higher than the amount charged to the bigger brands' and 'Being outnumbered by the bigger brands, visibility of the smaller brands at local grocery stores is much lower as compared to the super markets.'

30. (c); Statement V represents a disadvantage of the small grocery stores over the super markets from the perspective of a smaller brand.



31. (c); Statement IV represents a reason for the shift from local grocery stores to super markets by the smaller brands.

32. (c); With the implementation of online exam by the Railways, the corruption in entrance examination can be checked in the years to come.

33. (a); Note that the statements conveys to us that the delay in compensation is now a thing of the past. We can't infer about the specifics- 'insurance company' in 3 and 'IRCTC' in 4.

- 34. (a);** The appreciation received from the head of the organization would surely motivate the employees to keep up their spirits and strive hard for the progress of the organization. So, only I is implicit.
- 35. (a);** Chocolates have three types of fats, one out of which increase level of cholesterol thus this statement weakens the argument because it showing negative quality of chocolates.
- 36. (e);** All the statements are probable causes of drop in sales of four wheelers during the past six months.so the option (e) is the correct answer.
- 37. (c);** Why was the airport was put on a full alert? The authority must be assuming assumption I. Hence, Assumption I is implicit but II is not. Again, to put the airport on a full alert indicates that the authority must be assuming assumption III also.
- 38. (e);** Suggestion or direction to young officers by the officer is aimed at making the new recruits aware of their responsibilities. Assumption I can't be co related with the above statement. Assumption II is an assumption; this is what leads to adverse comments. Assumption III is not implicit.

Direction (39-41):

- 39. (e);** Only I follow. What is being told is genuine. On learning this, the blood donors will get attracted by the win-win proposition, thus simultaneously meeting the blood requirement to a large extent. Statement II is not a practical course of action. Statement III is not an immediate course of action as blood banks can be created only after the sufficient blood donors are available.
- 40. (a);** Only I and II follow as III course of action cannot be practically possible.

- 41. (c);** Only I follows because Only I can be the immediate course of action. III cannot be linked to the statement.

Directions (42-43):

- 42. (d);** The issue discussed in the statement is nowhere related to increase in unemployment, as the number of vacancies filled in will remain the same. Also, in a working place, it is the performance of the individual that matters and that makes him more or less wanted, and not his educational qualifications. So, neither I nor II holds strong. Besides, the needs of a job are laid down in the desired qualifications for the job. So, recruitment of more qualified people cannot augment productivity. Thus, IV also does not hold strong. However, it is the right of an individual to get the post for which he fulfills the eligibility criteria, whatever be his extra merits. Hence, argument III holds strong.

- 43. (e);** Clearly, illiterate people lack will power and maturity in thoughts. They may easily be misled into false convictions or lured into temptations to vote for a particular group. So, argument II holds. However, a person is literate does not mean that he is conscious of all political movements, which requires practical awareness of everyday events. Thus, I also holds strong. Besides, Constitution has extended the right to vote equally to all its citizens. Hence, III also holds.
- 44. (e);** The whole argument deals with developed countries, so there is no need to consider how these statistics relate to those in other states. Second choice is irrelevant to the conclusion and therefore can't support its validity. If a lot more of those who are 42+ and troubled simply don't go to see a psychologist, then it could be that an equal or higher percentage of 42+ citizens have problems but just don't seek help.
- 45. (d);** Change in leadership structure may be a part of the aggressive strategy. Rest of the options does not follow because the decision is expected to have been after a proper assessment of the problem.
- 46. (b);** The exposed articles by the publication must be verified so that the authentic and original content can publish. So, the statement (b) is the correct assumption. Statement (c) cannot be assumed as verification of content does not depend upon minor or major publications. Statement (d) is not the correct assumption because it is given that publishers are more interested in boosting circulation, but it cannot be assumed that Publishers are the persons who decide the content of the newspapers.

- 47. (d);** I is an assumption. II is a suggestion but not a conclusion. Hence, neither I nor II follows.
- 48. (e);** All courses of action followed. I and II have immediate impact for flood related problems and river bed should be cleared after receding of water level.
- 49. (a);** All that the speaker implies is that Kapil is efficient because he has twelve years of practice, and so option (a) is correct. (b) is eliminated because the word ‘identical’ is not mentioned in the paragraph. (c) is eliminated because we are talking about typing not the whole ‘job profile’. (d) is eliminated as nothing is mentioned about Kapil’s speed and accuracy and we cannot assume efficiency as speed and accuracy. Similarly (e) cannot be the answer as nothing is implied about fitting into the office.
- 50. (a);** Only I is strong because it will make the PDS programme more meaningful and purposeful. II is weak because it adds nothing substantial to the statement.
- 51. (a);** II is a weak argument because it wrongly assumes that vacation makes employees lazy and less hardworking. I is strong because lesser vacation ensures higher working days and no doubt increase in the number of working days will reduce the work pending.

Direction (52-53):

52. (e); Both I and II are implicit. After assuming that strike will make increase in price of oil and it may put burden on common man, it is decided to apply new excise and import duties by assuming that it will cushion the impact of strike on oil price.

53. (d); Neither I nor II is implicit because both the assumptions are not assumed, it is like an action or fact which cannot be assumed.

54. (c); How can the strategy to curb molestation of woman be effective. If the responsibility is on the shoulders of those cops who himself are culprits of eve teasing.

55. (a)

56. (d)

57. (a)

58. (d)

Direction (59-62):

59. (b); We know that any action has some effects, but it is difficult to assume that the Government may favourably consider the views of the employees. For similar reason, assumption III is also not implicit.

60. (a); The advertisement was given to attract the people. But this does not imply that offering discount is that best way to attract people.

Therefore, only assumption I is implicit.

61. (b); The advertisement was issued assuming that sufficient number of first class graduates are likely to apply for admission to MBA.

62. (b); Only assumption II is implicit in the statement.



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Directions (1-2): In making decisions about important questions, it is desirable to be able to distinguish between “strong” arguments and “weak” arguments insofar as they relate to the question. “Strong” arguments are those which are both important and directly related to the question. “Weak” arguments are those which are of minor importance and also may not be directly related to the question or may be related to a trivial aspect of the question.

Each question below is followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a “strong” argument and which is a “weak” argument. Give answer

- (a) If only argument I is “strong”.
- (b) If only argument II is “strong”.
- (c) If either I or II is “strong”.
- (d) If neither I nor II is “strong”.
- (e) If both I and II are “strong”.

1. Statement: Should Anti-piracy Bill be brought in the Parliament?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, This will help the film industry to fight against piracy as a result of which the industry will be financially strong.
- II. No, We have already provisions such as Copyright laws etc to fight against piracy.

2. Statement: Should Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) be entitled to dual citizenship?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, This will bolster the intimacy of the NRIs with the Indian soil.
- II. No, The move will not be fruitful for all NRIs because there is lack of provisions for dual citizenship in many countries.

3. Statement: In the General Budget of India we are always to see that the government makes deficit budget it is in the hand of the government to make the budget surplus by reducing the planned expenditures.

Which of the following could be the reason for making deficit budget?

- I. If the budget will be surplus the economy will contract
 - II. If helps in the economic development of the country.
 - III. The world bank will not sanction loans if there is budget surplus
 - IV. The government will have to impose more taxes on the people.
- (a) Only I.
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only IV
 - (e) All of these

4. Statement: Mrs Indira Gandhi nationalised 20 banks of India – 14 in the year 1969 and 6 in the year 1980 – saying that the banks were not following the policies adopted by the country after Independence and forced them to come under government ownership.

Which of the following is/are **assumption(s)** in the above statement?

- I. Banks were nationalized because they followed the concept of class banking not mass banking.
- II. India being a socialist country, it is the duty of the banks to the welfare of people.
- III. The banks should be nationalized in socialist country.
- IV. It was declared by the first PM of India that there will be nationalized banks in India.

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) Only I, II and III
- (e) All of these

5. **Statement:** A severe cyclonic storm hit the Eastern coastline last month resulting in huge loss of life and property on the entire east coast and Government had to disburse a considerable amount for relief activities through the district administration machineries.

Which of the following may possibly be a follow up measure to be taken up by the Government?

The Government may set up a task force to review the post relief scenario in all districts and also to confirm proper and user receipt of the relief supplies.

The Government may set up a committee for proper disbursement of relief supplies in future

The Government may empower the District Magistrates to make all future disbursements of relief

The Government may send relief supplies to the affected people in future only after proper assessment of the damage caused by such calamities

The Government may not need to activate any follow up measure

6. **Statements:** The State Government granted special status to the seminar on the importance of protecting the environment around us organized by the local academic body to create awareness among the citizens.

Which of the following may be a possible reason for the state Government's decision?

The Central Government has accorded highest priority to issues related to protection of environment, over all other issues.

In the past the State Government had granted special status to such seminars.

The State Government has failed to implement measures for protecting the environment.

The local academic body made a fervent appeal for the special status.

None of the above.

7. The RBI has raised the Interest rate ceiling on NRI deposits in foreign currencies by up to 3%.

Which of the following assumption can be possible in the given statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted)

- (a) The RBI wants to attract inflows in view of the falling value of rupee.
- (b) The Indian banks will be able to offer higher interest rates on NRI deposits in foreign currency.
- (c) RBI wants to create perfect competition.
- (d) The Indian banks have more liquidity.
- (e) None of these.

8. **Statement:** Despite strong opposition, the controversial Prohibition of Forceful Conversion of Religion Bill was passed by the Tamil Nadu Assembly with the AIADMK and the BJP outvoting the combined opposition of the DMK, the Congress, the Pattali Makkal Katchi and the left parties – A news.

Assumption

- I. Conversions create resentment among several sections and also inflame religious passions, leading to communal clashes.
- II. Conversions only lead to the isolation of the converted.

- III. Strong opposition puts hindrance before a bill in taking final shape.
- (a) II and III
(b) I and II
(c) I and III
(d) All of these
(e) None of these
9. Prime minister Modi gave hard hitting remarks at G20 summit in china "One nation in South Asia is spreading terror in the region". The growing forces of violence and terror pose a fundamental challenge. There are some nations that use it as an instrument of state policy. India has a policy of zero tolerance to terrorism. Because anything less than that is not enough, Mr. Modi said. "For us a terrorist is a terrorist."
- Which of the following statement can be **inferred** from above sentences?
- (I) India had agonized a lot from terrorist attack.
(II) The country which is indicated by PM Modi will take strong action against terrorism.
(III) Govt. of India is too much concern about terrorist activity and cannot indulge terrorism.
- (a) Only I
(b) Only III
(c) II and III
(d) Only I and III
(e) None of these

Directions (10-11): After running through a variety of non-military responses to the terrorist strike at an Army camp in Uri, the Centre on Thursday announced that Indian forces had carried out "surgical strikes" across the Line of Control. The operation, that began and

concluded in the early hours of Thursday, was claimed to be a military success, with no injuries to the Indian Para-commandos who went across the LOC into Pakistan-occupied Kashmir to attack several locations. The decision to strike in this manner was evidently taken after specific intelligence that terrorist groups were planning attacks in India. The terms “surgical strike” and “pre-emptive strike” used by the Centre were intended to convey that this was not an attack on Pakistan’s defence forces, but a targeted action against terrorists poised to wreak damage in India.

10. Which of the following can be *postulated* from the given statements?

- (I) There may be pressure of opposition on ruling government after Uri attack.
 - (II) Govt. of Pakistan was expecting action like surgical attack from India after Uri attack.
 - (III) Indian Para commandos are special forces made for mainly special operations.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Only I and II
 - (d) Only I and III
 - (e) None of these

11. Which of the following can be *courses of action* after surgical strike on POK?

- (I) Indian Govt. should evacuate villages which are closer to LOC.
- (II) Army should be more attentive and should increase security across border.
- (III) Indian Govt. should give reward to all those Para commandos who made surgical strike successful.

- (a) Only III
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) All follows
- (d) Only II and III
- (e) None of these

12. On the basis of given statement you have to decide relation between ***cause and effect***.

- (I) Indian forces carried out surgical strike on Thursday across POK with no injuries caused to Indian Para commandos who went for strike.
 - (II) Indian Govt. named this strike as "Surgical strike" and "pre-emptive strike" as GOI wanted to convey message that this was not an attack on Pakistan's defence forces, but a targeted action against terrorists poised to wreak damage in India.
- (a) if statement I is the cause and II is its effect.
 - (b) if statement II is the cause and I is its effect.
 - (c) if both the statements I and II are independent causes.
 - (d) if both the statements I and II are effect of independent causes.
 - (e) if both the statements I and II are effects of some common causes.

13. With less than three weeks to go before the election of president, the campaigns saw explosive revelations about Mr. Trump and Ms. Clinton. This included disturbing evidence of Mr. Trump boasting about groping women without their consent, allegations of such behaviour and sexual assault by at least nine women, and an avalanche of confidential emails of Ms. Clinton's campaign released by WikiLeaks that underscored her proximity to deep-pocketed Wall Street donors.

Which of the following can be ***hypothesized*** from the above passage?

- (I) Mr. Trump and Ms. Clinton are candidates of opponent parties which are fighting for presidential posts.
 - (II) Serious allegation against candidates may affect the polling result.
 - (III) Trade and economy of country depends on the selection of Presidential candidates.
- (a) All I, II and III
 - (b) Only I and III
 - (c) Only II and III
 - (d) Only I and II
 - (e) None of these

14. Statement: Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched three mega flagship schemes aimed at transforming Urban India, including the much talked about Smart Cities proposal, with a whopping Rs. 4 lakh crore kitty having been lined up for the projects. He also unveiled logo of the housing mission, which has his personal touch in the finalization of its design.

Speaking at the event, Modi said, "the decision to make cities smart will be taken not by governments but by the people of the city, the local administration. Let there be competition between cities in development so that smart cities come up."

Which of the following will be an ***effect*** of the initiative taken by the government?

- (a) Ensuring water supply to each household, sewer connections, sanitation and solid waste management in rural and urban governance would be the focus under the scheme.

- (b) Quality of life will improve in rural and urban areas.
- (c) Provision of roads and public transportation beside implementation of reforms in urban governance would be the focus under the scheme.
- (d) Millions of jobs will be created and scarcity of houses will be removed in urban and rural areas.
- (e) All of the above.

15. Statement: Reinforcing its commitment to green initiatives, railways will explore its future course of action to prevent pollution. Issues related to environment like solid waste management, pollution control, water management and energy management will be discussed at a workshop on 'Environmental challenges before Indian Railways and solutions'.

Which of the following points will **strengthen** the decision taken by the Railways?

- I. Introduction of bio-fuel and solar energy in train operation.
 - II. Installation of rain water harvesting facilities at major stations.
 - III. Waste water recycling plant is also being planned in which recycled water will be used for washing and horticulture purpose.
 - IV. Initiatives such as LED light fittings to reduce power consumption and use of five percent bio-diesel in diesel locos.
 - V. Introduction of water audit to assess consumption and wastage at major stations.
- (a) All
 - (b) All except I
 - (c) All except I and V
 - (d) All except V
 - (e) None of these

16. Statement: Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson said that the members of the Nuclear Suppliers Group (NSG), were holding discussions on the accession of all countries, which had not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). The upcoming NSG Plenary meeting in Seoul will not cover the issue of NSG memberships for non-signatories to the Non Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Therefore, there is no point talking about supporting or opposing the entry of a particular non-NPT country at the moment.

Which of the following statements ***substantiates*** views expressed in the above statement?

- (a) The existing policy could not change through a "a change in criteria" for admission.
- (b) The signatories of the NPT are not eligible for admission to the NSG.
- (c) China has the right to take the stand, which is in compliance with the rules of NSG.
- (d) India always maintain strict rules and all the guidelines of NSG, hence it's a SUO MOTO right of the nation to improve its supply to power generation.
- (e) None of these.

Directions (17-18):

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Wednesday targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central government for the suicide committed by former Army jawan Ram Kishan Grewal allegedly over the OROP issue. Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Aam Aadmi Party MLA from Delhi Cantonment "Commando" Surender were detained by the Delhi Police at the RML hospital where they had gone to talk to the family of Grewal. Grewal's family members were detained by the police after they refused to take the body home and threatened a stir at the hospital. Mr. Kejriwal said the government should stop trying to derive political gains from the recent surgical strikes.

- 17.** Which of the following may be *anticipated reason for fallout* of high voltage drama which is mentioned in the passage?
- I. Remissness of Central Govt. to enact OROP in the country for Indian Soldiers.
 - II. Central Govt. tried to embezzle soldiers for their political gain behind the shade of success of surgical strike.
 - III. Arrest of Deputy CM of Delhi was illegitimate, he should not be detained as he is deputy CM of Delhi and it is his responsibility to visit to the family of victim.
- (a) Only I and III
 - (b) only III
 - (c) Only I and II
 - (d) Only I
 - (e) None of these
- 18.** What will be the probable *repercussions* after the suicide of former Army jawan Ram Kishan Grewal?
- I. There may be mass strike overall country which may muddle the law and order system in the country.
 - II. Deputy CM Manish Sisodia will file defamation case against Delhi Police as he was detained by Delhi Police.
 - III. Central Govt. will give compensation amount to the family of Former Army Jawan Ram Kishan Grewal.
- (a) Only II
 - (b) Only I and III
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only II and III
 - (e) None of these

Directions (19-21):

It is almost four months since the unrest in Kashmir began following the killing of Hizbul Mujahideen 'commander' Burhan Wani. Protests,

intermittent violence and long stretches of curfew have continued to put normal life on hold. Delegations of civil society representatives as well as politicians have attempted to reach out to separatists and find a way to bring calm to the streets, but to little avail. In fact, the opposite is happening with increasing mindless arson attacks on schools over the past two months. By one count, 27 schools, most of them government-run, have been set afire so far in the Valley over this period. No one has yet claimed responsibility for these attacks. The government has blamed the separatists for encouraging the arson. In turn, the separatists charge the administration of failing to protect the schools.

19. Which of the following is ***not in line*** with the given passage?

- I. Blame game of separatists and Govt. are ruining the future of children.
 - II. United Nations has deterrent to state Govt. of Kashmir to make situation under control as soon as possible.
 - III. All the National Highways are being blocked which affects the trade from J&K.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II and III
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only I and III
 - (e) None of these

20. Which of the following can be ***inferred*** from the above passage?

- I. Making ferocity in Kashmir is a game plan of Hizbul Mujahideen to make pressure on State Govt.
- II. All the delegation have endeavored to bring tranquility in the area.
- III. Most of the school premises have been vandalized by the arsonist.

- (a) Only I and III
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only II and III
 - (e) Only I
- 21.** Which of the following *course of action* Govt. of India should take to bring peace so that schools can run smoothly again.
- I. Govt. of India should give shoot at sight order for those who are responsible for savagery in the valley.
 - II. Govt. of India should deploy proper army forces outside school premises for their immediate start and smooth functioning.
 - III. Govt. of India should impose presidential rule in J&K for smooth functioning of administration in state.
- (a) Only II
 - (b) Only I and III
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only I and II
 - (e) None of these
- 22.** **Statement:** The government will consider merging some of its more than two dozen state-run banks (27 PSU banks), as it seeks to improve efficiency at the ailing lenders that dominate the nation's banking sector. Bankers have "strongly supported" the idea of consolidation, suggesting the government form a panel of experts to devise a merger strategy, Arun Jaitley said after a two-day annual brainstorming event of industry leaders and officials from the central bank and finance ministry.
Should there be only few banks in place of numerous smaller banks in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, This will help secure the investor's money as these big banks will be able to withstand intermittent market related shocks.
 - II. No, A large number of people will lose their jobs as after the merger many employees will be redundant.
 - III. Yes, This will help consolidate the entire banking industry and will lead to healthy competition.
- (a) None is strong
 - (b) Only I and II are strong
 - (c) Only II and III are strong
 - (d) Only I and III are strong
 - (e) All are strong

23. Statement: Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 has been passed by Parliament of India. It aims to replace the existing Indian juvenile delinquency law, Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2000, so that juveniles in conflict with Law in the age group of 16–18, involved in Heinous Offences, can be tried as adults. The Act came into force from 15 January 2016. It was passed on 7 May 2015 by the Lok Sabha amid intense protest by several Members of Parliament. It was passed on 22 December 2015 by the Rajya Sabha.

What are the possible ***consequences*** of the Juvenile Justice bill in India?

- (i) The bill aims to "consolidate and amend the law relating to children alleged and found to be in conflict with law and children in need of care and protection by catering to their basic needs through proper care, protection, development, treatment, social re-integration, by adopting a child-friendly approach."

- (ii) The bill deals with adoption of children and lays down the eligibility criteria for adoptive parents. A central adoptive resource agency will frame the rules for adoption, which will be implemented by state and district level agencies.
- (a) All except (i)
(b) All of the above
(c) Both (i) and (ii) follows
(d) All except (ii)
(e) None of the above

Direction (24-25): Read the following passage and answer the given questions according to the passage:

The Maharashtra government's decision to promulgate an ordinance to exempt farmers from having to mandatorily sell their fruit and vegetable crop at *mandis* governed by a 1963 law on marketing farm produce is a bold and laudable step. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has stood his ground against the powerful lobby of middlemen, who shut shop in protest, is even more commendable. The problem with the present regime, under which produce has to be sold through Agricultural Produce Market Committees, is that farmers seldom benefit from price movements; traders rake in the upside that consumers are forced to shell out.

- 24.** Which of the following can be ***concluded*** from the given passage?
- (i) This will encourage the farmers to grow more crops.
(ii) Similar steps will be implemented in other produces.
(iii) Now, the farmers will definitely get a good price for their hard work.
- (a) All except (i)
(b) All of the above
(c) All except (ii)
(d) Only (i)
(e) None of the above

- 25.** What are the feasible problems of the farmers which can be observed from the passage?
- (i) Money for the produce is never given on the spot.
 - (ii) The values are decided by the “buyers” who are usually middleman, even if government system is involved.
 - (iii) The inputs are under the clutches of Multinational Corporations.
- (a) All of the above
 - (b) All except (iii)
 - (c) All except (ii)
 - (d) All except (i)
 - (e) None of the above

- 26. Statement:** Ordinarily, Ajit Jogi's decision to form a new political party in Chhattisgarh would not have caused as much as a mild flutter in the Congress. His reputation has been under a cloud for a long while and his importance in the Congress's scheme of things has declined. Having become the first Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh upon its formation in 2000, he lost the state to the BJP in 2003, which has held it since then; meanwhile, the Congress has frittered an inordinate amount of political capital in trying to defend him in a string of controversies.

Conclusions:

- I. Congress is in a catch-22 situation. It needs to promote competent leaders in the states to revitalize the party.
 - II. A solid step by the party could take to tackle the existential crisis head-on is to project Rahul Gandhi as CM candidate for the upcoming UP polls and for him to get into the grind.
- Which of the following can be concluded from the given statement?

- (a) Only I follows
- (b) Only II follows
- (c) Both I and II follow
- (d) None follows
- (e) Either I or II follows

27. Statement: The committee on sexual discrimination in the workplace has highlighted Mastero Company as a chief offender. Of the twenty senior executives in the firm, only one is a woman. And of the forty junior executives, only five are female. Maestro could best **defend** itself against the charges by showing that

- I. Male and female executives at the same level have the same qualifications
- II. They pay the same salary to senior men and senior women
- III. Ten times more men than women apply for jobs with the company
- IV. The work pressures and long hours make jobs with the company unattractive to married women
- V. All job applicants who were rejected had fewer qualifications than those accepted.

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only III
- (d) Only V
- (e) Only III and II

28. Statement: The decision to pick Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Urjit Patel as the successor to outgoing Governor Raghuram Rajan is a clear affirmation of the Centre's commitment to ensure policy continuity at the central bank and to minimize the bad debts which brings banks on back foot

previous year. That the man chosen for the top job at the RBI is a person, who helped formulate crucial changes in the monetary framework, including the decision to target a specified inflation level as the primary remit of the bank, reflects the administration's focus on making price stability central to its economic agenda.

What will be the major **challenge(s)** for Urjit Patel in near future?

- I. The new governor may have to cut rates sharply to let growth take place in a broad-based manner.
- II. Public sector banks reported heavy bad debts under RBI's asset quality review during previous financial year. This must be a challenge for new governor.
- III. Inflation will be a challenging factor for new governor. It has started inching up, led by food prices even as global commodity prices, particularly that of oil has started picking up.
 - (a) All of the above
 - (b) All except II
 - (c) Only I and II
 - (d) Only I
 - (e) None of these

29. Statement: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday announced the setting up of a task force after failure of sportsperson in RIO olympics which will help to plan for the "effective participation" of Indian sportspersons in the next three Olympics, to be held in 2020, 2024 and 2028.

He made the announcement at the monthly meeting of the Union Council of Ministers and said the structure of the task force would be in place in next few days.

Which of the following is/are **not in line** in contrast with the given statement?

- I. The task force will prepare an overall strategy for facilities, training, selection procedures and other related matters.
 - II. The task force will comprise of members who are in-house experts as well as those from outside.
 - III. Poor infrastructure and training facilities for athletes and political interference in sports have been flagged as reasons for the poor performance in current year.
- (a) All except II
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) All except I
 - (d) All of the above
 - (e) None of these

30. Statement: A five-member committee has recommended that the government reinstate detention of students beyond Class V and also set up an all-India cadre of educational services on the lines of the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) in its report on the new education policy. The committee has written strongly in favour of remedial classes for such students during holidays and after school hours. They will be given three attempts to clear the examination in the same year.

Which of the following can be **postulated** from the given information?

- (a) Foreign universities are allowed to set up campuses in India under a strict regulatory framework and thus quality of education will improve in the country.
- (b) Under this new education policy, fewer students will move to higher classes as compared to earlier.
- (c) The quality audit of all higher education institutions, both private and public, leads to improving the literacy rate of the country.
- (d) There will be strong focus on value education.
- (e) None of these.

31. Statement: Brazil, just like India, is still a developing nation and the mammoth expenditure on the Football World Cup led to wide scale protests against then Brazilian PM Dilma Rouseff. They spent millions of dollars on single stadiums which would become useless after the World Cup while their nation lacks proper Healthcare facilities like Hospitals.

Similarly, their Olympics preparations are equally shabby with frequent reports of athletes facing huge discomfort in the Games Village. There were also reports that Athletes in Water Surfing and related events were asked to keep their "mouths closed" due to contaminated water.

Should these big events like FIFA and Olympics be hosted in developing countries?

- I. Yes, Hosting a mega-event always involves urban renewal and development.
- II. No, Building new infrastructure in a city means destroying established urban areas. When that happens, local populations and communities are often dispersed and displaced.
- III. Yes, Such events always promote infrastructure redevelopment, improved transportation systems, economic growth and job creation.

Which of the following argument(s) holds strong?

- (a) Only II and III
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only II
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of these

32. Statement: India's Mars Orbiter Mission marks the country's first mission to the Red Planet and first entry into interplanetary

spaceflight. The unmanned Mars Orbiter Mission, or MOM, will map the surface of the Red Planet and test technologies needed for future Indian space missions. The mission is a "technology demonstrator" project to develop the technologies for designing, planning, management and operations of an interplanetary mission.

What are the advantages of Mars Orbiter Mission for India?

- I. It has given a huge boost to the image of India in the world. It will also generate interest among the youths of India and world over to pursue science and technology as career. Thus, it gives a moral boost.
 - II. This success will definitely bring more enthusiasm towards R&D activity related to science and technology. An increase in funding for such activities is imminent in the future.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Both I and II
 - (d) Neither I nor II
 - (e) Either I or II

33. Statement: Faced with infighting in the party and huge disenchantment on the ground, beleaguered Gujarat Chief Minister Anandiben Patel offered to resign and asked the BJP to select a new face.

By offering to quit, she has pre-empted any move to remove her. Her decision comes at a time when the BJP's long dominance in the State appears to be under strain, just a year before the Assembly elections.

Will Anandiben Patel's resignation take BJP on back foot?

- I. No, it doesn't because one of the important factors behind her resignation is age factor. Also, she was not able to tackle the protests and violence. Thus, it is neither a win-win situation nor does it take BJP on back foot.

II. Yes, definitely. The instability in the state post the Patel upsurge, the deterioration in health and education sectors, the snail-slow employment rate are few of the many factors for her resignation.

This will not just affect the BJP in Gujarat but also around the country.

III. Yes, as the opposition especially the pseudo seculars would say that Gujarat BJP lacks Women Leadership.

Which of the following arguments holds strong?

- (a) All of the above
- (b) All except I
- (c) All except II
- (d) All except III
- (e) None of the above

34. Statement: The fall of Dilma Rousseff from being one of the most popular politicians to an impeached leader is much more than a story of a “corrupt” President being stripped of her powers by a righteous legislature. The exit of Brazil’s first woman President brings the 13-year rule of the left-leaning Workers’ Party to an end. The charge levelled against her is that she used illegal bookkeeping manoeuvres to hide a growing deficit.

Which of the following **assumption(s)** is/are implicit from the given statement?

- I. There were numerous marches in cities with very large turnouts protesting her government.
- II. The charges of her impeachment were a result of political and economic maneuvering as opposed to corruption.
- III. Ms Rousseff cooked the books to improve the poor conditions of under dimensional Brazil, its welfare schemes for public housing, sanitation and education.

- (a) All of the above
- (b) Only II
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) None of the above
- (e) Only I and III

35. Statement: To tone up the bureaucratic apparatus and weed out officials of doubtful integrity and efficiency, the government has asked all its departments to identify such public servants and move proposals for their premature retirement.

Which of the following can be **concluded** from the above statement?

- (a) There will be voluntary retirement for the person who skips the office for a long time.
- (b) Only Government service is made for those who can perform.
- (c) Negligence of work in the office will lead to premature retirement.
- (d) Efficiency of the government service will increase.
- (e) Only (c) and (d)

36. Statement: The Modi government has rolled out an ambitious plan to top up the existing technical syllabus across industrial training institutes with modules aimed at making them ready for the modern workplace.

Which of the following will be an **effect** of the above statement?

- (A) Demand for skilled labour will increase in India.
- (B) Millions of jobs will be created for skilled labour.
- (C) People will be able to get job easily due to proper training.
- (D) Upgradation in the modern education system will encourage entrepreneurship skills in the country.

- (a) Only (b) and (c)
- (b) Only (a) and (d)
- (c) Only (c) and (d)
- (d) Only (d)
- (e) Only (b)

37. According to budget 2016-17, 28.5 lakh hectares will be brought under irrigation under Pradhan Mantri Krishi sinchai Yojana. What will be the effect of above announcement?

- (a) The government increases the food production of our country.
- (b) By increase irrigation programme, the farmer can increase their income.
- (c) Agriculture sector will boost by this step at particular significance improvement
- (d) All may be effect
- (e) None of these

38. Targeted Delivery of Government subsidies and benefits to ensure that they reach the poor and the deserving. What will be the cause of above government budget?

- (a) Some portion is until untouched from new subsidies and other scheme.
- (b) Some urban sector can get subsidy scheme profit.
- (c) DBT ensures related information about the poor people for subsidies.
- (d) The transparency and clearance will be increased.
- (e) None of these

39. The U.S. Greenhouse gas emission rates increase with 0.2% in comparison with last year. What will be possible effect of above phenomena?

- (a) Increase in CO_2 levels has made the world's oceans 30% more acidic.
 - (b) CO_2 and other gases will be higher amounts in the air and it effects the growth and nutrition in plants.
 - (c) The U.S. government banned old industries which gives bad effect on environment.
 - (d) All a, b, c
 - (e) None of these
- 40.** Many countries stockpile nuclear weapons in their armory. These weapons are built to serve more as deterrents to enemy nuclear nations than as potential weapons to be used in case of a war erupting between two nations possessing nuclear weapons. It is clear that no country possessing nuclear weapons would risk using them against an enemy nation having nuclear weapons for fear of retaliation.
- Which of the following is an assumption in the conclusion that no nuclear country would use nuclear weapons in a war against its enemy country for fear of reprisal?
- (a) In a war between two nuclear nations, third nations possessing nuclear weapons will not interfere.
 - (b) Nuclear weapons can cause more havoc than traditional weapons.
 - (c) No nation possesses a nuclear device which when deployed can destroy all the nuclear weapons of another country at one stroke.
 - (d) World opinion is always against the use of nuclear weapons in a war.
 - (e) None of these

41. Energy consumption involves release of greenhouse gases resulting in global warming. Hence, it is the contention of the under-developed nations that the economically developed countries must make a higher contribution to funds constituted towards taking measures to fight global warming.

Which of the following is an assumption in the above argument?

- (a) Developed nations are rich and hence can contribute more liberally to funds required for fighting global warming.
- (b) Energy consumption varies directly as the economic status of a nation.
- (c) Fighting global warming needs huge funds which can be contributed only by the developed nations.
- (d) Global warming is an issue of concern to all —especially the economically developed nations.
- (e) None of these

Directions (42-44): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. The government's version of the Lokpal Bill says that sitting prime ministers will not come under the ombudsman's lens. Now, the Lokpal will have jurisdiction over ministries, but not the prime minister. It's a mistake. He is the head of the Cabinet and the first among equals; as liable to scrutiny as his peers. Ministries and various departments are the functioning arms of the government, which enforce rules. The root of corruption lies in how these rules and policies are administered.

42. Which of the following is the conclusion of the above discussion?

- (a) The government has no will to fight corruption.
- (b) In case the prime minister is brought under the purview of the Lokpal, his office may face frequent frivolous allegations.
- (c) Keeping the prime minister out of the purview of the Lokpal will render the institution impotent to check corruption in the country.

- (d) Ministries and departments are not under the effective control of the government.
- (e) None of these
- 43.** Which of the following is the assumption of the above discussion?
- (a) The incumbent government wants to protect the prime minister from facing corruption charges.
 - (b) The prime minister wants to maintain his supremacy over the ministers.
 - (c) The prime minister is a constitutional position and it can't be brought under the Lokpal.
 - (d) Bringing ministers under the Lokpal is enough to check corruption in high places.
 - (e) None of these
- 44.** Which of the following is an inference of the above passage?
- (a) There are fundamental flaws in how policies and rules are administered by ministries and departments.
 - (b) Ministries and departments are incapable of enforcing rules and policies properly in lack of support from ministers.
 - (c) Scrutiny of ombudsman is not a necessary factor for controlling corruption.
 - (d) Only sitting prime ministers are accused of corruption charges.
 - (e) None of these
- 45. Statements** “If you ask me about the daunting challenges that I face, I would say that my government’s first priority is to improve the existing law and order situation. Then follows the issue of prices of commodities.” — Mr. ROY, a newly appointed PM of country CLINTON

Assumptions

- I. If a citizen of country CLINTON can sleep peacefully, he/she can then think of providing food to his/her family, ponder over education and move about freely in the country.
- II. Prices of the commodities affect the common man greatly.
 - (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Either I or II
 - (d) Neither I nor II
 - (e) Both I and II

46. Statements “If you have any unresolved consumer disputes, do not feel that you are helpless, do not hesitate to assert your rights. Approach the District Consumer Forum for speedy redressal.” — Department of Consumer Affairs

Assumptions

- I. People don't want to approach consumer forum due to the red-tapism in procedure adopted by the forum.
- II. Speedy redressal will attract more unresolved consumer disputes.
 - (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Either I or II
 - (d) Neither I nor II
 - (e) Both I and II

47. Statement: The Government has decided to auction construction of highways to private entities in several blocks across the country on build-operate-transfer basis.

Which of the following assumption(s) is/are implicit in the above statement?

Assumptions

- I. An adequate number of private entities may not respond to the Government's auction notification.
 - II. Many private entities in the country are capable of constructing highways within reasonable time.
 - III. The Government's proposal of build operate-transfer may financially benefit the private entities.
- (a) I and II are implicit
 - (b) II and III are implicit
 - (c) Only II is implicit
 - (d) I and III are implicit
 - (e) None of the above
- 48.** President Obama has described climate change as one of the biggest challenges facing America and has said he is open to new ideas to address it. He can start by supporting legislation to increase the nation's hydropower capacity, one of America's-vital renewable energy resources. Producing electricity from the nation's 80,000 dams can avoid million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions each year.
- All the following can be assumed from the above EXCEPT
- (a) Hydropower harnesses the force of flowing water to generate electricity.
 - (b) Many of the dams are not utilized for electricity generation in America.
 - (c) Hydropower doesn't cause carbon dioxide emissions.
 - (d) All the dams in America are safe.
 - (e) None of these
- 49.** The recommendation of the 14th Finance Commission to raise the share of the States in the central taxes from 32 per cent recommended by the 13th Finance Commission to 42 per cent

underlines the need to do some hard thinking. It will put immense pressure on the Centre to resort to surcharges and cesses to make up for the higher devolution burden. The percentage share of the States in the Centre's tax revenue, popularly called vertical sharing, should not be left to the caprices of a Finance Commission in the future.

Which of the following is an assumption on which the argument depends?

- (a) The Finance Commission will increase the states' share of central taxes in the future.
- (b) The recommendation of the 14th Financial Commission surprised the central and state governments.
- (c) The Finance Commission has been mandated to recommend the quantum of sharing of central taxes between the Centre and states.
- (d) The centre resorts to surcharges and cesses only when the share of the states in central taxes is raised.
- (e) None of these

50. Gunland, an island nation, has granted 13 million of its citizens gun licenses during the last few years. Though the number of guns in Gunland has increased by more than 50 percent during this period, the gun homicide rate in the country has not registered a corresponding increase.

Which of the following, if true, most helps to resolve the paradox?

- (a) Licenses were granted on condition that the license holders carry their guns concealed.
- (b) Gun magazines holding more than seven bullets are banned in Gunland.
- (c) A thorough background check was done before issuing gun licenses.
- (d) Many deaths occurred due to accidents while handling guns.
- (e) None of these

Solutions

Direction (1-2)

1. **(a);** Only I is strong. II is not strong because we do not know whether the existing provisions are sufficient or not.
2. **(a);** I is not strong because intimacy of NRIs with Indian soil will be helpful for Indian economy. II is a weak argument because a move can't be restricted only because the move is not giving benefit to all of a kind.
3. **(b);** Only II is true because less investment is a major hindrance for development.
4. **(b);** I and II are implicit as "banks were not following the policies adopted by the country after Independence."
5. **(d);** This option says that aggressiveness is a common way for both. So it weakens the given statement.
6. **(a);** Option (a) may be a probable reason for the state government's decision.
7. **(b);** From the statement II we can generally assume that the Indian banks have capacity to pay higher interest rate on NRI deposits.
8. **(e);** Only assumption III is implicit. Note that the statement is a piece of news. What the journalist assumes about the conversion and its impact can't be explicitly said. But the words 'despite strong opposition' indicate that the journalist must be assuming assumption III.

- 9. (d);** Only I and III can be inferred from above sentences. Tone of above sentence and statement of Indian PM clearly indicates that India had suffer a pain of terrorist attack. IIInd one may be an assumption or course of action but it cannot be inferred that indicated country will take stern action. From the statement of PM that "India has a policy of zero tolerance" it can clearly inferred that India is too much concern and cannot tolerate terrorism.
- 10. (d);** There may be pressure of opposition on ruling govt. as Uri attack was a major attack and it is mentioned in first line that after "non-military response".....it means that there may be word-war between opposition and govt. before surgical strike. And as Indian Para commandos are used in an important operation "surgical strike". So they must be special task force.
- 11. (c);** All courses of action follows as after surgical strike there may be chance that terrorist will attack in reverse or Pakistan Army may conduct some intentional strike across border of India. So, for safety of people, villages should be evacuated and Indian Army should increase security across border. And Indian Govt. should give reward as it was one of the most important operation and Para Commandos made this successful. And reward is nothing but a token of appreciation and encouragement.
- 12. (d);** Both the statements are effects of independent cause. From the 1st and 2nd line we can say that surgical strike was just a response of URI attack by terrorist. Indian Govt. named this strike as "surgical strike" and want to convey message that this action is against terrorist because Indian Govt. does not want give chance Pakistan to blame India for breaking law of cross border firing as Pakistan had blamed many times in past.

13. (d); From the behavior and sense of passage we can clearly say that both are candidates of opponent parties and allegation may hinder their image and it may affect the polling result. Trade and Economy is not discussed in above passage so III cannot be assumed.

Directions (14-16):

14. (c); Note that we are talking about Smart Cities Mission. Thus anything related to rural areas is beyond the scope. Whereas, in option (c), we focus only on urban development. Hence, option (c) will be an effect of the statement.

15. (d); All the points in the options promote green initiatives except auditing of water consumption as it is an examination of system records and equipment that may be used to identify, quantify and verify how much water passes through the system and where it goes.

16. (e); If the existing policy could not change and if the signatories of the NPT are not eligible, then it will always oppose the entry of a particular non-NPT country. Options (c) and (d) are independent statements which relates somewhere to the passage but not completely. Hence, none of the statements substantiates the views expressed in the above passage.

Directions (17-18):

17. (d); Only I may be the possible reason for high voltage drama as main root for all this happening is OROP and due to ignorance of Central Govt. to implement OROP make Ram Grewal to suicide. Arrest of Deputy CM is also a high voltage drama but in statement it is mentioned it is illegitimate, which is wrong so we cannot consider this point.

18. (b); Only I and III may be the possible effect as by mass strike, people will try to make pressure on Central Govt. to implement OROP. And by giving compensation to family of victim, motive of central govt. will to make people calm.

Directions (19-21):

19. (b); Only II and III are not in line of the above passage. As, there is nothing mentioned about intervention of UN and there is nowhere discussed in the passage about trade from J&K.

20. (d); Only II and III are inferred from the above passage as politicians and delegation of civil society have attempted to bring peace in the area. And most of the schools have set on fire by the unknown groups of terrorists.

21. (a); Shoot at sight is a harsh course of action . And statement II is immediate course of action. And imposing presidential rule is not a proper solution.

22. (a); The security of the investor's money is not related to the size of the bank. Besides even after consolidation, the number of investors, their amounts and hence the duties shall remain the same and so no employees will be redundant. Reducing the number of smaller banks will also not affect the mutual competition among the banks. Thus, none of the arguments holds strong.

23. (c); The parliament of India has passed Juvenile Justice Act. Under this act, care and protection of children is also a major issue. Both (i) and (ii) deals with care and protection of children. So, these both may be the possible consequences of the Juvenile Justice bill.

- 24. (d);** The government's decision will definitely encourage the farmers to grow more crops as they can sell their fruit and vegetable crops directly at mandis. The given passage deals with only agricultural produces. So, we can't say anything about other produces. The word 'definitely' in (iii) makes it vague. So, (ii) and (iii) cannot be concluded.
- 25. (b);** It is mentioned in the passage that farmers seldom benefitted from price movements and it is also given that the Chief Minister is against the powerful lobby of middleman. So, (i) and (ii) are the feasible problems of the farmers. Whereas we can't say anything about its clutching power.
- 26. (a);** I follows as for the revitalization of Congress party, some competent leaders are needed. II may be inferred from the statement but does not follow as nothing is mentioned there in the statement about UP polls.
- 27. (d);** To defend itself against a charge of discrimination the company will have to show its selections which were made on the basis of merit not sex. The best way to do that is to show that none of the women who were rejected had better qualifications than the men who were appointed. Only option (e) implies that and hence is the correct answer.
- 28. (a);** The government and the industry body want a sharp cut rates to achieve a high growth rate. So, I is definitely a challenge for new RBI governor. II is also a challenge as RBI's previous schemes have not been very effective. The challenge that remains now is how the central bank will go about the resolution process. III is also a challenge as Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose higher than RBI's comfort

zone and seriously jeopardizes RBI's efforts in containing long term inflation, as per the monetary policy framework's inflation targeting model.

- 29. (e);** First one is the main motive behind the setting up of a task force. And since it is a task force, so the members can be in-house experts as well as from outside. So I and II are in line in contrast with the passage. Third one can be the reason behind which this task force has been set up. So, III is also in line.
- 30. (b);** With the above decision taken by the government, there must be focus on quality of education and hence it is clear that the government focus on value education. So only (d) is a valid option.
- 31. (c);** The main concern of the given statement is that by hosting big events like FIFA and Olympics, developing countries will have to face so many difficulties. So, we have to proceed in that direction as per the given statement. And in arguments I and III, the word 'always' makes it insignificant. So, only argument II holds strong.
- 32. (c);** Other than just the science though, space missions are fantastic catalysts for scientific and technological advances in the entire nation. India will learn how to reliably get things in space, a skill that will become more and more important. Space exploration excites people and encourages them to study STEM topics and pursue as a career. As per regarding R&D activity related to science and technology, there will be definitely some boost up regarding funding in future. So, both I and II follows.

- 33. (e);** The reason given behind her resignation in argument I is age factor which is nothing there in the statement. Argument II deals with the improper functioning in the state which may be the reason behind her resignation but it cannot be predicted from the given statement. Argument III is absurd. So, none of the arguments holds strong.
- 34. (d);** From the statement, it is nothing mentioned anywhere that there were marches protesting her government. So, I is not implicit. It is clear that the charges of her impeachment were a result of illegal bookkeeping manoeuvres to hide a growing deficit of the country. So, II and III are not implicit.
- 35. (e);** Officials are being made to retire prematurely. The retirement is not voluntary. So a) will be ruled out. Because of the word only b) will not be considered. The decision taken by the government will lead to improvement in government services and at the same time any negligence at workplace will lead to premature retirement. So, only c) and d) will follow.
- 36. (c);** Giving skill training does not guarantee increase in demand of skilled labour, so (A) does not follow. It can't be said that giving skill training to youth will increase employment by how much, so (B) does not follow. Imparting of skill training in the institutes will boost the employability of the students and at the same time encourage entrepreneurship among them. Only (C) and (D) follow.
- 37. (d);** All options are positively relevant to the increment in production, improvement in irrigation system with a good income of farmers, so all are correct.

- 38. (a);** Govt. promulgate about subsidies and benefits to give benefit to untouched portion of our Population.
- 39. (d);** Increment in CO₂ emission and others having this possible effect that by this oceans acidic level increase, quality and nutrition will decrease. It may be govt. banned old industries that emit these gases a lot so all are being possible effect.
- 40. (c);** Choice (c) is the correct assumption. (a) and (d) is incorrect as nothing is mentioned about world's opinion about nuclear weapons and about third nation in the passage
- 41. (b);** Energy consumption leads to global warming. (b) is the correct assumption because developed nations have more industries and more work power who can consume energy so the energy consumption is directly more in developed countries. (c) only talk of the affordability. (d) is not an assumption.
- 42. (c);** This statement clearly shows the conclusion of the passage that PM can't be out of the purview of the Lokpal.
- 43. (a);** This statement shows the hidden assumption being taken in this passage.
- 44. (a);** this statement gives the inference which comes from this passage
- 45. (d);** I is not implicit. II is not implicit because the PM only assumes that law and order affects the common man more than prices do.

- 46. (b);** Assumption II is implicit.
- 47. (c);** Only Assumption II is implicit because government as decided means private entities are capable of constructing highways within reasonable time. Assumptions I and III are not implicit.
- 48. (d);** America has more than 80,000 dams which can produce electricity. Generating electricity from these dams can avoid million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions every year. Option (a) is an easy assumption; 'flowing water from dams is used to generate electricity. The second and third sentences suggest option (b). Option (c) can be assumed from the last sentence. Option (d) mentions the safety of dams; this is not supported by the passage.
- 49. (a);** Clearly, the passage implies that Finance Commissions in the past have recommended increase in the states' percentage share in central taxes. Since the argument concludes that fixing the share should not be left to the caprices of the Commission, it assumes that, based on the past record, the Commission is likely to increase the share of states in the future also. Hence the passage shows worrying about the wisdom of leaving this power to the Commission. Option (a) properly identifies the assumption. Option (b) is beyond the scope of the argument-Option (c) is stated in the passage in different words. The argument doesn't refer to circumstances when the Centre resorts to surcharges and cesses, so (d) is not an assumption.

50. (c); Granting licenses to people who will not commit 'crimes can explain the situation here. Option (a) does not affect the number of homicides committed; carrying guns concealed or not does not influence a likely crime. (b) can also be eliminated because one may not need more than seven bullets to commit a murder. Option (c) can explain the mystery behind homicide rate not increasing corresponding to the increase in the number of guns - licenses are granted to people with clean background. Option (d) is not related to homicides.





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Course of Action

1. Over the past few years, there has been a sharp rise in the number of accidents involving cyclists with the four wheelers. Which of the following is the most effective as well as an appropriate course of action in light of the above statement?
 - (a) A separate track should be developed for the cyclists.
 - (b) A ban should be implemented on the sale and the use of cycles.
 - (c) Fares of public transport must be reduced.
 - (d) All the drivers of four wheelers involved in the accidents with the cyclists should be penalized.
 - (e) Free helmets should be provided to all the cyclists in the city.
2. **Statement:** In county A, there have been numerous reports over the past three months about people falling sick after consuming the beer imported from country B. The beer manufacturers in county B are claiming a conspiracy by the local manufacturers of country A.
Which of the following is a most appropriate course of action in light of the above statement?
 - (a) Country A should stop all its imports from country B.
 - (b) Heavy taxes should be implemented by country A on the beer that is imported from country B.
 - (c) People should be advised to cut down on their beer consumption.
 - (d) The samples of beer imported from country A should be sent for chemical analysis.
 - (e) A ban should be imposed on the sales of beer imported from country B until the matter is investigated.

3. Statement: With the record output, sugar prices have dropped from an average of Rs 37 a kg in the previous season to Rs 26 in the current season which results in the sugar mills' dues to farmers stands at Rs 22,000 crore.

Which of the following is an immediate course of action for the given statement?

- I. The cabinet committee should allocate Rs 7000 crore package to sugar sector with a special Cess under GST to alleviate distress among sugarcane farmers.
 - II. The government should procure sugar from mills at a fixed minimum price to help them clear dues to farmers.
 - III. The government should levy minimum prices and offer special incentives to increase the production of molasses and ethanol.
- (a) Only I and III
(b) Only II and III
(c) All of the above
(d) Only I and II
(e) None of these

Direction (4): Study the following information in which a statement is followed by some course of action read carefully and answer the question below-

The Uttarakhand high court has banned paragliding and white-water rafting and other water sports. This move aimed at safeguarding both the environment and people engaging in these activities. The court's decision comes as a jolt to adventure tourism and water sports in the Himalayan state.

Course of Action- I. An appeal should be filed against this decision as It's an industry that provides indirect jobs to no less than 10,000 families.

- II. The tourism must be promoted but it is required to be regulated and for this the State government should be directed to prepare the transparent policy.
- III. All the villages and cities near the banks of the rivers should be ceased to reduce the pollution in the rivers.

Which of the following is an immediate course of action for the given statement?

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) All of the above
- (d) Only II
- (e) None of these

Directions (5-6): In each question below, are given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. On the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, and then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Give answer:

- (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. **Statement:** Some workers of the company were caught smoking in the company lawn during office time.

Course of action:

- I. The management of the company should immediately fire those employees who were caught smoking during office hours.
- II. Warning should be issued to those employees who were caught smoking during office hours.

6. Statement: A huge truck collided with an elephant trying to cross the highway road running across the forest causing a heavy traffic jam.

Course of action:

- I. High voltage electric wires should be used to fence all the state highways.
- II. People should be advised to avoid using the route effected by collision till the highway is cleared.

Direction (7-8): In the following question a statement is given followed by two statements numbered as I and II. You have to read all the statements and decide which of the following is the suitable course of action for the mentioned statement above.

7. To provide proper education, we need to improve our education system. To improve education system, we need good teachers. To provide good teachers, we again need good education. In India there are some good institutes too but most of the students opt for a job rather than trying the career in teaching field which requires post-graduation as minimum eligibility criteria because they do not get a good salary there.

Course of Action-

- (I) The Salary of the teachers should be hiked to encourage them for opting teaching.
 - (II) The minimum eligibility criterion to be a teacher should be graduate rather than post-graduation and PhD to become a teacher as students can get a job even after graduation.
- (a) Only II follows
(b) Only I follows
(c) Either I or II follows
(d) Neither I nor II follows
(e) Both I and II follows

8. The cost of treatment and proper health care is unaffordable by the already needy masses.

Course of action:

- (I) The treatment for all should be free of cost of every disease.
- (II) The government should establish itself in manufacturing and distribution of medical equipment.
- (a) Only II follows
- (b) Only I follows
- (c) Either I or II follows
- (d) Neither I nor II follows
- (e) Both I and II follows

Direction (9): In the following question a statement is given followed by two or three statements numbered as I, II and III. You have to read all the statements and decide which of the following is the suitable course of action for the mentioned statement above.

Statement: The Central board of secondary education (CBSE) faces a serious erosion of credibility with the leak of annual examination papers on economics for class 12th and mathematics for class 10th.

Course of Action:

- I. The HRD minister should conduct a thorough inquiry to get the facts and initiate remedial steps without any delay.
 - II. The HRD minister should remove all the officers of CBSE from their respective offices and conduct an inquiry against them.
 - III. Both the leak papers of class 12th and class 10th should be cancelled by the CBSE and fresh and fair exam should be conducted.
- (a) All follows
 - (b) Only (I) and (III) follows
 - (c) Only (II) and (III) follows
 - (d) Only (I) and (II) follows
 - (e) Only (I) follows

10. In a survey which was done by employee union, it has been found that productivity of work differs according to changes in working environment of office. Cool, healthy and positive environment escalates the performance.

Which of the following course of action has been taken to nullifies the facts which comes in survey?

- I. Management has tried to convince employee that at the end of day productivity depends upon determination and hard work.
 - II. Focus, honesty and hunger of growth is key mantras which every employee should follow for the expansion of company-statement by HR.
 - III. Casual leave for all employee has been increased to 25 from 15 from new financial year.
- (a) Only III
 - (b) Both II and III
 - (c) Both I and III
 - (d) Only II
 - (e) None of these

11. There are many online food delivery companies like Swiggy, Uber Eats, Zomato, Food Panda, Faasoos etc. which are delivering food online at door in less time which makes life easy in this fast phase of life. But on the other hand, small businessman who runs small restaurants who are not registered with these companies are on the road and struggling for bread.

What should be the effective course of action by Food and Consumer ministry to eradicate this problem?

- (I) Ministry should guide and provide assistance for all those businessmen to start their new business in other segments.
- (II) Ministry should order for closing these companies slowly as nowadays they are like hurdle for small businessman and they are making people lazy which are increasing health issue also.

(III) Ministry should pass a proposal in which every small restaurant should have tie-up with big restaurants. And on every order, there should be right contribution and have percentage on profit for both big and small restaurants.

- (a) Only I and III
- (b) Only III
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) Only II and III
- (e) None of these

12. Statement: In a recent survey of India Today it has been found that business of 1000 crore has been done in one month just by selling copy of branded shoes, t-shirts, jeans, shirts, bags etc. Branded companies like Adidas, Puma, Nike estimates loss of 500 thousand crore yearly by sale of copy item of their brand.

Which of the following action can be taken to solve this issue?

- (I) On every sale of copy item, 30% of profit should be transferred to owner company.
- (II) Selling of copy items on the name of branded companies should be banned.
- (III) Loss of Branded companies should bear by Government as copy item has been sold by middle or lower-class businessman and for the sake of them Government should take this step.

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) Only II
- (d) Only I and III
- (e) None of these

13. 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 follows
(d) Only I and III follow
(e) None of these

14. Statements: The state government has decided to declare "Kala Azar" as a notifiable disease under the Epidemics act, 1987. Family members or neighbours of the patient are liable to be punished in case they do not inform the state authorities.

- I. Efforts should be made to effectively implement the act.
- II. The cases of punishment should be propagated through mass media so that more people become aware of the stern action.

Which of the following course of action does logically follow?

- (a) If only I follows
- (b) None follows except II
- (c) If either I or II follows
- (d) If neither I nor II follows
- (e) If both I and II follow

Direction (15): Study the following information and answer the questions that follow:

The planet is warming, from north pole to south pole, and everywhere in between. Globally, the mercury is already up by more than 1 degree Fahrenheit (0.8 degree Celsius) or even more in sensitive polar regions. The effects of rising temperature are waiting for some far-flung future. They're happening right now. Signs are appearing all over, and some of them are surprising. The extreme weather events, the historic drought conditions over large parts of the world, the fast melting of Greenland's ice surface and the intensity of Hurricane Sandy are examples of the changes to global weather patterns that can be expected from an overall rise in Earth's surface temperature.

What **course(s) of action** should people take to reduce global warming?

- I. Increase afforestation in the world
 - II. Increase the use of recyclable products rather than disposable products
 - III. Less use of CFC producing products
 - IV. Increase mining activities
- (a) Only I (b) Only II (c) Only I, II & III
(d) Only III (e) Only II, III & IV

16. Statement: An increasing number of farmers prefer to avail loans from local moneylenders instead of the banks owing to complicated paperwork involved in banks.

Which of the following actions should be taken by the government?

- (a) Local moneylenders who charge interest rates lower than the banks should be punished.
- (b) Banks should simplify the procedure to avail loans so as to suit the farmers.
- (c) The amount of loan should be increased for the farmers.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) Both (b) and (c)

17. Statement: India's pre-eminent position in the world black pepper production and trade is in danger as some of the countries, which recently started production of the 'king of the spices' crop from Indian root stocks, are farming better by adopting modern cultivation practices.

Courses of action:

- I. India should immediately stop supplying root stocks of black pepper to other countries.
 - II. India should adopt modern technology for cultivating black pepper to compete in the International market.
 - III. India should reduce the price of its black pepper to remain competitive in the world market.
- (a) All follow
 - (b) Only II follows
 - (c) Only I follows
 - (d) Only III follows
 - (e) None of the above

18. Statement: A blast was triggered off injuring many, when the night shift workers at an ordinance factory were handling 'fox signaling explosive'.

Courses of action:

- I. The factory management should train its staff as regards to the safety aspects of handling such explosive materials.
 - II. The service of the supervisor in charge of the night shift should be terminated immediately.
 - III. The factory should immediately stop carrying out such exercises at night.
- (a) None follows
 - (b) All follow
 - (c) Only I follows
 - (d) I and II follow
 - (e) None of these

19. Statement: The prices of vegetables and other food articles have decreased in the recent months raising hope among policy planners that the RBI's (Reserve Bank of India) tight grip on supply of liquid money in the market for controlling inflation may be eased.

Which of the following may be a possible action of above situation?

- (a) The Reserve Bank of India may not reduce its key interest rates in near future.
- (b) The Government may step in and make certain concessions to the common people on various issues.
- (c) The Reserve Bank of India may consider lowering certain rates to bring in more liquidity in the market.
- (d) The RBI may wait for at least another year before taking any step.
- (e) The RBI may collect more data from the market and wait for another four months to ensure they take the correct step.

20. Statement: A severe cyclonic storm hit the Eastern coastline last month resulting in huge loss of life and property on the entire east coast and Government had to disburse a considerable amount for relief activities through the district administration machineries.

Which of the following may possibly be a follow up measure to be taken up by the Government?

- (a) The Government should handle all the post relief work to the state government for proper implementation.
- (b) The Government may set up a committee for proper disbursement of relief supplies in future
- (c) The Government may empower the District Magistrates to make all future disbursements of relief.

- (d) The Government may send relief supplies to the affected people in future only after proper assessment of the damage caused by such calamities.
 - (e) The Government may not need to activate any follow up measure.
- 21.** The Internet Cafes are incurring heavy loss these days as people prefer to use Internet in their mobiles PCs and Laptops. Which of the following statements can be an effective course of action?
- (a) The Internet Cafe should be converted into coffee cafe.
 - (b) The Internet should be closed and new project should be started there.
 - (c) More funds should be invested on the Internet Cafe.
 - (d) Internet Cafe should be banned.
 - (e) None of these.

- 22. 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.
- 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

23. Statement As soon as summer has begun, complaints of water shortage have started pouring from all parts of the city.

Courses of action:

- (I) Water tankers should be made available by the Water Board.
 - (II) The Water Board should claim that they have the problem under control.
 - (III) Round-the-clock water service should be made available by the Water Board.
- (a) Only III follows
 - (b) Only I follows
 - (c) Either I or III follows
 - (d) Only II follows
 - (e) I and II follow

24. Statement: At least 80 people have been killed and over 350 wounded in a suicide car bombing in Kabul's diplomatic quarter this morning, a few hundred metres from the Indian embassy. The area where the explosion took place is close to the presidential palace and several foreign embassies. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has tweeted that Indian officials are safe.

Which of the following is an appropriate course of action as a fallout of the above terrorist attack?

- (a) India should call back its diplomats and officials immediately.
- (b) India should proceed to International Court of Justice against the Afghan government.
- (c) India should ask the Afghanistan Government to ramp up the security of its officials.
- (d) Officials in Afghanistan should be advised to remain indoors as far as possible.
- (e) None of these

25. Statement: The National Health Accounts data for 2013-14 present fresh evidence that India continues to have a non-serious approach to the provision of universal health coverage to all its citizens. India's health system is one of the most privatized in the world, poorly regulated and accessible only to those with income levels well above the average.

Which of the following courses of action should be taken by the government to make reliable changes in this poorly regulated health system?

- I. Raising government expenditure on health, in conjunction with the states, should be a considerable change in this system.
 - II. The government should shrink their responsibility to provide free and easily accessible health care to poor and middle classes.
 - III. The government should make more allocations on public health system and make it accessible to the deserving people.
- (a) All of the above
 - (b) All except I
 - (c) All except II
 - (d) All except III
 - (e) None of the above

26. Statement: Rivers in western Uttar Pradesh like Kali, Krishna and Hindon have been polluted to dangerous levels because of the industrial waste released illegally into them by the industries. Which of the following **course of action** should be taken by the government to make the river clean?

- (a) Heavy fine should be slapped on the industries polluting the river water.
- (b) Industrial waste should not be allowed to flow into the river.
- (c) Industries should be shifted to some other locations of the state.
- (d) All the industries located on the bank of the river should be closed down.
- (e) Only (b) and (c)

Directions (27-29): In each question below is given a statement followed by three courses of action numbered I, II and 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 problems, policy etc. on the basis of the information given in the statement, you have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then decide of the suggested courses of action logically follows for pursuing.

27. The major road connecting the two main parts of the city is inundated due to heavy rains during past two days.

Courses of Action:

- (I) The govt. should immediately send a relief team to the affected area.
- (II) The municipal authority should make immediate effort to pump out water from the road.
- (III) The municipal authority should advise the general public to stay indoors till the water is cleared.

- (a) Only I follows
- (b) Only II follow.
- (c) Only I and III follow.
- (d) Only II and III follow.
- (e) None of these

28. The prices of essential commodities have gone up substantially during the past few weeks.

Courses of Action:

- (I) The government should set up an expert committee to study the trend of prices.
 - (II) The govt. should immediately abolish taxes on essential commodities.
 - (III) The govt. should advise the general public to refrain from purchasing essential commodities for few days.
- (a) None of these
 - (b) Only I follows.
 - (c) Only II follows.
 - (d) Only III follows.
 - (e) Only I and II follow.

29. Statement: Many management institutes in the city have enrolled a large number of students for management courses which are not recognized either by the local university or by the department of technical education.

Courses of Action:

- (I) All these management institutes should immediately derecognized by the university and the department of technical education.
- (II) All these management institutes should be asked to refund fees to all students and enroll them only for recognized courses.

- (III) All students should be advised to switch over to the recognized courses in other institutes.
- (a) Only I follows
 - (b) Only I and II follow.
 - (c) Only I and III follow.
 - (d) Only II and III follow.
 - (e) None of these

Direction (30): In given question below are given a statement followed by two or three courses of action numbered I, II and III. 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 follows for pursuing.

Give answer-

- (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.

30. Statement: There has been large number of cases of internet hacking in the recent months creating panic among the internet users.

Courses of Action:

- I. The government machinery should make an all-out effort to nab those who are responsible and put them behind bars.
- II. The internet users should be advised to stay away from using internet till the culprits are caught.

31. Statements: Number of dropouts from the municipal schools have significantly increased after withdrawal of mid-day meal scheme.

Courses of action:

- I. The government should reconsider its decision of withdrawal of midday meal scheme.
 - II. The government should close down some of the municipal schools.
 - III. The government should carry out a detailed study to find out the reasons for school dropouts.
- (a) None follows
 - (b) Only I follows
 - (c) Only I and III follow
 - (d) Only II and III follow
 - (e) All follow

32. **Statements:** In the city, over 75 percent of the people are living in slums and sub-standard houses which is a reflection on the housing and urban development policies of the Government.

Courses of action:

- I. There should be a separate department looking after housing and urban development.
 - II. The policies in regard to urban housing should be reviewed.
 - III. The policies regarding rural housing should also be reviewed so that such problems could be avoided in rural areas.
- (a) Only I follows
 - (b) Only I and II follow
 - (c) Only II follow
 - (d) Either II or III follows
 - (e) Only II and III follow

33. Statement: Besides looks and appearances, it is also important to develop oneself from within.

Courses of action

- I. One should not pay attention to fashion
 - II. One should pay attention to fashion
 - III. Books on self-development should be encouraged.
- (a) Only I follows
 - (b) Only II follows
 - (c) Only III follows
 - (d) Only I and III follow
 - (e) None of these

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

Course of action

- I. The local administration should immediately set up police force 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 follows
 - (b) Only I and II follow
 - (c) Only I and III follow
 - (d) All follow
 - (e) None of these

35. 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 answers 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

Directions (36-42): In each question below is given a statement, followed by two/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.

36. 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

37. Statement- A top government economist has lashed out at 'messiahs of doom' who had earlier predicted a 2% decline in growth due to the Centre's demonetization of currency notes last November. But scratch deeper, those naysayers don't appear to be too far off the mark. Growth in the final quarter of 2016-17 was just 6.1%, all of 1.8 percentage points lower than the 7.9% recorded in its first (which decelerated to 7.5% and 7% in the second and third quarters, respectively).

Which of the courses of actions by the government can help improve the current situation?

- (i) The government should reintroduce banned currency.
 - (ii) Those spreading pessimism about the current government should be punished.
 - (iii) The government should give rebates and incentives like tax cuts to companies and advise RBI to lower interest rates.
- (a) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (b) Only (iii)
 - (c) (i), (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Both (i) and (iii)
 - (e) None of these.

38. Statement: In one of the worst accidents in railway level crossing, fifty people died when a bus carrying them collided on to a running train.

Courses of action:

- I. The train driver should immediately be suspended.
 - II. The driver of the bus should be tried on court for negligence on his part.
 - III. The railway authority should be asked to man all its level crossings.
- (a) None follows
 - (b) Only I and II follow
 - (c) Only III follow
 - (d) Only II and III follow
 - (e) None of these

39. Statement: In a bizarre incident, the 50-year-old wife of a former Davis Cup tennis player overpowered and stabbed to death an intruder who had sneaked into her Sainik Farms with the intention of committing a theft.

Courses of action:

- I. An enquiry should be made to look into the matter and examine its veracity.
 - II. The lady should be awarded for her bravery and excellent courage.
- (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

40. Statement: There are repeated complaints by tourists of misbehavior by CISF (Central Industry Security Force) men deployed at heritage sites like Taj Mahal in the name of ticket - checking, etc.

Courses of Action:

- I. A letter should be issued instructing the DG of CISF to tell his men to avoid any direct contact with the tourists during duty.
 - II. The responsibility to check tickets etc. should be entrusted to the men of ASI (Archaeological Survey of India)
- (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

41. Statement: Traffic rules are being violated by lawmakers and those machineries who have been entrusted with the responsibility to make common people abide by them.

Courses of action:

- I. Majority of those among the lawbreakers are the lawmakers.
 - II. No fine is imposed when a traffic policeman violates traffic rules.
- (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.

42. Statement: It is reported that though Vitamin E present in fresh fruits and fresh vegetables is beneficial for human body, capsule Vitamin E does not have same effect on human body.

Courses of Action:

- I. The sale of capsule Vitamin E should be banned.
 - II. People should be encouraged to take fresh fruits and fresh vegetables to meet the body requirement of Vitamin E.
- (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.

Directions (43-47): 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 be true and then decide which of the suggested courses of action logically follows for pursuing.
Given answer

43. Statement: A large number of students are reported to be dropping out of school in villages as their parents want their children to help them in farms.

Course of Action:

- I. The government should immediately launch a programme to create awareness among the farmers about the value of education.
 - II. The government should offer incentives to those farmers whose children remain in schools.
 - III. Education should be made compulsory for all children up to the age of 14 and their employment banned.
- (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

44. Statement: Without the active cooperation between the proprietor and the employees of the mill, it cannot remain a profitable concern for long.

Course of Action:

- I. The mill should be closed down.
 - II. The workers should be asked to cooperate with the owners.
 - III. The owners should be asked to cooperate with the employees.
- (a) None follows
(b) Only I and II follow
(c) All follow
(d) Only II and III follow
(e) None of these

45. Statement: The air and rail services have been severely disrupted due to thick fog in the northern part of the country.

Course of Action:

- I. The rail and air services should be temporarily suspended in the region.
 - II. People should be advised to make their travel plan keeping in mind the probable disruption resulting in delay or cancellation of services.
 - III. The government should immediately install modern machines which will enable it to guide the rail and air services even if the thick fog develops.
- (a) Only II follows
(b) Only III follows
(c) Only II and III follow
(d) All follow
(e) None of these

46. 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

47. Statement: Any further increase in the pollution level in the city by way of industrial effluents and automobile exhaustions would pose a severe threat to the inhabitants.

Course of Action:

- I. All the factories in the city should immediately be closed down.
 - II. The automobiles should not be allowed to ply on the road for more than four hours a day.
 - III. The Government should restrict the issue of fresh licenses to factories and automobiles.
- (a) None follows
(b) Only II follows
(c) Only III follows
(d) All follows
(e) None of these

48. Statement: The Officer In charge of a Company had a hunch that some money was missing from the safe.

Courses of action: I. He should get it recounted with the help of the staff and check it with the balance sheet.

- II. He should inform the police.
 - (a) Only I follow.
 - (b) Both I and II follow.
 - (c) Only II follow.
 - (d) Either I or II follow.
 - (e) Neither I nor II follow.

49. Statement: The ground water in the locality has been found to contain high level of arsenic making it dangerous to drink.

Courses of action:

- I. The people living in the area should be shifted to another area to avoid a catastrophic situation.

II. The government should make arrangements for supply of safe drinking water.

- (a) Only I follow.
- (b) Both I and II follow.
- (c) Only II follow.
- (d) Either I or II follow.
- (e) Neither I nor II follow.

50. Statement-"The surveillance system put in place by the Health Ministry succeeded in identifying three adults infected with Zika virus between November 2016 and February 2017 in Gujarat.

Course of Action-

- I. Over 34,000 human samples and nearly 13,000 mosquito samples were tested for the presence of the Zika virus.
- II. The government machinery should be on overdrive to educate and increase awareness about ways to avoid infection.
- III. India should inform the WHO and the global community.

Which of the following will be the course of action?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) Only I and II
- (d) Only II
- (e) None of these

Solutions

- 1. (a);** (a) Is both effective and appropriate in reducing the number of accidents involving cyclists and four wheelers.
(b) A ban will be the most effective course of action in reducing the number of accidents involving cyclists but not an appropriate course of action as the people should have the right to choose.
(c) It is not clear whether people are using cycles to save money so it is not an appropriate course of action.
(d) It is not necessary that only four wheelers are responsible for all the accidents with cyclists, sometimes it can be a fault of cyclists too.
(e) This will only reduce the number of injuries but not the number of accidents.

- 2. (e);** It is not appropriate to ban all the imports from country B which might include some essential commodities so (a) not correct. Option (b) is not appropriate as implementing heavy taxes might reduce the consumption of beer imported from country B but the consumption by even one person can be dangerous to him. Similarly we don't know the quantity of beer consumed by people who fell sick after drinking the beer imported from country B so (c) is not appropriate. Option (d) is irrelevant as nothing has been mentioned in the statement about the imports from country A. Option (e) will be most effective as a corrective and preventive measure.

- 3. (d);** Statement I is the immediate course of action as it will help the sugar mills to clear off the outstanding arrears of the sugarcane farmers. Statement II is also an immediate course

of action as it is talking about a fixed minimum price of the sugar which will help the farmers and in the statement III is talking about to increase the production of molasses and ethanol which is not an immediate course of action.

4. **(d);** Only II course of action follows as safety of the people and environment protection require transparent reforms and policies. But I and III does not follow as even by considering the fact that this tourism industry provide employment to so many people but the lives of so many others cannot be put at stake for it. And also, III is not feasible as we cannot relocate app. lakhs of people to reduce the pollution level near rivers.
5. **(b);** Action I is not appropriate because it is too harsh as a course of action. Action II is appropriate in order to maintain discipline.
6. **(b);** Action I is not appropriate because of the word 'all'. Action II is helpful in reducing the inconvenience caused to the public.

Direction (7-8):

7. **(e);** Both I and II follows as salary is an important factor for encouraging students to opt teaching as a career option rather than job and changing the eligibility criterion to graduation for being a teacher as generally the students choose their career option after graduation.
8. **(a);** Statement (II) follows as by engaging itself in manufacturing and distribution of medical equipment the government can provide affordable treatment. But (I) does not follow as it is not a practical solution.

9. (b); For I: Yes, it is an immediate course of action because HRD minister should conduct the thorough inquiry to protect its credibility and stop any further leak of papers.

For II. No, it is not the immediate course of action as it is a harsh course of action against all the CBSE officers inspite of punishing those who found guilty after the inquiry.

For III. Yes, it is an immediate course of action as the leak papers of class 12th and class 10th should be conducted fairly with the view to uphold the sanctity of Board examinations and in the favour of all the hard-working students.

10. (e); For I: Yes, it nullifies the fact in survey as management is trying to convince that productivity depends upon determination and hard work.

For II: Yes, it nullifies as HR is trying to motivate and trying to keep focus of employee towards only work by encouraging and counselling them.

For III: No, as it is in favour of employee because by getting more casual leave Employee will be able to relax more and can keep them refreshed to work with more enthusiasm.

11. (b); For I: False, Changing the segment is not the solution

For II: False, closing of companies is also not a solution. It is like to stop innovation.

For III: True, It is like a problem solving proposal in which small businessman will get opportunity to work and chances to grow.

12. (c); For I: False, this is not a feasible course of action.

For II: True, as this is the solution which can completely eradicate this problem as selling of copy items is without rights is illegal.

For III: False, Government can help those businessmen in many ways but which is illegal, why government will bear such cost.

- 13. (e);** Only I course of action follows because it is mentioned in statement that hill area is severely damaged. II and III, course of action do not follow because it is not mentioned in the statement that the state Govt. is not capable of tackling Rs. 200 cr. burden and govt. can't levy relief tax to the corporate sectors to ease burden.
- 14. (e);** When the government takes such action it is necessary that people are made aware of the consequences they would face if they do not obey the directives. Hence II follows. I is obvious.
- 15. (c);** I, II & III all can be the course of action to reduce global warming. By increasing mining activities the global warming cannot be reduced so statement IV is not a proper course of action.
- 16. (b);** Only II followed as by simplifying the procedure more farmers will prefer to avail loan from bank instead of moneylenders. I is not feasible and III is also not appropriate course of action.
- 17. (b);** Only better quality can put India back in the competitive field of black pepper production. So, India should go for modern technology for cultivating black pepper to compete in the present international market.

- 18. (c);** Action I is the right course of action because training to the staff as to safety aspects of handling explosive material will reduce the chances of such accidents in future. Action II does not follow.
- 19. (c);** Option (c) may be a possible action because interest rates plays a key role in controlling inflation. Its obvious that when interest rates gets lowered, there will be more liquidity in the market.
- 20. (b);** Option (b) may be a follow up measure as it will help in proper disbursement of relief supplies.
- 21. (e);** It can't be a better course of action to convert the Internet Cafe into Coffee Cafe. Also a new project at the place of internet cafe after diminishing it can't be a rational course of action. More investment in loss making project is also not rational without a strong strategy, and the 4th statement is illogical – not a good course of action.
- 22. (a);** Clearly, the situation demands that strike be called off, either through warning or negotiations, and till then alternative arrangements be made to retain normalcy in supply of essential commodities. So, both I and II follow. Taking extreme steps (as getting the striking transporters arrested) at the first stage doesn't seem proper. So, III does not follow.
- 23. (b);** I is the only practical step. Tankers can carry required water to the needy one. II is not a course of action which is needed, while III is clamoring for the impossible.

- 24. (c);** (a) Calling back officials on the basis of this attack will send a strong message to the international community and might even show that terrorist have been successful in their purpose.
(b) Proceeding ICJ is absurd as it is not known if the Afghan government was actually involved in the attack.
(c) Asking the Afghanistan Government to ramp up the security of its officials as this will help ensuring the security of its officials.
(d) Advising the officials to stay indoors is not a right way to respond to the terrorist attack and shows a sense of helplessness.
- 25. (c);** It is not practically feasible to provide free health facility to all poor and middle classes. So, II is not an effective course of action. Whereas raising expenditure in conjunction with the states and providing more allocations on public health system will be an effective course of action.
- 26. (b);** Only (b) will be a sensible course of action taken by the government to keep the river clean. a), c) and d) can be ruled out because these are extreme courses of action.
- 27. (b);** II course of action logically follow from the statement, while III course of action does not explicitly tell that whether the water is cleared by the municipal authority or as a natural process and I is not appropriate.
- 28. (c);** The courses of action suggested in I statement is absurd as it talks about the trend not the remedial measures to bring down to price similarly the purchasing and consumption of essential commodities cannot be postponed for a few days, hence statement III is also absurd.

- 29. (a);** Such institutes should immediately be derecognized by the university. Hence I course of action follows. It is not possible to refund fees to all students and enrol them only for recognized courses. All students could not be advised to switch over to the recognized courses in other institutes.
- 30. (a);** Clearly, internet users should not suffer on account of certain individuals who indulge in internet hacking. However, such wrong-doers ought to be penalized so that there are no hassles in the use of internet. So, only course I follows.
- 31. (c);** Clearly, the government ought to find out the reason behind the increase in number of dropouts, and also the extent to which the withdrawal of mid-day meal scheme is responsible for the same. So, both I and III follow, II appears to be vague.
- 32. (b);** The statement talks of housing conditions in urban areas only. So, III does not follow. Also, to improve the deteriorating housing conditions, the urban housing policies need to be studied and the lackenings removed by a team of efficient personnel deployed for the same. So, both I and II follow.
- 33. (c);** The statement stresses the need for all-round personality development of an individual. So, only III follows.
- 34. (a);** Clearly, incidents of robbery can be practically averted only by tightening security arrangements and increasing vigilance by police. So, I follows. Neither II nor III follows as none of them is practically viable.

- 35. (d);** Student who work hard all the year round to perform well at the Board examination deserve to be evaluated correctly by experts, and not mechanically or by inexperienced people. Besides, examiners who shirk their duty of evaluating answer papers ought to be punished. So, both I and II follow, while III does not.
- 36. (a);** Clearly, incidents of robbery can be practically averted only by tightening security arrangements and increasing vigilance by police. So, I follows. Neither II nor III follows as none of them is practically viable.
- 37. (b);** (i) is not an appropriate course of action. (ii) is not justified as everyone has a right to express his/her views. (iii) is an appropriate course of action as it will bring money back in to the markets which is lying stagnant with the banks.
- 38. (c);** The problem discussed in the statement is not regarding the mentioned accident, but to do something to avert such mishaps. Accidents at railway crossings can be averted by deploying men to regulate traffic and installing barriers to check traffic movement when a train passes by. So, only III follows.
- 39. (a);** I is advisable as it will ensure that there were no ulterior motives behind stabbing the person to death. II is not advisable until I makes things clear.
- 40. (a);** I is advisable because less direct contact will reduce the gravity of the problem.
- 41. (d);** Neither I nor II is a course of action.

- 42. (b);** I is illogical because Vitamin E capsule is also useful even if less effective. Action II is more useful and effective.
- 43. (d);** All courses of action follow because creating awareness among farmers about the education is necessary and by offering incentives to farmers, govt. can help farmer financially. And making education compulsory is an important course of action.
- 44. (d);** Only II and III follow because for better functioning and for making profit from mill is necessary that both owner and worker should cooperate each other.
- 45. (c);** Only II and III follow. 2nd course of action is preventive in nature for passengers.
- 46. (b);** Course of action I follows because with a graded approach to the use of antibiotics, under which some medicines are reserved for the most resistant microbes, the WHO list can stop their misuse as broad-spectrum treatments. Course of action II also follows because a close inspection is also needed of the national supervisory programmes to help people to get rid out of it.
- 47. (c);** Only 3rd course of action follows. I and 2nd are extreme course of action. So, these two do not follow and 3rd one is preventive course of action.
- 48. (a);** Clearly, suspicion first needs to be confirmed and only when it is confirmed, should an action be taken. So, only course I follows.

49. (c); Clearly, the contamination of ground water doesn't provide sufficient grounds to shift people to other areas. The problem demands creating awareness among people of the dangers of drinking contaminated water and arranging to provide them safe drinking water. Thus, only course II follows.

50. (b); In the above question we have to find the course of action for the above statement.

For Statement I- False, In the above statement it is not mentioned about the number of samples taken for test of Zika virus.

For Statement II- True, In II statement it has been said that the government should aware the people about the virus and the ways to prevent it .So it is true.

For Statement III-True, In this statement it has been said that it is India's responsibility to inform World Health Organization and other global community to hinder it from spreading elsewhere.

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CHAPTER 1 Statement & Conclusion

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Statement and Conclusion

1. Study the following information in which a statement is followed by five conclusions, read carefully and answer the question below-

Other than being an essential source of water for Indian agriculture, the monsoon plays a critical role in flushing out pollutants over Asia. However, recently increased pollution — particularly from coal burning — could potentially weaken this ability of the monsoon.

Which of the following can be deduced from the given statement?

- (a) The unusually high concentration of particulate matter in the last few days in India clearly shows that air pollution is emerging as a big problem.
 - (b) As the climate gets warmer and frequency of rains reduces, such spurts in coarse particles making breathing difficult will become a new normal and the government is not waking up to the alarm.
 - (c) Both the periodicity and duration of dry spells in the country were rising as total rainfall events in a year had fallen even though the average rainfall in a year has not changed much, a direct consequence of climate change.
 - (d) The annual average rainfall has remained the same because the frequency of heavy downpours increased in the past two decades.
 - (e) The air quality in the region deteriorated because of dust storms in western India, particularly Rajasthan.
2. In the questions given below, a statement is given, followed by two conclusions. You have to read the statement and decide which of the given conclusions can be drawn from the given statement.

Statement: More houses in city X have lifts in them as compared to the houses in city Y.

- I. People of city X are too lazy.
- II. People of city X are richer than the people of city Y.
- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) Either I or II
- (e) None of these

3. **Statement:** Start to think of travelling by train for a holiday. A train journey can give one a better view of places on the way which an air journey cannot give. You can walk around whenever you want, meet other travelers and locals, relax and watch the landscape go peacefully by. Train travel is both a beautiful and affordable way to see the country, and no trip is more scenic than the trip by trains.

Conclusions:

- I. While going for a holiday, people want to enjoy the view of the places on the way.
- II. People should not travel by air when they are going for a holiday.

Which of the following can be concluded from the given statement?

- (a) Only I follows
- (b) Only II follows
- (c) Both I and II follow
- (d) None follows
- (e) Either I or II follows

4. The planet is warming, from north pole to south pole, and everywhere in between. Globally, the mercury is already up by more than 1 degree Fahrenheit (0.8 degree Celsius) or even more in sensitive polar regions. The effects of rising temperature are waiting for some far-flung future. They're happening right now. Signs are appearing all over, and some of them are surprising. The extreme weather events, the historic drought conditions over large parts of the world, the fast melting of Greenland's ice surface and the intensity of Hurricane Sandy are examples of the changes to global weather patterns that can be expected from an overall rise in Earth's surface temperature.

Which of the following **conclusions** can be drawn from the above passage?

- (a) The effects of global warming are very slow.
- (b) Extreme climatic condition on earth is the ill-effect of global warming.
- (c) Man-made reasons are responsible for ill-effect of global warming.
- (d) Global warming is a phenomenon which can't be stopped.
- (e) Developed countries of the world should contribute to reducing global warming in the world.

5. Statement:

- I. Persons of modest means try to have a house of their own.
- II. Since buying or constructing a house is an expensive affair, they try to save money in all possible ways.
- III. After years of saving, they realize that although they have saved the amount they had planned to save, it is not sufficient now for constructing a house.

Conclusion: Growing rates of land and building material shatter their dream.

The conclusion drawn is

- (a) follows from the given statements
- (b) does not follow from the given statements
- (c) is irrelevant
- (d) is probably false
- (e) is probably true

6. Statement:

- I. The no-confidence motion is often allowed to be debated upon.
- II. There was a no-confidence motion last week.

Conclusion: No confidence motion was debated upon by the parties concerned.

The conclusion drawn is

- (a) definitely true
- (b) probably false
- (c) definitely false
- (d) Can't say
- (e) probably true

7. Statement:

- I. Only those young men who smoke do not go to colleges.
- II. Only those young men go to colleges who are not smart.

Conclusion: Smart young men do not smoke.

The conclusion drawn is

- (a) probably true
- (b) definitely true
- (c) probably false
- (d) definitely false
- (e) can't say

8. Statement:

- I. Dogs do not bark on the arrival of friends of the family.
- II. When A entered B's house, B's dog started barking.

Conclusion: A is B's enemy.

The conclusion

- (a) follows from the given statements
- (b) is probably true
- (c) is probably false
- (d) does not follow from the given statements
- (e) can't say

9. Study the following information carefully and answer the questions.

Too little has changed with the practice of child labour in our country, despite tall promises made by our leaders. A good proportion of children throughout the world, especially in India, form a part of the working labour force. Millions of children work in fields and factories, on street corners and in garbage dumps, in private houses and public houses. These children certainly would pose a threat to society, if they are not treated equal and given opportunities to develop towards the best of their potential despite being poorly educated. The existence of child labour in India is a complex reality. However, it is a symptom, not the disease.

Which of the following **conclusions** can be drawn from the given passage?

- (a) Child labour can be reduced by providing skill development to the people.
- (b) Child labour has created the wrong image of India in international arena.
- (c) The condition of child labour has not improved in India and is causing threat to the society.
- (d) Child labour is reducing the quality of education.
- (e) None of these

10. In question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

Give answer

- (a) If only conclusion I follows
- (b) If only conclusion II follows
- (c) If either conclusion I or conclusion II follows
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows
- (e) If both conclusions I and II follow

Statement: The eligibility for admission to the course is minimum second class Master's degree. However, the candidates who have appeared for the final year examination of Master's degree can also apply.

Conclusions:

- I. All candidates who have yet to get their Master's degree will be there in the list of selected candidates.
- II. All candidates having obtained second class Master's degree will be there in the list of selected candidates.

Direction (11-13): In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two Conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement. Give answer

- (a) if only conclusion I follows
- (b) if only conclusion II follows
- (c) if either I or II follows
- (d) if neither I nor II follows
- (e) If both I and II follow

11. Statement: Although we have rating agencies like Crisil, ICRA, there is demand to have a separate rating agency of IT companies to protect investors.

Conclusions:

- I. Assessment of financial worth of IT Companies calls for separate, set of skills, insight and competencies.
- II. Now the investors investing in IT companies will get protection of their investment.

12. Statement: Company "Y" will improve the manufacturing facilities for the production of shaving kits as a result of which capacity would increase and cost would be reduced. -- A spokesperson of the Company "Y" Conclusions:

Conclusions:

- I. The products of Company "Y" will compete the market norms in the quality and cost factor.
- II. There will be increase in demand of shaving kits of Company "Y"

13. Statement: During 1997-98 the total loss incurred by the 111 Public Sector Units was to the tune of Rs 6809 crore which was converted into paid capitals by the Government of its total investment of Rs. 5129 crore.

Conclusions:

- I. The Government is left with only one option, that is, to privatize these units.
- II. The Government did not take care in the matter of investments in these public sector units.

14. The argument for liberalization which answers the worries of the Left parties about the possible trade deficits created by the opening up of the Indian economy goes thus, "In today's economic scenario, where there are many trading countries, the

trade between two specific countries need not be balanced. The differing demands of goods and services and the differing productive capabilities of the same among different countries will cause a country like India to have trade deficits with some countries and surpluses with other countries. On the whole, the trade deficits and surpluses will balance out in order to give a trade balance".

Which of the following conclusions best summarizes the argument presented in the passage above?

- (a) India's trade deficits and surpluses with other countries always, balance out.
- (b) Left parties need not to worry about trade deficits in India since its trade will always be in balance even though it runs a deficit with a single country.
- (c) The Left parties in India should not be concerned about India's trade deficits with specific countries because they will balance out in the long run.
- (d) All of the above.
- (e) None of the above.

- 15.** In a famous experiment at the IISC campus, when a cat smelled milk, it salivated. In the experiment, a bell was rung whenever food was placed near the cat. After a number of trials, only the bell was rung, whereupon the cat would salivate even though no food was present. Such behaviour has been observed in other animals such as dogs, monkeys, etc. and is a vital input for training domesticated animals.

Which of the following conclusions may be drawn from the above experiment?

- (a) The ringing of a bell was associated with food in the mind of the cat.
- (b) Cats and other animals can be easily tricked.
- (c) A conclusion cannot be reached on the basis of one experiment.
- (d) Two stimuli are stronger than one.
- (e) None of the above.

16. Statement: Through interest rate subvention scheme government of India will provide crop loan to farmers at just 4%. Which of the following can be **concluded** from the above statement?

- (a) Financial condition of farmers will improve
- (b) Repayment of loan will be done timely by the farmers.
- (c) Small and marginal farmers will be most benefited from this scheme.
- (d) Farmers will have to pay less interest on their loan.
- (e) Only (a) and (d)

Directions (17-21): In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

Give answer (a): If only conclusion I follow.

Give answer (b): If only conclusion II follows.

Give answer (c): If either I or II follows.

Give answer (d): If neither I nor II follows

Give answer (e): If both I and II follow

17. Statements: In a one day cricket match, the total runs made by a team were 200. Out of these 160 runs were made by spinners.

Conclusions:

- I. 80% of the team consists of spinners.
- II. The opening batsmen were spinners.

18. Statement: The government run company had asked its employees to declare their income and assets but it has been strongly resisted by employees union and no employee is going to declare his income.

Conclusions:

- I. The employees of this company do not seem to have any additional undisclosed income besides their salary.
- II. The employee's union wants all senior officers to declare their income first.

19. Statement: The Official Secrets Act (O.S.A) enacted by the XYZ Government during the war seems to be the source of much corruption in the country 'P'.

Conclusions:

- I. The Official Secrets Act has to be abolished immediately to stop corruption in country 'P'.
- II. The XYZ government wanted to encourage corruption in the government Offices.

20. Statement: After collision of two vessels in the sea all the crewmen and passengers are declared as missing. - A news report.

Conclusions:

- I. No one from the two vessels has survived after the collision.
- II. A few persons from the two vessels may have survived and are missing.

21. Statement: Good health is a luxury in country 'P' where rate of death is very high compared to other nations of that region.

Conclusions:

- I. People in country 'P' cannot afford to have many luxuries of life.
- II. Good health is a gift of the nature.

Directions (22-23): Study the following instructions carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

- (a) If only conclusion I follows.
- (b) If only conclusion II follows.
- (c) If either I or II follows.
- (d) If neither I nor II follows.
- (e) If both I and II follow.

22. Statement: Book your flat before 15 June and take benefit of interest free loan from builders – An advertisement.

Conclusions:

No flat will be booked later.

After 15 June no loan will be available.

23. Statement: Due to jump in price of international oil, government will discuss on the present oil strategy.

Conclusions:

After jump in price of international oil govt. will increase the price of disel.

Although there is a jump in price of international oil govt. won't increase the price of disel.

Directions (24-26): In each of the following questions, a statement is given followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. Give answer-

- (a) If only conclusion I follows.
- (b) If only conclusion II follows.
- (c) If either I or II follows.
- (d) If neither I nor II follows.
- (e) If both I and II follow.

24. Statement: 'We follow some of best and effective teaching learning practices used by leading institutes all over the world'. – A statement of a Professor of Career power Institute.

Conclusions:

- I. The Career power Institute is one of the leading institutes of the world.
- II. Whatever is being followed by world's leading institutes will definitely be good and useful.

25. Statement: Smoking is one of those human weaknesses which tend to test the will power of the smoker to the edge.

Conclusions:

- I. it is very difficult for the smokers to give up smoking even if they want to do so.
- II. Human beings have other weaknesses as well.

26. Statement: Sealed tenders are invited from competent contractors experienced in executing construction jobs.

Conclusions:

- I. Tenders are invited only from experienced contractors.
- II. It is difficult to find competent tenderers in construction jobs.

Directions (27-29): In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusion, numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

Give answer:

- (a) if only conclusion I follows;
- (b) if only conclusion II follows;
- (c) if either I or II follows;
- (d) if neither I nor II follows
- (e) if both I and II follow.

27. Statement: The distance of 900 km by road between Bombay and Jafra will be reduced to 280 km by sea. This will lead to a saving of Rs. 7.92 crores per annum on fuel.

Conclusions:

- I. Transportation by sea is cheaper than that by road.
- II. Fuel must be saved to the greatest extent.

28. Statement: Good voice is a natural gift but one has to keep practicing to improve and excel well in the field of music.

Conclusions:

- I. Natural gifts need nurturing and care.
- II. Even though your voice is not good, one can keep practicing.

29. Statement: Domestic demand has been increasing faster than the production of indigenous crude oil.

Conclusions:

- I. Crude oil must be imported.
- II. Domestic demand should be reduced.

Directions (30-32): In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions, numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

Give answer:

- (a) if only conclusion I follows;
- (b) if only conclusion II follows;
- (c) if either I or II follows;
- (d) if neither I nor II follows; and
- (e) if both I and II follow.

30. Statement: The secret of success is constancy of purpose.

Conclusions:

- I. Constant dripping wears the stone.
- II. Single-minded devotion is necessary for achieving success.

31. Statement: The percentage of the national income shared by the top 10 per cent of households in India is 35.

Conclusions:

- I. When an economy grows fast, concentration of wealth in certain pockets of population takes place.
- II. The national income is unevenly distributed in India.

32. Statement: The Prime Minister emphatically stated that his government will make every possible effort for the upliftment of poor farmers and farmhands.

Conclusions:

- I. Except poor farmers and farmhands, all others have got benefits of fruits of development.
- II. No serious efforts have been made in the past for upliftment of any section of the society.

33. Comparative constitutional law, which involves the study of constitutional jurisprudence and its relative application to political institutions in different countries, has in recent times emerged as an important field of examination. But much of the academia involved in these comparative studies has focused its attention on the constitutions of Western democracies. Even when constitutions of developing countries are considered, the comparison often features their structures as those contained in the constitutions of supposedly more sophisticated Western societies.

Which of the following can be concluded from the passage above?

- (a) Despite the significant differences in history and politics, developing nations share more than just geography.
- (b) Comparative constitutional studies available today are highly lopsided.
- (c) The challenges faced by constitutional democracies in developing countries are unfairly evaluated with reference to the developments in Western countries.
- (d) The need of the hour is constitutional studies written in the correct perspective
- (e) None of these

Directions (34-35): In each question below is given a statement followed by two conclusions number I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true, then consider the two conclusions together and decide which of them logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt from the information given in the statement.

Given answer

- (a) If only conclusions I follows
- (b) If only conclusion II follows
- (c) If either conclusion I or conclusion II follows
- (d) If neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows
- (e) If both conclusions I and II follow

34. Statement: Nobody advises motorcyclists and pillion-riders in Britain, Holland, Italy and other countries to wear helmets. It is a matter of sheer common sense and elementary prudence.

Conclusions:

- I. The citizens of Britain, Holland and Italy are literate.
- II. The citizens of Britain, Holland and Italy are conscious regarding their safety.

35. Statement: The complaint of poor customer service is partly correct and it certainly needs to be improved.

Conclusions:

- I. Poor customer service cannot be improved.
- II. The speaker knows about the poor customer service of the company.

36. Statement: "We hope India adopts a cautious and restrained attitude on the issue before the final settlement of the border issue with China to jointly control disputes, safeguard peace and tranquility in the border areas," China warns India over Dholak-Sadiya bridge in Arunachal Pradesh.

- I. China wants to resolve territorial disputes through negotiations and consultations between the two countries.
- II. Analysts say the bridge will ensure swift movement of Indian troops in Arunachal Pradesh, which, therefore, will bolster India's defence along the China border.

Which of the following can be concluded from given statement?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) None is true
- (d) Both are true
- (e) Either I or II

37. Police in Jupiter, Florida, released dash-cam footage Wednesday of the arrest of Tiger Woods for driving under the influence two days earlier. The videos show the golf superstar unsteady, disoriented and struggling to comply with sobriety tests. Woods claimed that he was suffering from "an unexpected reaction to prescription medications".

Which of the following conclusions can be made from Wood's statement?

- (i) He is lying and wrongly trying to prove his innocence.
- (ii) He is trying to divert the attention of his friends.
- (iii) He is trying to blame medical science for this incident.
- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (e) None of these

38. Born in a poor family in Andhra Pradesh's Srikakulam district Nandini KR, the 26-year-old civil engineer topped the Civil Services Examination. But success for the government school teacher's daughter in Karnataka Kolar district, famous for its gold mines, came after three failures. This was her fourth shot at the examination

Which of the following statements can be concluded from Nandini's performance and success after her fourth attempt?

- (i) Consistency in efforts and perseverance is required to be successful in life.
- (ii) Some luck is required to be successful.
- (iii) One cannot succeed at one's first attempt.
- (iv) Poverty motivates one to strive towards greatness.
- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (e) None of these

39. Senior BJP leaders LK Advani, Union Minister Uma Bharti and Murli Manohar Joshi were charged with criminal conspiracy by a court in Lucknow today in the 1992 Babri mosque demolition case. Uma Bharti, told reporters: "I don't consider myself an accused...There was no conspiracy, it was an open movement like it happened against the Emergency."

Which of the following deductions can be made from Uma Bharti's statement following the court's verdict.

- (a) It was a conspiracy of the opposition ruled government to frame her.
- (b) Uma Bharti and other BJP leaders are the culprits in the Babri demolition case.
- (c) Lucknow court is not afraid of the ruling party.
- (d) She will approach higher judiciary for the justice.
- (e) None of these

40. Indore and Bhopal, both in Madhya Pradesh, have emerged as the cleanest cities in the country as per a massive cleanliness survey in 2017, commissioned by the Union Urban Development Ministry.

Which of the following can be deduced from the given statement?

- (i) There cannot be absolute comparison between the rankings of 2016 and for 2017 since the parameters have been tweaked.
 - (ii) All the other cities do not have the potential to be cleanest cities.
 - (iii) Other cities are not following Swach Bharat Abhiyan.
- (a) Only I and II
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Only II and III
 - (d) All of the above
 - (e) None of these

41. Statement- An off-duty policeman, who was one of the first on the scene of the London Bridge terror attack, was stabbed after tackling one of the three attackers. The officer - who is a rugby player - is in a critical condition after sustaining knife injuries. Police commissioner Cressida Dick praised the "extraordinarily brave actions by officers on and off duty first on the scene" who "ran towards the danger".

Which of the following deductions can be made after reading the above statement?

- (i) Most of the officials of London Police department likes the game of Rugby.
 - (ii) Playing rugby remove the fear of death from one's mind.
 - (iii) The stabbed policeman was also careless as he should have been equipped and used his gun instead of tackling the terrorist.
- (a) Only (iii)
 - (b) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (c) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Only (ii)
 - (e) None follows.

42. Statement- Borders more secure now, no scope for infiltration, Centre working to improve financial condition of farmers, says Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh.

- (I) Borders were not secure before and they were needed to be revamped.
- (II) Government has a commitment towards the nation's development with secure borders and focus on improving the lot of agriculturalists.
- (III) In the previous UPA regime farmers' condition was far better than the present one.

Which of the following can be deduced from the given statement?

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Both (I) and (III)
- (c) Only (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) None of these

43. Statement- Drinking in moderation can help our health, some research has showed. Many doctors recommend a glass of wine or beer a night as part of diet plans such as the Mediterranean diet and the DASH diet, which have been proven to keep your heart and brain healthy. However, a new study suggests that even moderate drinking may not be great for your brain.

Which of the following can be deduced from the above statement?

- (i) Scientific researches can contradict at times.
 - (ii) Moderate intake of wine is less harmful than cigarette.
 - (iii) Something which is not good for brain does not mean it cannot be healthy.
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Both (i) and (ii)
 - (c) Only (iii)
 - (d) Both (ii) and (iii)
 - (e) None of these.

44. Conclusion- ICJ rejected India's request to delay Jadhav's case, says Pakistan.

- (I) India had asked the ICJ to offer it time till December to file pleadings in the Jadhav case, however, "the court has dismissed their request".
- (II) Jadhav, 45, was sentenced to death by a Pakistani military court in April.

(III) Pakistan's military establishment announced that Jadhav would be hanged.

Which of the following would be the correct statement for the given conclusion?

- (a) Only II and III
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II
- (d) Only I
- (e) None of these

45. Statement-Mark Zuckerberg Wants To "Bring The World Closer Together" Through Facebook's New Message.

Which of the following can be concluded from the given statement?

- (I) Mark Zuckerberg wants to make more users of facebook to show the world the power of technology.
- (II) "Making the world more open and connected," means Facebook says its mission is "To give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together."
- (III) Facebook will now focus more on its image as a place for status updates and photos.

- (a) Only II
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II and I
- (d) Only II and III
- (e) None of these

46. Statement-Reserve Bank of India has widened the scope of its banking ombudsman platform for addressing mis-sell of third party products, and customer grievances on and mobile banking and electronic banking issues, recognising customers' plight in dealing with such troubles.

Which of the following could be deduced from the above statement?

- (I) Under the amended ombudsman scheme, a customer would also be able to lodge a complaint against the bank for its non-adherence to RBI instructions with regard to mobile banking and electronic banking services which are important means for digital banking.
 - (II) The pecuniary jurisdiction of the banking ombudsman to pass an award has been increased from existing Rs 10 lakh to Rs 20 lakh.
 - (III) The deficiencies arising out of sale of insurance, mutual fund other third party investment products will be increased.
- (a) Only II
 - (b) Only III and I
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only I
 - (e) None of these

47. Statement:- Amidst the increasing tension between the two countries, China on Wednesday said that it was open to discussing with India "the possibility of alternative arrangements through other routes for Indian official yatris who had planned to visit Kailash and Mansarovar via Nathu La Pass in next year". Which of the following can be concluded from the above statement?

- (i) China stalled this year's pilgrimage from Sikkim and through the Nathu La pass.
 - (ii) An Indian soldier was released by China recently.
 - (iii) There are no other routes to Kailash and Mansarovar except Nathu La Pass.
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only (ii)
 - (c) Only (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Only (i) and (iii)
 - (e) None of these

48. Over 90% Indian customers still prefer branch over online banking: Report said. While the government has been pushing people to go online when it comes to banking, the branch still continues to dominate banking channels in India.

Which of the following can be deduced from the given statement?

- (I) Retail banking customers used to visit the branch/store at least once in the past 12 months.
 - (II) There is great potential for banks to move more into the digital space. Only 51 per cent of retail banking customers have a reliable online banking experience with their main financial institution.
 - (III) Digital banking is not yet a pervasive experience in India.
- (a) Only (II)
 - (b) Only (III)
 - (c) Only (I) and (II)
 - (d) Both (II) and (III)
 - (e) All of the above

49. Statement: A Conservative MP has been suspended from the party after it emerged she used a racist expression during a public discussion about Brexit.

Which of the following can be deduced from the above statement?

- (i) She later apologized and said- "The comment was totally unintentional. I apologize unreservedly for any offence caused."
- (ii) Racist language has absolutely no place in politics or in today's society.
- (iii) She used the word "nigger" which originated in the American Deep South in the mid-19th Century and is thought to have referred to slaves having to conceal themselves as they sought to flee north and secure their freedom.

- (a) Only (iii)
- (b) Only (i)
- (c) Only (ii)
- (d) Only (i) and (iii)
- (e) None of these

50. "Normal visits are less important than state visits and at a time when the President of the USA has policies that many in our country disagree with, I am not sure it is appropriate for our government to roll out the red carpet," London Mayor Sadiq Khan told in an interview Monday.

Which of the following can be deduced from the above statement?

- (i) London Mayor does not like US President as he has a negative attitude towards Muslim community.
 - (ii) London is facing an economic crisis and it will be economically unviable to roll out a red carpet to welcome another country's president.
 - (iii) People of London are not happy with the USA Policies.
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only (ii)
 - (c) Only (iii) and (i)
 - (d) Only (iii)
 - (e) None of these.

Solutions

1. **(a);** Only statement (a) can be deduced from the given statement as by burning the coal the concentration of its particles is increased which lead to excessive amount of air pollution. But for others (b) and (e) can be assumed but cannot be deduced. While for (c) and (d) the amount of average rainfall and its consistency in not directly given in the statement.
2. **(e);** More lifts in city X than city Y could be due to the differences in the average heights of the buildings or the difference in the total number of houses of the two cities. So, neither I nor II can be concluded from given statement.
3. **(d);** I is an assumption. II is a suggestion but not a conclusion. Hence, neither I nor II follows.
4. **(b);** Statement (b) clearly shows the conclusion of the given passage. Extreme climatic condition on earth is the effect of the increasing global warming. While (a) negates the statement and (c), (d) and (e) are not mentioned in the statement.
5. **(a);** People are unable to have their own house due to rising cost of land and construction material.
6. **(d);** Data in the given statement is insufficient to draw given conclusion so we can't say anything about it.
7. **(d);** According to given statement conclusion drawn is definitely false.

- 8. (b);** Conclusion probably follow from the given statement.
- 9. (c);** Increased child labour is creating social evil.
- 10. (d);** Neither of the conclusions logically follows beyond a reasonable doubt. It is said that the candidate who have appeared for the final year examination of master's degree can also apply, but their selection subject to the certain condition. Therefore, Conclusion I is not valid. The eligibility for admission to the course is minimum second-class master's degree. This does not imply that all candidates who have obtained second class will be selected. Second class master's degree is the minimum required criterion.

Direction (11-13):

- 11. (a);** II may be an assumption of the speaker. But certainly, it is not a conclusion.
- 12. (a);** Improvement in the manufacturing facilities will automatically enhance the quality of its product and reduce the cost. These two things are important to compete in the market. Hence I follow. II may be an assumption but it not a conclusion.
- 13. (d);** I is extreme case. Privatization is not the only option. II is very generalize statement, it cannot be concluded.
- 14. (b);** The paragraph states that individual trade deficits are not a problem, since the overall position gets balanced.
- 15. (a);** The ringing to the bell become associated with food means the cat relates food with the bell in its mind and whenever the bell rung, it seems there was food. Hence, the cat began to salivate. So option (a) is the correct answer.

16. (e); The subvention scheme will lead to less interest. Hence d follows. If the burden of interest lessen, farmers will prosper. Hence a follows.

Direction (17-21):

17. (d); According to the statement, 80% of the total runs were made by spinners. So, I does not follow. Nothing about the opening batsman is mentioned in the statement. So, II also does not follow.

18. (d); Neither of the conclusions logically follows from the given statements.

19. (a); Only I follow and II does not follow because no government wants or intends to encourage corruption in the government offices. So it's not valid.

20. (b); Only conclusion II follows.

21. (d); Neither of the conclusions logically follows from the given statements.

Direction (22-23):

22. (d); Flat will be given later also and interest will be available also after 15th June. Advertisement is only for benefits of interest free loan. So both the conclusions are not true.

23. (c); It is possible that government will increase price in oil only in case of rising price in international market. Or it is also possible in that case also government won't increase price.

Direction (24-26):

- 24. (b);** The statement hints at following the practices used by leading institutes as a positive feature of the Career power Institute. So, only II follows while I does not.
- 25. (e);** The statement mentions that a very strong will power is required to give up smoking and so it is very difficult. Thus, I follows. Also, it is mentioned that smoking is one of the human weaknesses. This means that there are other human weaknesses as well. So, II also follows.
- 26. (a);** According to the statement, tenders are invited from contractors experienced in executing construction jobs. So, conclusion I follows. The availability of competent tenderers in construction is not mentioned. So, conclusion II does not follow.

Direction (27-29):

- 27. (b);** According to the statement, sea transport is cheaper than road transport in the case of Bombay to Jafra, not in all the cases. So, conclusion I does not follow. The statement stresses on the saving of fuel. So, conclusion II follows.
- 28. (a);** Clearly, I follows directly from the given statement. However, II is not related to the given statement and so does not follow.
- 29. (c);** The statement mentions that demand for oil is increasing faster than the production. So, either the demand. Thus, either I or II follows.

Direction (30-32):

30. **(e);** Both I and II directly follow from the given statement.
31. **(b);** Nothing about the growth of economy is mentioned in the statement. So, I does not follow. Also, it is given that 35 per cent of national income is shared by 10 per cent of households. This indicates unequal distribution. So, II follows.
32. **(d);** No other section of society except farmers has been talked about in the statement So, neither I nor II follows.
33. **(b);** The passage states that the frame of reference of these studies is always to Western countries. So option (b) is a conclusion that can be drawn from this —these studies are tilted towards Western democracies. 'Differences in history and politics' and 'sharing' in option (a) find no support in the passage. Option (c) is inapt because the passage makes no reference to evaluation of challenges. (d) is beyond the scope of the passage.

Direction (34-35):

34. **(b);** The matter of literacy or illiteracy can't be determined from the statement. Hence, statement I does not follow. Statement II follow from the tone of statement.
35. **(b);** From the statement it is clear that the speaker knows about the poor service and need of improvement in the customer service. Hence II follows.
36. **(a);** In the above statement we have to give the conclusion of the above statement.

For Statement I. Right, from the above statement it is clear that India and China have border issue and they should resolve it.

For Statement II. Right, from above statement that the bridge will provide a support or strengthen India's defence.

37. (e); None follows. (i) There is not enough evidence for us to decide if he is lying or not. (ii) His statement is directly related to the issue therefore it cannot be said that he is trying to divert attention. (iii) As the reaction was unexpected it means he is unsure about the cause of reaction. So, (iii) is not true.

38. (b); (i) The fact that she got success in her fourth attempt clearly suggests that she did not give up and so, perseverance is definitely one of the reasons for her success.
(ii), (iii) and (iv) are vague and nothing of the sort can be concluded from the given facts

39. (e); (a) She never mentioned the role of opposition in the statement. So, this option is incorrect.
(b) This may or may not be true, but the question asked is concerned with her statement only. So, this option is incorrect.
(c) There is no information given in the statement to make this deduction.
(d) Even though one can assume that she is unhappy with the court's verdict there is no additional information given to make that assumption.

40. (e); Only I cannot be concluded from the above statement as it is not related to the statement. Also, II and III are vague as it is not mentioned about the other cities in the given statement.

41. (e); The data given in the statement is not sufficient enough to conclude (i) and (ii). The fact that the policeman was off-duty negates conclusion (iii).

42. (c); In the above question we have to find which statement can be concluded from the given statement.

For I- False, because It cannot be said from the given statement about the security of Borders previously.

For II-True, as it is clear from the above statement that the government is working towards development of borders and working for better condition of farmers.

For III- False, because it is not clear from the above statement about the farmers' condition in UPA regime.

43. (a); (i) "However a new study" implies that there might have been some studies regarding this in the past and "proven to be healthy". So, (i) is definitely true. (ii) cannot be deduced as smoking is not mentioned in the statement. (iii) is vague and not in context with the statement.

44. (d); In the above question we have to find the statement which completely follows the given conclusion.

For I-This statement will be the correct one because In the conclusion we can see that ICJ rejected India's request in Kulbhushan Jadhav's case and this statement describes about India's demand over it. So this will be the statement for the given conclusion.

For II- This may not be the statement for the given conclusion because It states only about Pakistan's take over Jadhav's case.

For III-This also may not be the statement because it does not relate to the given conclusion as It defines the Pakistan Military's views on this case which has no connection with ICJ's decision.

45. (a); In the above question we have to find which statement can be concluded from the given statement.

For I-It is not true because it is not given in the statement that he wants to increase the number of users of facebook.

For II-This is true because this statement describes the message given by facebook which implies that it wants to make people socially connected to each other.

For III- This is also not true because it is not given in the statement that facebook will now focus more on providing the feature of images in place of status. So it cannot be concluded from the given statement.

46. (d); In the above question we have to find which statement can be concluded from the given statement.

For I- This is true as it is given in the above statement that after amendment in banking ombudsman scheme a customer will be able to file complaint against mobile and electronic banking issues. So this can be deduced from the above statement.

For II-This statement cannot be deduced from the given one because nothing is mentioned about pecuniary jurisdiction in the given statement.

For III-It is also not mentioned in the given statement that the problems regarding sale of mutual fund, insurance will be increased or not. So this statement cannot be deduced from the given statement.

47. (a); In this question we have to choose an option which can be concluded from the facts given in the statement.

Statement (i) can definitely be concluded as it is given in the statement that China is willing to discuss the alternative routes for Indian pilgrims and there was an increase in tension between the two countries.

Statement (ii) cannot be concluded as it is not related to the statement.

Statement (iii) cannot be concluded as it is given in the statement that China is willing to discuss alternative routes.

48. (b); In the above question we have to find which statement concluded from the given statement.

For I-This cannot be deduced from the given statement as it is nowhere mentioned in the given statement.

For II- This cannot be deduced from the given statement as it cannot be determine from the given statement about banks potential to turn into digital space and about the percentage of customers who have a reliable online banking experience.

For III-This can be deduced from the given statement as it is clearly mentioned in the given statement that 90% Indian customers still prefer branch over online banking which implies that digital banking is still not widely accepted by group of people.

49. (c); In this question we have to choose an option which can be concluded from the given statement.

Option (i) is not the conclusion but the aftermath of her remark.

Option (ii) can be concluded as it is given in the statement that she was fired for her remark.

Option (iii) cannot be concluded as it is only given in the statement that she used a racist word. Its impossible to conclude which word was it from the facts given in the statement.

50. (d); In this question, we have to choose an option which can be concluded from the facts given in the statement.

Option (i) cannot be true as personal disliking cannot play a factor in deciding the degree of hospitality to the President of another country. Moreover, it is nowhere mentioned in the statement that US President has a hostile attitude towards a particular community.

Option (ii) cannot be deduced as it is nowhere mentioned that London is facing an economic crisis.

Option (iii) can be deduced because it is directly given in the statement.





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CHAPTER 7 Economical Based Questions

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1. The Deficit of India is increasing day by day and we can see that nonplan expenditures of the government are increasing enormously.
- What **courses of action** should the government take in order to decrease the Deficit of the country?
- (1) Make more strict fiscal policy
 - (2) Disinvestment
 - (3) Introduction of new bonds
 - (4) Printing of currency
 - (a) Only (1)
 - (b) Only (1) and (2)
 - (c) Only (3)
 - (d) Only (4)
 - (e) All of these
2. The Government of India on the recommendations of a committee led by an expert economist started the merger of the SBI associate bank with the SBI by merging State Bank of Saurashtra and State Bank of Indore, and in due course other banks will also be merged.
- (1) The government wants to decrease the number of banks.
 - (2) The government wants to increase the capital of SBI.
 - (3) The government wants SBI to be at par with the leading banks of the world.
 - (4) The government is fulfilling the Basel norms.
 - (a) Only (1) and (3)
 - (b) Only (2)
 - (c) Only (3) and (4)
 - (d) Only (2) and (3)
 - (e) None of these

3. Statement: The Union government permitted 100 per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) under government approval route for almost every sector, including defence. "With these changes, India is now the most open economy in the world for FDI."

Which of the following is/are not the possible impact(s) of the new 100 per cent FDI rule in India?

- I. With the advent of new FDI norms, there will be creation of employment.
 - II. It leads to investment in India which results in appreciation of the Rupee.
 - III. It helps in better production, leading to increased GDP.
 - IV. It would affect our internal security.
 - V. It may exploit the domestic resources without giving benefits to domestic country.
- (a) All except IV
(b) All except V
(c) All except IV and V
(d) Only IV and V
(e) Only V

4. Statement: The biggest story of this Budget is a major change in the way the Union Government spends its money. Earlier this week, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced that the government had accepted the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission and raised the States' share in the net proceeds of union tax revenues from 32 per cent to 42 percent. With more of its pie going directly to States to spend as they like, the Union Government would begin reducing its allocations to the State plan and wind up some Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Central Government has directed the State Governments to reduce government expenditure in view of the serious resource

crunch and it may not be able to sanction any additional grant to the states for the next six months.

Assumptions:

- I. The State Governments are totally dependent on Central Government for its expenditures.
- II. The Central Government has reviewed the expenditure account of the State Government.
- III. The State Governments will abide by the directives of the central Government.

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

- (a) None is implicit
- (b) Only II and III are implicit
- (c) Only III is implicit
- (d) All are implicit
- (e) None of these

Directions (5-7): The data breach at 19 Indian banks that has led to more than 32 lakh debit cards being blocked or recalled is a wake-up call for the banking industry. While the actual number of complaints received so far, 641, and the sum of money that appears to have been fraudulently withdrawn, Rs.1.3 crore, are both small relative to the scale of the potential data theft, it is disconcerting that it has taken almost six months for the system to officially acknowledge the incidents and initiate steps to address them. A private bank appears to have been a point of entry for the data criminals who, according to reports, may have infiltrated using malware at ATMs operated by a third-party payment services vendor. The National Payments Corporation of India has been coordinating investigations into the incident, and a forensic audit is expected to reveal preliminary findings soon.

5. Which of the following possible ***fallout*** of pilferage of money from Indian banks?
- (I) Account of many Indians who are using Chinese mobile are hacked by Chinese hackers.
 - (II) Data regarding bank account are theft using malware at ATMs operated by third-party payment services vendor.
 - (III) Information regarding bank account are leaked by officials of Indian Banks to poacher.
- (a) Only I and III
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Only II and III
 - (d) Only II
 - (e) None of these
6. Which of the following is ***not in line*** in context of passage?
- (I) NPCI is trying to find out the reason behind leakage of information regarding bank account.
 - (II) Ministry of defense makes alert to all his officials regarding chances of larceny.
 - (III) There is lack of effort by officials of investigation agency as it has taken almost six months for the system to officially acknowledge the incidents.
- (a) Only II and III
 - (b) Only I and III
 - (c) Only II
 - (d) Only I
 - (e) None of these
7. Which ***course of action*** should be taken by investigating officials?
- (I) Recover money which have been fraudulently theft by poachers.

- (II) Make aware to people to not use e-commerce site for online purchasing.
- (III) Hang the culprit if it is Indian banking official who is responsible for leakage of information regarding bank account details.
- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only III
- (d) Only II and III
- (e) None of these
- 8. Statement:** The government is set to overhaul annual targets for public sector lenders, ending a focus on size that has long encouraged banks to inflate their loans and deposits at the year-end to hit growth objectives. Banking and government sources said that the new targets, to be discussed at meeting with top state bank officials, would focus on efficiency, with objectives set around return on assets, or return on equity, and controlling bad debts.
- Which of the following points can be *inferred* from the given information? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information.)
- (a) Loans and deposits of the banks will go up.
- (b) Some short term loans will be discouraged by the banks.
- (c) Credit ratings of the banks will be boosted up.
- (d) Financial stability of the banks will be lost.
- (e) All can be inferred.
- 9. Statement:** The mayor of Oakland supports a new tax code that would assess local businesses on the property value of their site rather than on their income or profits, the mayor argues that this change will not contribute to any loss in tax revenue for the city.

Several city council members disagree, citing similar changes to tax code that were unsuccessful in cities similar to Oakland. The council members' argument is without merit, though, because property values rise steadily each year, while business incomes fluctuate wildly with the national economy.

Assumptions:

- (I) The annual percentage rise in real estate values in Oakland has been consistently more than the average annual growth rate percentages across all businesses with properties in Oakland.
- (II) The new tax code would not apply to the significant number of online business associated with the city that have no physical presence on a piece of property in the city.

Which of the following assumptions is implicit in the statement?

- (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 or II is implicit.
- (e) If both I and II are implicit

10. Statement: After rising for several months, gold prices are likely to see a gradual decline in the short term on the back of strong global cues. With the US economy showing signs of recovery, domestic gold prices are expected to settle at under Rs. 30000 per 10 grams by March, although the decline may not be as steep as international prices.

Gold prices are determined by international market prices.

Prices of gold in local market are on a continuous decline.

Soaring price of gold is not a positive sign for an economy.

The US economy is very speculative.

There are strong signs of decline in the price as it was in the case of petroleum and crude oil five years ago. Later, the market did decline.

Which of the following statements (A), (B), (C), (D) and (E) can be a **conclusion** from the above paragraph?

- (a) Only A
- (b) Only B
- (c) Both A and B
- (d) Both C and D
- (e) None of these

11. Statement: Foreign lender HSBC has decided to shut down some of its branches in the country citing that more customers are availing banking services through the digital medium rather than going to branches.

Which of the following may be the **reason(s)** for the shutdown of branches in India?

- I. The private banking space is hugely competitive. Few decades ago, foreign banks had an edge in the private banking space because of quality service, global investment tools and an untapped market. Today, the likes of ICICI Bank and Axis Bank have stormed the market with similar product offerings.
- II. HSBC Bank was in the news due to the black money probe. The bank leaked a list of account holders who illegally stashed funds in the foreign bank to escape income tax scrutiny. The Income tax department had attached bank accounts worth Rs 2,300 crore of 20 people named in the HSBC black money list.
- III. The Indian economy is yet to see a big pick up despite being in the bright spot as India is more consumption-oriented than other emerging markets such as China or Brazil.

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) All of the above
- (d) All except II
- (e) None of the above

12. Statement: The Union government permitted 100per cent foreign direct investment (FDI) under government approval route for almost every sector, including defence. "With these changes, India is now the most open economy in the world for FDI."

Which of the following is/are not the possible impact(s) of the new 100per cent FDI rule in India?

- I. With the advent of new FDI norms, there will be creation of employment.
- II. It leads to investment in India which results in appreciation of the Rupee.
- III. It helps in better production, leading to increased GDP.
- IV. It would affect our internal security.
- V. It may exploit the domestic resources without giving benefits to domestic country.

- (a) All except IV
- (b) All except V
- (c) All except IV and V
- (d) Only IV and V
- (e) Only V

13. Statement: In a historical move for the country, the 122nd Constitutional Amendment Bill to introduce the Goods and Services Tax (GST) was unanimously passed by Parliament this session. Widely believed to be the most important tax reform since 1991, the GST will transform India into a unitary market,

lower transaction and logistics costs, spread the tax net wider and propel investments and growth.

Is GST bill a panacea for Indian economy?

- I. Yes, GST is going to create a unified India in terms of taxation and thus will improve the ease of doing business ranking of India.
- II. No, The implementation of GST could impact the existing processes, people and technology.
- III. No, GST would impact negatively on the real estate market.
- IV. Yes, It will help to build a transparent and corruption-free tax administration.

Which of the following arguments holds strong?

- (a) All of the above
- (b) All except III
- (c) Only I and IV
- (d) Only I
- (e) Only I, III and IV

14. The government has decided to instruct the banks to open new branches in such a way that there is an e-branch of any of the banks in every village of population 1000 and above of a cluster of villages with population less than 1000 to provide banking services to all the citizens.

Which of the following will weaken the step taken by the government?

- (a) The private sector banks in India have stepped up their branch expansion activities in rural India.
- (b) Many government owned banks have surplus manpower in its urban branches.
- (c) All the banks including those in private sector will follow the government directive.

- (d) Large number of branches of many government owned banks in the rural areas are making huge losses every year due to lack of adequate business activities.
- (e) None of the above
- 15.** The principal monetary policy objective is to reduce substantially the import surplus of the coming years while resuming economic growth. Realization of this goal entails a market structural change of the economy, which can be brought about by freezing the standard of living (per capita private consumption plus public services) and restricting investments that do not further exports. Which of the following assumption is implicit from the above passage?
- (a) Economic growth will result in a structural change of the economy.
- (b) Only if people consume less can the economy grow.
- (c) The import surplus can be reduced if investment is restricted.
- (d) Only a structural change in the economy can substantially increase imports.
- (e) People will have to be persuaded to give up consumption for the national good.
- 16.** "Monetary loss can be made good but any loss to the country's culture can never be filled." –A minister of country X.
If the above statement is true, then which of the following has been assumed in the statement?
- (a) People hanker after money ignoring cultural value
- (b) One cannot bear monetary loss
- (c) Traditional culture in country X is degrading day by day
- (d) It is human nature to hanker after money as well as adopt foreign culture
- (e) Preserving culture is our utmost duty

17. Statement: Non-banking entities operating automated teller machines, known as white label ATM operators, are struggling to meet the targets set by the Reserve Bank of India.

Which of the following is the **reason** for the above statement?

- (a) Non-bank entities are unable to find sponsor banks of such ATMs in small towns.
- (b) White label ATM (WLA) operators do not fall directly under banking regulations.
- (c) High transaction fees are charged by the WLA entities.
- (d) The operating cost in the cities is high.
- (e) There is stiff competition in the market from public sector banks.

18. Finance minister announced the fiscal deficit target of 3.5% of GDP in 2016-17 which is less than previous year. What will be the possible cause behind this less fiscal deficit?

- (a) Due to economy decline, the government collects higher taxes.
- (b) Due to Indian rupees positive growth against dollar, the deficit decrease.
- (c) Government announced new taxes scheme and e-scheme by which deficit of revenue decrease.
- (d) Indian economy boost by FDI and investment policies and it collect higher export collection.
- (e) All except a.

19. Oil prices dropped on Wednesday in the wake of industry, data that showed a huge build in U.S. crude stockpiles. What will be the possible cause behind this oil result?

- (a) The price value of U.S. dollar in international market increase.
- (b) The global over supply is increasing oil stockpiles.

- (c) The demand for fuel decline in this time period.
(d) All are being possible cause
(e) Only b and c
- 21.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below.
- Though focused on inflation, the RBI's monetary policy can never ignore economic growth. The RBI has recognized the signs of slowdown but says that it is essentially confined to sectors that are sensitive to interest rates. There is no evidence yet of a broad-based slowdown.
- Which of the following weakens the above discussion?
- (a) Hike in short-term lending and borrowing rates contain inflation and control price rise.
(b) Measures to control inflation hurt investment across all sectors.
(c) The costly auto, home and corporate loans do not have overall impact on the economy.
(d) The stock markets, bankers and corporate leaders do not represent overall economy of the country.
(e) None of these
- 22.** Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below.
- It is a major contradiction in India's healthcare service: even as there has been a mushrooming of huge, well equipped, multi-discipline hospitals in big cities serving the rich, thousands of rural India's poor patients have to go without a semblance of medical care.
- Which of the following is an assumption of the above passage?
- (a) Rural India lacks sufficient trained medical personnel to take care of poor patients.

- (b) Rural poor bear the brunt of government apathy towards their health even as rich among them avail superior healthcare facilities in nearby cities.
- (c) The government wants the rural people to opt for city-based specialty hospitals in case of serious illness.
- (d) The rural poor are themselves to blame for poor medical facilities as they go for indigenous medical systems.
- (e) None of these
- 23.** Fossil fuels continue to dominate global energy consumption. Oil accounted for 33% of the total in 2014, gas 30% and natural gas 24%. Nuclear accounted for 4% of primary energy consumption, and renewables 9%. Renewable energy will have to displace fossil fuels to a much greater extent in the future to avoid unacceptable climate risks. Unfortunately, the current low prices for oil, gas, and coal are the stumbling blocks.
Which of the following can properly be inferred from the passage above?
- (a) The present oil prices are unlikely to bounce back.
- (b) Low fossil fuel prices discourage further innovation in, and adoption of, cleaner energy technologies.
- (c) Low fossil fuel prices would necessitate elimination of fossil subsidies.
- (d) Emissions reduction is a disquieting topic.
- (e) None of these
- 24.** Between 2000 and 2012, adult obesity has shown a steady upward trend in Mexico City, where it affected 16% of the city population in 2000, 19% in 2006, and 26% in 2012. The city is in the grip of an obesity crisis. While the reasons for this are far from black and white, close analysis suggests that a sedentary life could be the main contributing factor.

Which of the following, if true strengthens the argument?

- (a) The average employee in Mexico City works 42 hours a week, slightly above the national average of 41.
- (b) Every day, a typical employee in Mexico spends 12 hours commuting and working.
- (c) Mexican cuisine has been recognized by UNESCO as an 'intangible cultural heritage'.
- (d) Surveys have found that few Mexican children exercise regularly.
- (e) None of these

25. The rupee has been losing ground rapidly against the US dollar in recent times, much to the dismay of all. While the Indian currency is down close to 6 per cent against the dollar since last Diwali in 2014, it has gained almost 9 per cent against the euro and 7 per cent against the Japanese yen in the same period. So some economists say that the relative weakness of the rupee against the dollar need not hurt our economy.

Which of the following, if true, weakens the argument above?

- (a) The dollar has been racing higher on hopes of a Fed rate hike next month.
- (b) Policy makers are planning to increase non dollar invoicing in external trade and to shift borrowings to currencies other than dollar.
- (c) More than 80 per cent of the invoicing for the country's imports and exports is done in US dollars.
- (d) In the early part of this year the Reserve Bank of India had a tough time keeping the rupee from appreciating too much.
- (e) None of these

26. India's strategy at the Paris Climate Change Summit is to work with emerging economies and press the developed world to

concede that responsibility for cutting carbon emissions after 2020 cannot be shared equally by rich and poor nations. India says that her national per capita emissions are very low at 1.56 tonnes carbon dioxide equivalent (about a tenth of some developed nations), and its share of cumulative global emissions only 3 per cent.

Which of the following, if true, would most strengthen India's contention?

- (a) India has been engaging 60 countries ranging from the least developed countries to the developed nations to evolve a consensus
- (b) Green cover in India is larger than that of developed countries.
- (c) There is a concerted attempt to bring India under pressure by painting the country as 'obstructionist'.
- (d) Developed nations seek to eliminate poverty through last-paced economic growth.
- (e) None of these

Direction (27-29): Study the following information and answer the questions that follow:

The petroleum minister of India in September 2013 wrote a letter to the Prime Minister of India, saying that as the current account deficit has widened and the value of the rupee has dwindled, India plans to increase crude oil imports from Iran so as to save \$8.5 billion in foreign exchange.

27. Which of the following may be **the main reason** that buying oil from Iran saves billions of dollars of foreign exchange for India?
- (a) India has good diplomatic relations with Iran due to which India gets petroleum from Iran at a lower price.

- (b) The distance of India from Iran is less due to which the transportation cost is less.
- (c) Unlike the international market, India has to pay to Iran in rupees, not in dollars which saves the foreign exchange.
- (d) Iran sells petroleum at lower prices to increase its sale of the petroleum.
- (e) None of these
- 28.** Which of the following could be **the main reason that** India cut down oil imports from Iran in the year 2012-13?
- (a) India was able to fulfill the demand from the local market only.
- (b) The USA and the European union imposed ban on Iran due to nuclear programme.
- (c) Iran stopped the export of oil for the first half of the year in order to fulfill its local demand.
- (d) India has agreements with other countries to buy petroleum.
- (e) None of these
- 29.** Which of the following **conclusions** can be drawn from the given statement?
- India wants to import petroleum from Iran as it is cheaper in Iran.
- India has cut down the import of petroleum from Iran due to international pressure.
- India wants to import petroleum from Iran in order to get out of the economic crisis..
- India wants to import petroleum from Iran in order to fulfill the demand of petroleum in India.
- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II and IV
- (c) Only III
- (d) Only II and III
- (e) Only I, III and IV

Directions (30-31): Study the following information and answer the given questions.

The US has given its clearest signal yet that it is planning what president Obama has called a 'limited, narrow' military attack on Syria as the Syrian government is using weapons of mass destruction on the local people, causing mass genocide.

30. Which of the following could be the **main reason** that the USA is planning an attack on Syria?

- (a) The USA wants to end the autocratic rule in Syria.
- (b) Syria has used prohibited weapons, breaking international laws.
- (c) The USA has economic interest in Syria.
- (d) The USA wants to create its own military base in Syria.
- (e) None of these

31. Which of the following **conclusions** can be drawn from the given statements?

- I. Chemical weapons used in Syria have caused mass genocide in the country.
- II. The rebel group in Syria wants to have control on the country
- III. The USA has decided to attack Syria to control the violation of human rights.
- IV. The United Nations is forcing the USA to take necessary actions.

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only I and II
- (c) Only III
- (d) Only I, II and III
- (e) Only IV

32. Statement: Stock prices go up in the morning and come down in the evening, even though there is no policy decision in the intervening period.

Assumptions:

- I. The market has its own logic why it reacts to a situation in a particular fashion.
 - II. Indian stock markets are extremely safe; they are not volatile.
- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
 - (b) Only assumption II is implicit
 - (c) Either I or II is implicit
 - (d) Neither I nor II is implicit
 - (e) Both I and II are implicit

33. Statement: It is a shame that the UN, the only institution we have for global governance, is laboring under severe financial pressure at the very moment when we need it most.

Assumptions:

- I. The countries across the world do not make adequate contributions to the UN.
 - II. The state of the UN is a reflection upon the state of the world.
- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
 - (b) Only assumption II is implicit
 - (c) Either I or II is implicit
 - (d) Neither I nor II is implicit
 - (e) Both I and II are implicit

34. Statement: The economy grew by 4.7 per cent in the quarter ending December, which was slightly better than the average of 4.6 per cent during the first half of the year.

Which of the following **assumptions** is implicit in the above statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted.

- (a) Growth figures are released quarterly.
 - (b) Eight core industries grew by just 1.6%.
 - (c) There is an unexpected measure of uncertainty in the decision making.
 - (d) Export grew at a slower pace during the three months up to January.
 - (e) GDP growth will figure prominently in the General Elections.
35. By fixing a deadline of one year from the date of framing of charges for the completion of trial involving the members of parliament and legislative assemblies, the Supreme Court has once again intervened effectively to give some credibility to the idea of cleaning the polity.
- Which of the following can be **concluded** from the above passage?
- (a) This will help in reducing the scourge of criminalization of politics.
 - (b) The latest order will help address this problem by empowering the trial court to refuse routine adjournments.
 - (c) To implement the guidelines, the government must set up more speedy trial courts, which will help them deliver justice in time.
 - (d) The steps taken by the apex court will help choose the best people from their constituency and make the Indian democratic system free from criminalization.
 - (e) None of these
36. During pre-harvest kharif seasons, the government has decided to release vast quantity of food grains from FCI.
- Which of the following **assumptions** are **implicit** in the above statement.

- (a) There may be a shortage of food grains in the market during this season.
- (b) The kharif crop may be able to replenish the stock of FCI.
- (c) There may be a demand from the farmers to procure kharif crop immediately after harvest.
- (d) Both I and II are implicit
- (e) All are implicit
37. An increasing number of farmers prefer to avail loans from local moneylenders instead of the banks owing to complicated paperwork involved in banks. Which of the following actions should be taken by the government?
- (a) Local moneylenders who charge interest rates lower than the banks should be punished.
- (b) Banks should simplify the procedure to avail loans so as to suit the farmers.
- (c) The amount of loan should be increased for the farmers.
- (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (e) Both (b) and (c)
38. The prices of food grains and other essential commodities have decreased for the second consecutive week. Which of the following can be a **possible consequence** of the facts stated in the above statement?
- I. The consumer price index will come down considerably.
- II. People will increase their purchase of quantity of essential commodities and food-grains.
- III. Govt. will increase its taxes on essential commodities and food-grains.
- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) Only I and III
- (d) All I, II and III
- (e) None of these

39. The US has given its clearest signal yet that it is planning what president Obama has called a 'limited, narrow' military attack on Syria as the Syrian government is using weapons of mass destruction on the local people, causing mass genocide.

Which of the following could be the **main reason** that the USA is planning an attack on Syria?

- (a) The USA wants to end the autocratic rule in Syria.
- (b) Syria has used prohibited weapons, breaking international laws.
- (c) The USA has economic interest in Syria.
- (d) The USA wants to create its own military base in Syria.
- (e) None of these

40. Statement:

Should mutual funds be brought under stricter Government control?

Arguments:

I. Yes, that is one of the ways to protect the interest of the investors.

II. No, stricter Government controls are likely to be counterproductive.

- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
- (b) Only assumption II is implicit
- (c) Either I or II is implicit
- (d) Neither I nor II is implicit
- (e) Both I and II are implicit

41. Statement:

The two countries have signed a fragile pact, but the vital sovereignty issue remains unresolved.

Assumptions:

I. The two countries cannot have permanent peace pact.

- II. The two countries may become hostile again after a short spell of time.
- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
 - (b) Only assumption II is implicit
 - (c) Either I or II is implicit
 - (d) Neither I nor II is implicit
 - (e) Both I and II are implicit

Direction (42): Each question given below consists of a statement, followed by three or four arguments numbered I, II, III and IV. You have to decide which of the arguments is/are 'strong' arguments) and which is/are 'weak' arguments) and accordingly choose your answer from the alternatives given below each question.

Statement:

Should the income generated out of agricultural activities be taxed?

Arguments:

- I. No. Farmers are otherwise suffering from natural calamities and low yield coupled with low procurement price and their income should not be taxed.
 - II. Yes. Majority of the population is dependent on agriculture and hence their income should be taxed to augment the resources.
 - III. Yes. Many big farmers earn much more than the majority of the service earners and they should be taxed to remove the disparity.
- (a) Only I is strong
 - (b) Only I and II are strong
 - (c) Only II and III are strong
 - (d) All are strong
 - (e) None of these

43. On 15th August 2014 during the speech given to the nation PM said that the economy of India is growing at a very good speed but we should work hard in order to achieve 'Inclusive Growth'.

Which of the following **assumptions** is implicit in the statements?

Assumptions:

- (A) India is growing but the growth of the country is not spread in all sections of the society.
 - (B) India is growing but society is not growing.
 - (C) The economic and social infrastructure of the country is not growing.
 - (D) The growth of females in the country is not good.
 - (a) Only A
 - (b) Only A and B
 - (c) Only A, B and C
 - (d) Only D
 - (e) None of these
44. India has allowed cotton exports, after producers demanded lifting of a ban.
- Which of the following can be a possible assumption in the given statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted)
- (a) The harvest was better than expected this year.
 - (b) It will assess cotton availability every two-three weeks.
 - (c) It will help produce 1500 lakh tonne cotton more than previous year.
 - (d) Cotton export will become No. 1 in India.
 - (e) None of these
45. Basmati rice exporters are gearing up to top the market in China which recently decided to allow imports from India.
- Which of the following can be a possible assumption in the given statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted)

- (a) Exporters believe, it may take a couple of years to develop this new market, which largely consumes the glutinous sticky rice.
 - (b) China presents a new market for Indian exporters, who have seen a surge in volumes of basmati in recent years.
 - (c) China's market has monopoly in competition market.
 - (d) Basmati rice is high in demand all over the world.
 - (e) None of these
- 46.** The RBI has raised the Interest rate ceiling on NRI deposits in foreign currencies by up to 3%. Which of the following assumption can be possible in the given statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted)
- (a) The RBI wants to attract inflows in view of the falling value of rupee.
 - (b) The Indian banks will be able to offer higher interest rates on NRI deposits in foreign currency.
 - (c) RBI wants to create perfect competition.
 - (d) The Indian banks have more liquidity.
 - (e) None of these

Direction (47-49): Study the following information and answer the questions that follow:

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- 47.** Which of the following may be **the main reason** that buying oil from Iran saves billions of dollars of foreign exchange for India?
- (a) India has good diplomatic relations with Iran due to which India gets petroleum from Iran at a lower price.

- (b) The distance of India from Iran is less due to which the transportation cost is less.
- (c) Unlike the international market, India has to pay to Iran in rupees, not in dollars which saves the foreign exchange.
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- (e) None of these
- 48.** Which of the following could be **the main reason that** India cut down oil imports from Iran in the year 2012-13?
- (a) India was able to fulfill the demand from the local market only.
- (b) The USA and the European union imposed ban on Iran due to nuclear programme.
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- 49.** Which of the following **conclusions** can be drawn from the given statement?
- India wants to import petroleum from Iran as it is cheaper in Iran.
- India has cut down the import of petroleum from Iran due to international pressure.
- India wants to import petroleum from Iran in order to get out of the economic crisis..
- India wants to import petroleum from Iran in order to fulfill the demand of petroleum in India.
- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II and IV
- (c) Only III
- (d) Only II and III
- (e) Only I, III and IV

Directions (50-51): Study the following information and answer the given questions.

The US has given its clearest signal yet that it is planning what president Obama has called a 'limited, narrow' military attack on Syria as the Syrian government is using weapons of mass destruction on the local people, causing mass genocide.

- 50.** Which of the following could be the **main reason** that the USA is planning an attack on Syria?
- (a) The USA wants to end the autocratic rule in Syria.
 - (b) Syria has used prohibited weapons, breaking international laws.
 - (c) The USA has economic interest in Syria.
 - (d) The USA wants to create its own military base in Syria.
 - (e) None of these
- 51.** Which of the following **conclusions** can be drawn from the given statements?
- I. Chemical weapons used in Syria have caused mass genocide in the country.
 - II. The rebel group in Syria wants to have control on the country
 - III. The USA has decided to attack Syria to control the violation of human rights.
 - IV. The United Nations is forcing the USA to take necessary actions.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only I and II
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Only I, II and III
 - (e) Only IV

Solutions

1. **(b);** (3) and (4) will only add to the Deficit of the country.
2. **(d);** The aim is to go for (3), for which (2) is a prerequisite. (1) is only incidental while (4) is beside the point.
3. **(e);** All the given options may be the possible impacts of new 100per cent FDI rule except the last one because it is mentioned there that our domestic country will not get benefitted from this. It is acceptable that there may be exploitation of domestic resources but from this our domestic country will also get benefitted. On internal security issue, it may get affected somewhere.
4. **(b);** Nothing about the sources of income of the State Governments is mentioned in the statement. So, I is not implicit. Since the Central Government has directed the State Governments to reduce expenditure, so II is implicit. Further, since the Central Government has refused any further grant to the State Governments for the next six months, it is quite clear that state Governments will abide by the directives of central Government. So, III is also implicit.

Directions (5-6):

5. **(d);** We have to identify possible fallout regarding context of the passage and reason which is mentioned in (I) and (III) is nowhere discuss in above passage. So Only II will be the possible fallout of pilferage of money from Indian Banks.
6. **(c);** As NPCI is investigating into the matter and trying to reveal preliminary findings and it is also mentioned that officials takes almost six months to acknowledge the incidents but information of Ministry of defense is nowhere mentioned in the above passage.

- 7. (a);** Only I is effective course of action and not using e-commerce site is not a solution and hanging the culprit is a harsh course of action.
- 8. (b);** 'Short-term loans' refer to the loans scheduled to be repaid in less than a year. When your business does not qualify for a line of credit from a bank, you might still have success in obtaining money from them in the form of a one-time, short-term loan (less than a year) to finance your temporary working capital needs.
- 9. (a);** Suppose the annual percentage rise in real estate values, in property values, has been consistent less than the average annual growth rate percentages across all businesses with properties in Oakland. Thus, even though individual business may be fluctuating, when we average over all businesses, the growth rate is higher for that average than is for property values. Thus, revenue from taxes on business income would grow faster than revenue from taxes on property. If this negation is true, it devastates the mayor's position, and therefore devastates the position that the Urban Planner is taking. Because the negation is so destructive, the un-negated version that appears in choice (A) only be an assumption.
- 10. (a);** As it is mentioned that gold prices are likely to see a gradual decline in the short term on the back of strong global cues. Here, note the relationship with US economy. So, only option (a) can be concluded from the given option.

- 11. (e);** As it is mentioned in the statement that more customers are availing banking services through the digital medium, i.e. digital banking is becoming popular day by day in the world and the customers are making maximum transactions online. So, none of the options given can be concluded as a reason from the statement.
- 12. (e);** All the given options may be the possible impacts of new 100per cent FDI rule except the last one because it is mentioned there that our domestic country will not get benefitted from this. It is acceptable that there may be exploitation of domestic resources but from this our domestic country will also get benefitted. On internal security issue, it may get affected somewhere.
- 13. (d);** The present structure of Indirect Taxes is very complex in India. There are so many types of taxes that are levied by the Central and State Governments on Goods & Services. So, there is no doubt that when all the taxes are integrated, it will improve the ease of doing business ranking of India. So, I is a strong argument. It will definitely impact the existing processes, people and technology but we cannot say that it will give negative impact. As on real estate market, GST will have a significant impact. IV is true but not directly related to Indian economy. So, II, III and IV are not strong arguments.
- 14. (d);** Option (d) will weaken the step taken by the government. It shows that the conditions of bank in rural areas are not so good and they suffer huge losses which weakens the above statement.

- 15. (e);** If the principal monetary policy is to be attained –reducing the import surplus while resuming economic growth-per capita consumption will have to be frozen. Thus, consumers will have to be persuaded to give up consumption to further national economic goals. The assumption is that people will be willing to put a halt to growth in their standard of living.
- 16. (c);** Traditional culture is degrading day by day is assumed in the above statement.
- 17. (a);** White label ATM (WLA) operators need a sponsor bank to load and manage cash in each WLA. So (a) is a valid option.
- 18. (e);** If any country decreases fiscal deficit than it is good for their economy. It will become less, if currency improves their position, if revenue deficit decrease and economy boost, So all except A may be reason for above result.
- 19. (d);** Crude oil price dropped in U.S. then it may be possible that currency value increase, global over supply and demand for fuel decline in that time, so all are being positive causes behind dropped out price of oil.
- 20. (b);** Measures to control inflation hurt investment clearly oppose the passage. So it weakens the above discussion.
- 21. (b);**
- 22. (c);** Granting licenses to people who will not commit 'crimes' can explain the situation here. Option (a) does not affect the number of homicides committed; carrying guns concealed or not does not influence a likely crime. (b) can also be

eliminated because one may not need more than seven bullets to commit a murder. Option (c) can explain the mystery behind homicide rate not increasing corresponding to the increase in the number of guns - licenses are granted to people with clean background. Option (d) is not related to homicides.

- 23. (b);** Adult obesity has shown a steady upward trend in Mexico city. A sedentary life could be the main contributing factor. What point would strengthen this conclusion? The conclusion is that a sitting or inactive life could be the cause of obesity. If an average employee spends 12 hours a day commuting and working, he is unlikely to get time for physical exercise. Even the 12 hours spent on working and commuting are likely to be sedentary in nature. Thus, Option (b) is the one that strengthens the argument. Working 42 hours a week is not as strong as working and commuting 12 hours a day, so option (a) can be rejected. (c) talks about Mexican cuisine which does not relate to a sedentary life. Option (d) is about children, but the argument relates to adults.
- 24. (c);** The rupee has been losing ground against the US dollar since last Diwali. But some economists say that since it has gained 9 per cent against the euro and 7 per cent against the Japanese yen in the same period, this need not hurt our economy. Which point can weaken the argument? It should be the one that contributes to the weakening of the economy. Option (a) gives a reason for the strengthening of the dollar; this point doesn't weaken the argument. (b) is only a proposal, so it is unlikely to weaken the argument. Option (c) is a point that can weaken the argument: if more

than 80 per cent of the invoicing for the country's imports and exports is done in US dollars, any decline in value of rupee against the dollar will affect the economy. Option (d) is totally irrelevant to the argument.

25. (b); India says that the responsibility of cutting carbon emission after 2020 cannot be equally shared by rich and poor nations because India's national per capita emissions are very low, at about a tenth of some developed countries. Moreover, India's share of cumulative global emissions is only 3 per cent. Which of the options, if true, would strengthen the argument? The argument is based on the principle that cutting emissions in future should be commensurate to emissions by the country. Any fact that points to reduced emissions by India can be the answer. Engaging 60 countries to evolve a consensus doesn't point to reduced emissions by India, so option A is incorrect. A large green cover has the potential to absorb green house gases, so option (b) can strengthen the argument. Options (c) and (d) are totally unrelated to reduced emissions by India.

Directions (26-28):

26. (c); Unlike the international market, India has an agreement with Iran, under which India needs to pay in rupees rather than in dollars, which in turn saves the foreign exchange reserves of the country.

27. (e); The information does not hint at what happened in the past.

28. (e); The issue of import arises only when there is demand. Hence, IV follows. The savings will come into effect because of the price advantage, Hence I follows. And the saving will help country to tackle the economic crisis. Hence III follows.

Directions (29-30)

29. (b); Syria has used weapons of mass destruction against the innocent people.
30. (c); The weapons of mass destruction which were used in Syria has caused mass genocide, and, in order to control the violation of human rights, the USA is planning to attack Syria.
31. (a); I is implicit when you negate external policies – the factor that usually makes the difference. II is not implicit. In fact, the “go up” and “come down” activities point to the contrary.
32. (b); The reason for the UN’s financial pressure can’t be assumed. Hence I is not implicit. II is implicit; that is why “it is a shame”.
33. (a); A quarter is the common denomination of the periods mentioned here.
34. (d); The passage talks about cleaning the Indian politics from criminalization choice (a) cannot be considered completely. But (d) can be considered as it substantiates the conclusion fully.
35. (d);
36. (b);
37. (a);
38. (b); Syria has used weapons of mass destruction against the innocent people.

- 39. (a);** In government control money of investors will be in safe hand.
- 40. (b);** From the fact that the present pact is not a lasting one, the possibility of a permanent pact cannot be ruled out. So, I is not implicit. The statement mentions that the present pact is a 'fragile' one and the vital sovereignty issue still remains unresolved. So the same issue may rise again in the future. Thus, II is implicit.
- 41. (c);** Clearly, if the income of farmers is not adequate, they cannot be brought under the net of taxation as per rules governing the Income Tax Act. So, I is not strong. Besides, a major part of the population is dependent on agriculture and such a large section, if taxed even with certain concessions, would draw in huge funds, into the government coffers. Also, many big landlords with substantially high incomes from agriculture are taking undue advantage of this benefit. So, both arguments II and III hold strong.
- 42. (a);** Inclusive growth means the growth which is not limited only to a certain class of people but spreads to all sections of the society.
- 43. (e);** In all the given statements there is additional information which generally can't be assumed hence none of the given statements is a possible assumption.
- 44. (e);** All the statements have the additional information which can't be generally assumed.

45. (b); From the statement II we can generally assume that the Indian banks have capacity to pay higher interest rate on NRI deposits.

Directions (47-49):

47. (c); Unlike the international market, India has an agreement with Iran, under which India needs to pay in rupees rather than in dollars, which in turn saves the foreign exchange reserves of the country.

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CHAPTER 2

Statement & Assumption

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Statement and Assumption

1. Study the following information in which a statement is followed by five assumptions, read carefully and answer the question below-

The banking sector is facing tough times. But the sector is facing only short-term pain as the rise in non-performing assets (NPAs) is proving a key challenge for the industry at large. The regulator wanted some stringent measures to be taken, and the government is coming out with so many reforms and policies.

Which of the following can be assumed from the given statement?

- (a) NPA was 2.4% more in last two years as compared to the present one.
 - (b) The steps taken by the government are not enough to revamp the banking sector.
 - (c) Manufacturing sector is performing far better than the banking sector for last five years.
 - (d) After the implementation of suitable expedient, the things are likely to be changed for banking sector.
 - (e) The increase in NPA is the only factor responsible for the difficult time of banking industry.
2. Study the following information in which a statement is followed by five assumptions, read carefully and answer the question below-

Statements: All the population of village A is relocating to city B, near to village A.

Assumption: (I) City B is rich in terms of resources and employment opportunities.

(II) A critical virus has been spread in village A and more than 10 people died from it.

Which of the following can be assumed from the given statement?

- (a) Both I and II follow
 - (b) Neither II nor I follow
 - (c) Only II follow
 - (d) Only I follow
 - (e) Either I or II follow
3. Study the following information in which a statement is followed by five assumptions, read carefully and answer the question below-
- "If we slightly increase the price of our product then we can improve the quality of our product to increase the number of customers from our only rival company V," -A statement by owner of company U.
- Which of the following can be assumed from the given statement?
- (a) Without increasing the price, the quality of the product offered by company U can't be improved.
 - (b) Quality offered by company V of the product is better than the quality offered by company U.
 - (c) Improving the quality is the only way to attract more number of customers.
 - (d) The price offered by the rival company V is already higher than the price offered by company U.
 - (e) Superior quality even for bit higher price will definitely increase the demand of the product in the market.
4. Study the following information in which a statement is followed by some assumptions, read carefully and answer the question below-
- National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) Director Ish Kumar on Thursday requested the government to provide limited access to the Aadhaar card database, which would help the investigating agencies in conducting a probe into inter-State criminals more effectively with the help of fingerprints.

Assumption- I. The Aadhar card database consist of basic information of a citizen including his fingerprints.

II. If the number of explorers to a confidential database increases, its authenticity will be subjected questionable.

III. NCRB do not have its own maintained record containing the realizable information of criminals.

Which of the following can be assumed from the given statement?

- (a) Only I and II
- (b) Only II and III
- (c) All of the above
- (d) Only II
- (e) None of these

5. Study the following information in which a statement is followed by some assumptions, read carefully and answer the question below-

"Amid public outcry over Trump's family separation practice, Medical professionals and lawyers who visited the sites said they were safe and clean. But they described the children detained in the 'Tender age shelters' as "hysterical."

Which of the following can be Assumed from the given statement?

- I. The separation from their families at tender age will lead to an irreversible trauma both physically and emotionally to the children.
- II. well-trained clinicians, and those shelters meet state licensing standards for child welfare agencies, and they're staffed by people who know how to deal with the needs.
- III. The administration's policy of separating children from their families is not only needless and cruel, it threatens the mental and physical health of both the children and their caregivers.

- (a) All Follows
 - (b) Both I and III
 - (c) Only III
 - (d) Both I and II
 - (e) None of these
6. Study the following information in which a statement is followed by some assumptions, read carefully and answer the question below-

“Children are biologically programmed to grow best in the care of a parent figure and when that bond is broken through long and unexpected separations, children respond at the deepest physiological and emotional levels which triggers high levels of anxiety, which make them more susceptible to physical and emotional illness, and damage their capacity to manage their emotions, trust people, and focus their attention on age-appropriate activities.”

Which of the following can be assumed from the given statement?

- I. Parents are essential to young children's survival, providing nutrition, warmth, and access to shelter and medical care.
- II. For regulating children's stress and emotional reactivity, parents are an integral piece of this powerful system.
- III. Parent is really in many ways an extension to the child's biology especially when the child is developing.

- (a) All Follows
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Only III
- (d) Both I and II
- (e) None of these

7. **Statement**-The menacing spread, starting last Friday, of the malicious software Wanna Cry, is a frightening reminder of the vulnerabilities of a connected world.

Which of the following can be postulated from the given statement?

- (I) It is more than obvious now that cyber vulnerabilities have massive global implications.
 - (II) The state of preparedness is a cause for worry, after the likely origin of Wanna Cry.
 - (III) The hackers have used cyber weapons and believed to have linkage with terrorist organizations.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Only (III)
 - (c) Only (II)
 - (d) Both (I) and (II)
 - (e) None of these

8. In the following question a statement is given followed by three assumptions numbered as I, II and III. You have to read all the statements and decide which of them follows the argument mentioned in statement.

Rooftop solar power growth has demonstrated an overall positive trend, But this will need to be scaled up massively to achieve the national target.

Assumption:

- (I) With ongoing improvements to solar cell efficiency and battery technology, rooftops will only get more attractive in the future.
- (II) Major **solar** projects that connect to the grid often face the challenge of land acquisition and transmission connectivity.
- (III) A survey helps determine usable rooftops, separating them from green spaces, and analyses the quality of the solar resource.

- (a) Only II follows
 - (b) Both II and III follows
 - (c) Both I and III follows
 - (d) Only I follows
 - (e) Both I and II follows
9. In the following question a statement is given followed by three more statements numbered as I, II and III. You have to read both the statement and decide which of the given assumptions follows the statement.
- Statement:** "SSC aspirants are fade up with Paper leak and most of them have decided to start preparing for banking field." - An article published in The Hindu.
- Assumption:**
- (I) SSC has not taken any corrective measures to stop paper leak.
 - (II) There will be no paper leak in case of banking examination.
 - (III) There is a great future in banking field.
- (a) Only II follows
 - (b) Both I and III follow
 - (c) Only III follows
 - (d) Both I and II follow
 - (e) None follows
10. The argument about whether demonetization was good or bad for the economy refuses to die down even a year after the event. While one can endlessly debate, with very little data, on whether the ban on high-value currency notes dealt a body blow to terrorism, corruption and counterfeiting, one area in which its impact can be quantified with data is tax compliance. In FY18, net collections increased by 17.1%.
- Which of the following can be postulated from the given statement?

- I. Counterfeiting of notes was one of the major concern for Government of India.
 - II. Many economists has termed it wrong as it has impact badly on the weaker section of the society.
 - III. There has been revamp in the percentage increase of direct tax with respect to indirect tax.
- (a) Only III
 - (b) Both I and III
 - (c) Both II and III
 - (d) Only II
 - (e) None of these

11. Statement: “Good news for all, Vikalp is available and every passenger will get reserve seats. Waiting status will be omitted from reservation chart” quoted by Railways Ministry. Spokesperson of railways has said if confirm seat is not available in desired train, option for confirm seat in other train will be given at the time of reservation.

- Which of the following can be assumed from the given statement?
- (I) Fairs of reserved seats will be increased by Railways department.
 - (II) Commuters would have faced issues regarding confirm seats in railways.
 - (III) There will be increase in number of persons travelling through railways.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II and III
 - (c) Only I and III
 - (d) Only I and II
 - (e) None of these

12. Statement: Mr. X, asked to his friend Mr. Y why you have not change your company since a long time. Mr. Y replied with smile that I am enjoying my work here, doing my work with honesty and company is also rewarding honestly.

Which of the following can be hypothesized from the above statement?

- (I) Mr. Y has created a comfort zone in his current company and don't want to move from his comfortable area.
- (II) Mr. Y is getting good salary in his current company and he is happy with it.
- (III) Mr. X changes company very frequently.
 - (a) Only I and II
 - (b) Only II and III
 - (c) Only II
 - (d) Only I and III
 - (e) None of these

Directions (13): Read the following information carefully and answer the questions which follow.

In a recent study of responses to visual images, researchers found that women most frequently gave the rating 'most attractive' to images of male faces that were more feminine in contour, and rated more masculine faces, on average, 'less attractive'. The researchers concluded that modern women prefer men who are less obviously masculine in their facial features.

13. Which is the following is an assumption that the researchers apparently made in this study?

- (a) The women who participated in the study were sufficiently representative of modern women in general.

- (b) Male faces are, in general, attractive to women.
 - (c) Visual images are important to women.
 - (d) It is impossible to predict what features an ideal face would have.
 - (e) Women in previous ages would have preferred more masculine men.
- 14.** It is a truism of military science that “Generals always prepare for the last war.” In the same way, public officials generally spend their efforts on problems that were resolved- one way or another -years before. By the time a public issue reaches the consciousness of enough of the citizenry to become a high priority of our elected leaders, the problem is usually past the point at which government efforts can significantly affect it.
- All of the following are **assumed** in the argument above except-
- (a) Most of the public problems tend to evolve towards a point at which the government can do little to control them.
 - (b) Political and military leaders are both prone to react tardily to changes in their fields.
 - (c) Issues attain importance for public officials when large number of citizens are concerned about them.
 - (d) Planning policies, solely based on past experiences are likely to be effective.
 - (e) The government officials can generally do little to influence directly the course of public policy.
- 15. Statement:** Wars must be discouraged vehemently even though majority of the victims might have been a nuisance to peace loving people.

Assumptions:

- I. Wars kill majority of wicked people.
- II. Innocent people are also killed in wars.
- III. Vehement opposition to wars may have some desirable impact.

- (a) Only I and II are implicit
- (b) Only III is implicit
- (c) Only III and either I or II are implicit
- (d) All are implicit
- (e) None of the above

16. Cases of food poisoning have been reported from village X. After a dinner party arranged for 100 people, 68 were admitted to the hospital and 36 were reported to be out of danger. The food, which was cooked and stored in an open space for almost 12 h, was served after reheating. Investigation is going on 'A news report.'

Which of the following can be hypothesized from the above information?

- (a) Cases of food poisoning need to be handled carefully
- (b) State food is likely to be the cause of food poisoning
- (c) Late night dinner parties for a large number of people result in food poisoning
- (d) Cases of food poisoning are not reported in urban dinner parties
- (e) None of the above

17. Within 20 years it will probably be possible to identify the genetic susceptibility an individual may have toward any particular disease. Eventually, effective strategies will be discovered to counteract each such susceptibility. Once these effective strategies are found, therefore, the people who follow them will never get sick.

The argument above is based on which of the following assumptions?

- (a) For every disease there is only one strategy that can prevent its occurrence.

- (b) In the future, genetics will be the only medical specialty of any importance.
- (c) All human sicknesses are in part the result of individuals' genetic susceptibilities.
- (d) All humans are genetically susceptible to some diseases.
- (e) None of these.
- 18.** Unlike other retail outlets, where items are purchased in any number of units the customer wants, in super-markets items are grouped in bulk packages. This bulk buying offers saving to the customer. The option to buy at wholesale prices by buying in bulk makes super-market a practical choice for budget-conscious consumers.
Which of the following assumption may be derived from the above information?
- (a) Super-markets often have greater buying power and lower overhead costs, so they can offer a greater variety of products than regular retail outlets.
- (b) Super-markets are often more conveniently located and have better parking facilities.
- (c) The emergence of super-markets has caused many small retail stores to close down and thus eliminate competitions.
- (d) It is economically wise to buy single items since bulk packages seldom offer significant savings.
- (e) The financial savings from purchasing bulk packages may outweigh the inconvenience of being unable to purchase in any number of units that suits the customers' need.
- 19.** The Government has appealed to all citizens to use potable water judiciously as there is an acute shortage in supply. Excessive use may lead to huge scarcity in future months.
Which of the assumption is implicit in the above statement?
(An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted)

- (a) People may ignore the appeal and continue using water as per their consideration.
- (b) Government may be able to tap those who do not respond to the appeal.
- (c) Government may be able to put in place alternate sources of water in the event of a crisis situation.
- (d) Large number of people may positively respond to the Government's appeal and help tide over the crisis.
- (e) Only poor are going to suffer from this shortage of water supply.

20. Statements: "Although no war was witnessed during the tenure of prime ministership of Mr. X, a large number of top bravery medals were conferred upon many cops in the name of curbing terrorism and eliminating terrorists of different organizations belonging to our states"- view of a citizen.

Assumptions:

- I. It is disgraceful of cops to name the act of killing of terrorists of our own country as an act of bravery.
 - II. A war is less harmful for a country than menace of terrorism.
- Which of the following assumption(s) is/are implicit in contrast of the statement?
- (a) Only I is implicit
 - (b) Only II is implicit
 - (c) Either I or II is implicit
 - (d) Neither I nor II is implicit
 - (e) Both I and II are implicit

21. Statement: The government is likely to put some money in your bank account every month by deducting a portion of the subsidy each family receives through various government welfare schemes and putting an equivalent amount of cash in the account of the beneficiary.

Which of the following has been **assumed** in the above statement? (An assumption is something that is not directly stated but is supposed or taken for granted.)

- (a) Demand for goods and services will go up.
- (b) Subsidy pilferage will stop.
- (c) There will be a decrease in corruption.
- (d) Banks' profit will increase.
- (e) Bank account holders will maintain a minimum balance in their accounts.

22. Basmati rice exporters are gearing up to top the market in China which recently decided to allow imports from India.

Which of the following can be a possible assumption in the given statement? (An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted)

- (a) Exporters believe, it may take a couple of years to develop this new market, which largely consumes the glutinous sticky rice.
- (b) China presents a new market for Indian exporters, who have seen a surge in volumes of basmati in recent years.
- (c) China's market has monopoly in competition market.
- (d) Basmati rice is high in demand all over the world.
- (e) None of these.

23. Statement: The biggest story of this Budget is a major change in the way the Union Government spends its money. Earlier this week, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley announced that the government had accepted the recommendations of the 14th Finance Commission and raised the States' share in the net proceeds of union tax revenues from 32 per cent to 42 percent. With more of its pie going directly to States to spend as they like, the Union Government would begin reducing its allocations to

the State plan and wind up some Centrally Sponsored Schemes. The Central Government has directed the State Governments to reduce government expenditure in view of the serious resource crunch and it may not be able to sanction any additional grant to the states for the next six months.

Assumptions:

- I. The State Governments are totally dependent on Central Government for its expenditures.
- II. The Central Government has reviewed the expenditure account of the State Government.
- III. The State Governments will abide by the directives of the central Government.

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

- (a) None is implicit
- (b) Only II and III are implicit
- (c) Only III is implicit
- (d) All are implicit
- (e) None of these

- 24.** Twenty percent of all energy consumed in the country is consumed by home appliances. If appliances that are twice as energy-efficient as those currently available are produced, this figure will eventually be reduced to about ten percent.

The argument above requires which of the following **assumptions**?

- (a) Home-appliance usage would not increase along with the energy efficiency of the appliances.
- (b) It would not be expensive to produce home appliances that are energy-efficient.
- (c) Home-appliance manufacturers now have the technology to produce appliances that are twice as energy-efficient as those currently available.

- (d) The cost of energy to the consumer would rise with increases in the energy efficiency of home appliances.
- (e) None of these
- 25.** The Govt. has decided to auction construction of highways to private entities in several blocks across the country on build operate transfer basis.
- Which of the assumption(s) is/are implicit in the above statement?
- I. An adequate number of private entities may not respond to the Government's auction notification,
 - II. Many private entities in the country are capable of construction highway within reasonable time.
 - III. The Govt.'s proposal of build-operate-transfer may financially benefit the private entities.
- (a) I and II are implicit
- (b) II and III are implicit
- (c) Only II is implicit
- (d) I and III are implicit
- (e) None of these
- 26.** Radio stations with radio data system (RDS) technology broadcast special program that only radios with an RDS feature can receive. Between 1994 and 1996, the number of RDS radio stations in Verdland increased from 250 to 600. However, since the number of RDS equipped radios in Verdland was about the same in 1996 as in 1994, the number of Verlanders receiving the special program information probably did not increase significantly.

Which of the following **assumption** can be drawn from the above passage?

- I. Few if any of the RDS radio stations that began broadcasting in Verdland between 1994 & 1996 broadcast to people with RDS-equipped radios living in areas not previously reached by RDS stations.
 - II. In 1996 most Verlanders who lived within the listening area of an RDS station already had a radio equipped to receive RDS.
 - III. Equipping a radio station with RDS technology does not decrease the station's listening area.
 - IV. In 1996 Verlanders who did not own radios equipped to receive RDS could not receive any programming from the RDS radio stations that began broadcasting in Verdland after 1994.
 - V. The RDS radio stations in Verdland in 1996 did not all offer the same type of programming.
- (a) Only II & III follow
 - (b) All follow except III
 - (c) None follows except I
 - (d) Only V & II follow
 - (e) none of these

27. The ancient Nubians inhabited an area in which typhus occurs, yet surprisingly few of their skeletons show the usual evidence of this disease. The skeletons do show deposits of tetracycline, an antibiotic produced by a bacterium common in Nubian soil. This bacterium can flourish on the dried grain used for making two staples of Nubian diet, beer and bread. Thus, tetracycline in their food probably explains the low incidence of typhus among ancient Nubi

Which of the following is an assumption can be drawn from the passage?

- I. Infectious diseases other than typhus to which the ancient Nubians were exposed are unaffected by tetracycline.
 - II. Tetracycline is not rendered ineffective as an antibiotic by exposure to the process involved in making bread and beer.
 - III. Typhus cannot be transmitted by ingesting bread or beer contaminated with the infectious agents of this disease.
 - IV. Bread and beer were the only items in the diet of the ancients Nubians which could have contained tetracycline.
 - V. Typhus is generally fatal.
- (a) None follows except II
 - (b) Only III & V follow
 - (c) Only III follows
 - (d) All follow except I
 - (e) None of these

28. Statement: By asking five prominent hospitals in the national capital to deposit nearly Rs. 600 crore to compensate for their failure to treat poor patients, the Delhi government has drawn attention to the social obligation of healthcare providers in the corporate sector as well as the need for timely enforcement of applicable regulations. According to the Delhi government, trusts and registered societies to which public land was allotted to establish hospitals were required to earmark a percentage of their medical facilities and services for indigent patients.

Assumptions:

- I. This strengthens the case for private hospitals to dedicate a part of their services to those who cannot afford treatment.
- II. Social responsibility of hospitals must be monitored and central government should ensure compliance by the corporate hospitals.

III. There is a great need for the government to monitor and enforce "health services" so that the poor who cannot afford modern health facilities that are extremely costly- are able to be benefited.

Which of the following assumption(s) is/are implicit from the given statement?

- (a) All are implicit
- (b) Only III is implicit
- (c) Only I is implicit
- (d) Only I and II are implicit
- (e) None is implicit

29. Statement : India's economic growth has come at a terrible price of increased industrial and vehicular pollution.

Assumptions:

- I. Pollution is a part of industrial society.
- II. India economic growth is based on only industrial growth.
- III. A country desires economic growth with manageable side effects.

- (a) Only I is implicit
- (b) Only II is implicit
- (c) Only III is implicit
- (d) Only I and III are implicit
- (e) None of these

30. Statement: According to the manpower Employment Outlook Survey, globally, Indian employers are the most upbeat on hiring plans in the fourth quarter ending December 2015.

Which of the following can be an **assumption** in the given information? (An assumption is something that is supposed or taken for granted)

- (A) Decline in the profit margins of the company
 - (B) Establishment of more branches by the MNCs in India
 - (C) Maintenance of positive growth rate by the MNCs in India.
 - (D) Increase in the growth of service sector in June 2015.
- (a) Only A and C
 - (b) Only B and D
 - (c) Only A and B
 - (d) Only C and D
 - (e) Only B and C

31. Statement: In order to prevent catastrophic damages to its assets, Railways is going for offshore procurement of high-powered sensor-based equipment, a first-of-its-kind for the public transporter, to detect defects on tracks and rolling stock.

Which of the following has been **assumed** in the given information? (An assumption is something that is supposed or taken for granted.)

- (a) Accidents will be minimized with the regular maintenance of tracks.
- (b) The safety aspect of track and rolling stock will be enhanced.
- (c) Railways will be able to know the exact condition of tracks through micro-analysis of data and this will reduce the possibility of sudden catastrophic failures.
- (d) Railways will prepare a predictive maintenance schedule for its tracks.
- (e) Only (a) and (b)

Directions (32-33): 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 assumption and decide which of the assumption is implicit in the statement.

Give answer (a) If only assumption I is implicit.

Give answer (b) If only assumption II is implicit.

Give answer (c) If either assumption I or assumption II is implicit.

Give answer (d) If neither assumption I nor II is implicit.

Give answer (e) If both assumption I and II are implicit.

32. Statement: Mohan tells Nita, "Let us meet over lunch tomorrow."

Assumptions:

I. Lunch timings are known to both.

II. Both are aware of the venue for lunch.

33. Statement: The movie is a super-duper hit and has broken all the records.

Assumptions:

I. There is an authentic criterion to judge a hit or a flop.

II. The performance of earlier movies is known.

Directions (34–36): 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 assumption and decide which of the assumption is implicit in the statement.

Give answer (a) If only assumption I is implicit.

Give answer (b) If only assumption II is implicit.

Give answer (c) If either assumption I or assumption II is implicit.

Give answer (d) If neither assumption I nor II is implicit.

Give answer (e) If both assumption I and II are implicit.

34. Statement: Job rotation helps employees to get an overview of the organization.

Assumptions:

I. Job rotations is only method to get an overview of the organisation.

II. It is required to have an overview of the organisation.

35. Statement: Let us appoint Ms. X as the CEO of our company so that the company's products are also perceived to be genuine.

Assumptions:

- I. CEO can change the perception of products.
- II. Perception is same as the actual reality.

36. Statement: An advertisement. The new model has been launched with K – series engine.

Assumptions:

- I. People know about K-series engine.
- II. Engine type/series is important for buyers.

37. Statement:

The two countries have signed a fragile pact, but the vital sovereignty issue remains unresolved.

Assumptions:

- I. The two countries cannot have permanent peace pact.
 - II. The two countries may become hostile again after a short spell of time.
- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
 - (b) Only assumption II is implicit
 - (c) Either I or II is implicit
 - (d) Neither I nor II is implicit
 - (e) Both I and II are implicit

38. In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

Statement:

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

Assumptions:

B wishes to go to Jammu.

A gives advice to everybody.

- (a) Only assumption I is implicit
- (b) Only assumption II is implicit
- (c) Either I or II is implicit
- (d) Neither I nor II is implicit
- (e) Both I and II are implicit

Directions (39-43): In each question below are 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 I or II is implicit.
- (d) If neither I nor II is implicit.
- (e) If both I and II are implicit.

39. Statement: 'You are expected to be frank and objective while writing your self-appraisal report'. -An instruction for writing self-appraisal report.

Assumptions:

- I. Unless cautioned, people may tend to be little shy and less objective while writing their self-appraisal report.
- II. Every self-appraisal report helps the person in his further development.

40. Statement: The higher echelon of any organization is expected to be models of observational learning and should not be considered as merely sources of reward and punishments.

Assumptions:

- I. Employees are likely to be sensitive enough to learn by observing the behavior of their bosses.
- II. Normally bosses are considered as sources of reward and punishment.

41. Statement: 'But, out of A, B, C and D products, you buy 'B' which alone is based on the international technology'- A shopkeeper tells a customer.

Assumptions:

- I. The customers normally accept the recommendation of the shopkeeper.
- II. Use of international technology is supposed to ensure better quality standards.

42. Statement: The organization should promote employees on the basis of merit alone and not on the basis of length of service or seniority.

Assumptions:

- I. Length of service or seniority does not alone reflect merit of an employee.
- II. It is possible to determine and measure merit of an employee.

43. Statement: Highly brilliant and industrious students do not always excel in the written examination.

Assumptions:

- I. The written examination is good mainly for mediocre students.
- II. The brilliant and industrious students cannot always write good answers in the exam.

Directions (44-47): 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 I or II is implicit
- (d) If neither I nor II is implicit
- (e) If both I and II are implicit

44. Statements Instead of burning the leaves, bury them in compost pits, by which it gets converted to natural manure, making it beneficial for the soil. A notice issued in public interest by Department of Environment

Assumptions

- I. Whenever leaves are burnt in the open, the air gets laden with tiny particulate matter which raises air pollution to alarming levels, which cause severe respiratory disorders and eye infections to those exposed to it.
- II. Benefits gained from ashes of leaves burnt are not as much as the benefits gained from the natural manure obtained from leaves by burring it.

45. Statements “A tempting cup of garma Georgia now awaits you at every street corner. So, no matter whom you are or where you go, a Georgia Vending Machine will hand you the same clean, delicious cup of tea in Regular, Adrak, Elaichi and Masala and if you’re looking for a change try the Regular, Mocha and Cappuccino coffee. One sip will make you realize why every other alternative is a mere compromise!” — An advertisement

Assumptions

- I. Most of the people need delicious cup of tea or coffee with a change in taste.
- II. Every person is addicted to either tea or coffee.

46. Statements "If you ask me about the daunting challenges that I face, I would say that my government's first priority is to improve the existing law and order situation. Then follows the issue of prices of commodities." — Mr. ROY, a newly appointed PM of country CLINTON

Assumptions

- I. If a citizen of country CLINTON can sleep peacefully, he/she can then think of providing food to his/her family, ponder over education and move about freely in the country.
- II. Prices of the commodities affect the common man greatly.

47. Statements "If you have any unresolved consumer disputes, do not feel that you are helpless, do not hesitate to assert your rights. Approach the District Consumer Forum for speedy redressal." — Department of Consumer Affairs

Assumptions

- I. People don't want to approach consumer forum due to the red-tapism in procedure adopted by the forum.
- II. Speedy redressal will attract more unresolved consumer disputes.

48. Clive is a great fan of P.G. Wodehouse, a great writer of humorous novels, and he has read all the novels written by the author. It shows that Clive is a jovial person and does not take things very seriously in his personal life.

Which of the following must be the most important assumption in drawing the above conclusion?

- (a) P.G. Wodehouse does not write serious novels.
- (b) Literary choices reflect the personal attitude of a person.
- (c) Clive has not met with any major adversities in his personal life.
- (d) The society in which Clive lives likes his jovial nature.
- (e) None of these

49. The number of surgeons in the country has registered a two-fold increase in the past three years. However due to the advent of non-invasive medical treatments, the total number of surgeries performed has also come down drastically. This is bound to lead to a significant decline in surgical skills of surgeons.

Which of the following is an assumption in the above argument?

- (a) Of late people prefer non-invasive medical treatments to surgeries.
- (b) Surgeons by and large are reluctant to use methods other than surgery, for treating the patients.
- (c) The general health condition of the people has improved so much that diseases or physical disabilities warranting surgical operations have come down in number
- (d) Constantly performing surgeries alone can keep the surgical skills of surgeons in tact.
- (e) None of these

50. Statement: Govt. has taken decision in many blocks of country that the construction work of highway is given to the private forums of builder operator transfer on the basis of action.

Assumptions:

- I. It may be possible that a sufficient number of private forums not answer in the respect of Govt. action.
 - II. Many private forums of our country are capable to complete the construction work of highway within given time period.
 - III. It may be that private forums get financial profit due to govt. builder operated proposed schemes.
- (a) Only I and II are implicit.
 - (b) Only II and III are implicit.
 - (c) Only II is implicit.
 - (d) Only I and III are implicit.
 - (e) None of these.

Solutions

1. **(d);** All the statement except (d), cannot be assumed from the given statement as data provided in the statement is not enough to assume the increase or decrease in NPA from the previous year also it is not clear whether NPA is the only cause of pain to banking sector. Further we also cannot assume from the given statement that steps taken by the government are not enough or some other sector is performing better than it. But it can be clearly assumed from the given statement that after the proper implementation of the policies and reforms there will be some improvement in the condition of the banking sector.
2. **(e);** Either (I) or (II) can be assumed from the given statement as better opportunities or virus can be the reason behind the major step taken by the population of village A.
3. **(e);** Statement (e), can be assumed from the given statement as better quality is always a major factor of concern for customers and for it paying a bit higher amount is convenient. All other option except (e) cannot be assumed quality and price offered by company V for the product is not mention in the given statement. And also quality is only parameter to increase the number of customer or it is the only way also cannot be hypothesized from the given statement.

- 4. (a);** Only I and II can be assumed from the given statement as I is directly given in the statement that investigating agencies are going to use the Aadhar database for their investigations which includes the fingerprints of criminals. And II can also be assumed from the given statement which states that limited access leads to assurance and clearly with increase in access, vulnerability also increases. While III cannot be assumed as it is not mentioned in the statement.
- 5. (a);** The statement I talks about that in the tender age the separation of children from their parents will result in negative impact on a child's growth which can be assumed from the given statement and In statement II, it talks about the well trained clinicians and staff at the shelters who are licensed to take care of the children which is also can be assumed from the given statement as it states that lawyers who visited the sites said they were safe and clean. Also the statement III is criticizing the policy as needless and cruel which is also stated in the statement that the condition of children after separation is Hysterical.
- 6. (a);** All the statement can be assumed as because these statements talks about the parents playing an integral role in the child's growth both physically and mentally how they shape their child's future so that he/she became a better person for his /her family and for the society.
- 7. (d);** In the above question we have to find which statement can be assumed from the given statement.
For I- True, because cyber-attacks had a tremendous impact on all the countries as given in statement that it infected thousands of computer system.

For II-True, as it is clear from the above statement that it is a frightening reminder all over the world.

For III- False, because it is not clear from the above statement about its linkage with any terrorist organizations

8. (d); Only (I) can be assumed from the given statement as it is mentioned in the given statement that rooftop solar power technology is showing growth.

9. (d); For I: Yes, it can be assumed as it is mentioned clearly in the statement that SSC aspirants have decided to move towards banking field after getting fade up by paper leak of SSC, it means clearly that SSC management has not taken any proper action.

For II: Yes, it can be assumed as aspirants move to banking field by supposing that there will be no paper leak in banking examination.

For III: No, It cannot be assumed because this is regarding career in banking field which is not discussed in statement.

10. (e); For I: Yes, about counterfeiting is mentioned, whether ban on high currency notes gets success in terrorism, corruption and counterfeiting. So, we can easily assume that Govt. was concerned about the counterfeiting of notes.

For II: No, as according to statement demonetization is good or bad is a matter of debate, but its impact on weaker section is not mentioned.

For III: No, from statement we can conclude that there is revamp in tax compliance but to classify its increment into direct and indirect tax, it's not possible to assume according to statement.

11. (e); For I: True, as per vikalp plan it is certain everyone will get confirm seats, means facilities for passengers will be increased. Then it may be assumed that fares will get increased.

For II: True, as vikalp plan has come to resolve the waiting status, it means commuters would have faced issues in past.

For III: True, as there is certainty of confirm seats, Then it may be that number of commuters will increase.

12. (c); For I: False, as Mr. Y has expressed his feelings with confidence that he is enjoying his work in his current company but in assumption it is assumed that he is nervous to change his company as he don't want to move out from his comfort zone.

For II: True, as Mr. Y has said in affirmation that company is also rewarding honestly.

For III: False, as Mr. X has only asked to Mr. Y so we can't say anything about Mr. X

13. (a); The conclusion refers to "modern women" a fact that suggests the authors think their work applies to all modern women. Hence they do assume what is stated in (a).

14. (e); The paragraph is really an argument for the position that government leaders should act more quickly to address problems. So, the passage is committed to the idea that public policy is under the control of the government. It just has not been effectively used in the past so (e) cannot be the valid argument.

- 15. (a);** The statement mentions that '... majority of the victims might have been a nuisance to peace loving people. This implies that majority of the victims are wicked people though some victims are innocent people too. So, both I and II are implicit. Further, the statement advocates vehement opposition of wars. So, III is not implicit.
- 16. (e);** None of the above can be hypothesized from the above information. Option (a) is a preventive action. And it is clearly mentioned that food was kept open for almost 12 hr. and was served after reheating. It may be cause of food poisoning. But late night dinner or stale food can't be reason for food poisoning. And it is nowhere in information mentioned in urban dinner parties, this case doesn't occur.
- 17. (c);** The argument states that people who follow the appropriate strategies for counteracting their genetic susceptibilities to disease will never get sick. How can it be that they would never get sick? The argument requires an assumption about the cause of all sickness that every known disease of humans must correspond to some genetic susceptibilities. So, (c) is the correct option.
- 18. (e);** Buying in wholesale and bulk depend upon the choice of the customer's choice and may cause of financial saving.
- 19. (d);** Option (d) is an assumption. Any appeal has some effects and people generally respond positively to any appeal.
- 20. (d);** I is not valid and II is also cannot be assumed from the given statement.

- 21. (b);** The transition to cash subsidy has been made with the assumption that pilferage that takes place due to middlemen will stop.
- 22. (e);** All the statements have the additional information which can't be generally assumed.
- 23. (b);** Nothing about the sources of income of the State Governments is mentioned in the statement. So, I is not implicit. Since the Central Government has directed the State Governments to reduce expenditure, so II is implicit. Further, since the Central Government has refused any further grant to the State Governments for the next six months, it is quite clear that state Governments will abide by the directives of central Government. So, III is also implicit.
- 24. (a);** This argument is based on the assumption that if the appliances become more efficient, then more homes would not be tempted to increase their utility/consumption in the household.
- 25. (b);** Only II and III assumptions are implicit because these two are relevant with situation while I is not relevant for the statement.
- 26. (c);** Statement I is the valid assumption because the number of RDS radio increased from 1994 to 1996 so the people with RDS-equipped radios could use RDS technology. Statement II is not valid as it says that Most Verdlanders had a radio equipped to receive RDS and nothing is said about this in the passage. Statement III& V are not valid because nothing is said about station's listening area and type of programming. Statement IV can be the conclusion of the passage but not a valid assumption.

- 27. (a);** Statement II is the valid assumption as tetracycline is produced by a bacterium which is found in Nubian soil and the bacterium can develop on the grain which is used in making bread & beer.so tetracycline is formed through the process of making of bread & beer. Statement I is not valid because nothing is said in the passage about the disease other than typhos. statement III is also not valid because Typhus is a disease and the statement talks about the contamination of a disease by another disease which is wrong in the context of this passage. Statement IV & V are invalid as No information is given in the passage that bread & beer were their only items in the diet and also about Typhus is fatal or not.
- 28. (c);** Such strict actions of Delhi government made private hospitals to serve their services to poor people. So I is implicit. But nothing is mentioned about its motorization in the statement. So, II and III are not implicit.
- 29. (d);** The statement mentions that India had to pay the price of increased pollution level to earn its economic growth. So, both I and III are implicit. However, this does not imply that only industrial growth has brought about India's economic growth. So, II is not implicit.
- 30. (e);** Decline in profit will lead to closure of the company, so option a) is not valid. Establishment of new branches by the MNCs will lead to upsurge in the hiring activities. At the same time, maintenance of positive growth rate by the Indian MNC companies will help them expand their business. So only B) and C) follow.

31. (e); With the proper maintenance of tracks the safety of tracks will be enhanced and the no. of accidents will be minimized. So only a) and b) follow.

Directions (32-33):

- 32. (e);** By close observing we can say that both I and II are implicit.
- 33. (b);** By close observation we can say that only II assumption is implicit.
- 34. (b);** 'Only' word makes weak the assumption. Only IIInd assumption is implicit.
- 35. (a);** Assumption I implicit while IIInd is not.
- 36. (e);** Both I and II are implicit because people know well about K-series engine according to statement also it is important for buyers.
- 37. (b);** From the fact that the present pact is not a lasting one, the possibility of a permanent pact cannot be ruled out. So, I is not implicit. The statement mentions that the present pact is a 'fragile' one and the vital sovereignty issue still remains unresolved. So the same issue may rise again in the future. Thus, II is implicit.
- 38. (a);** A has advised B the route to Jammu. This means that B wishes to go to Jammu. So, I is implicit. The statement mentions only A's advice to B. So, II is not implicit.

Directions (39-43):

- 39. (a);** Only assumption I is implicit. The instruction was issued assuming that people tend to be little shy and less objective while writing their self-appraisal report if not so instructed. Assumption II is not properly related with the statement.
- 40. (e);** Both the assumptions I and II are implicit in the statement. If employees do not learn by observing the behavior of their bosses the statement would not have made again it has been highlighted that bosses should not be considered as merely source of reward and punishment. It implies that bosses are generally considered as source of reward and punishment. Hence assumption II is implicit.
- 41. (e);** Both assumptions I and II are implicit in the statement.
- 42. (e);** Both assumptions I and II are implicit in the statement. The statement implies clearly that length of service or seniority does not alone reflect merit of an employee. uses the word 'alone' in the assumption. If it is not possible to measure the merit of an employee why such statement has been made.
- 43. (b);** Only assumption II is implicit in the statement.

Directions (44-47):

- 44. (b);** Assumption I goes very deep. Hence it is not implicit. But assumption II is implicit.
- 45. (a);** Assumption I is implicit.
- 46. (d);** I is not implicit. II is not implicit because the PM only assumes that law and order affects the common man more than prices do.

- 47. (b);** Assumption II is implicit.
- 48. (b);** if the nature of the novels preferred by a person reflects his nature then the conclusion is properly drawn. (b) is the correct choice. (a) and (c) cannot be assumed. (d) is irrelevant to the argument.
- 49. (d);** As it is suggested that surgical skills will suffer a decline on account of the fall in the number of surgeries, so (d) is the correct answer because constant practice is the way for continuous growth. (a) concern non- invasive methods. (b) is not an assumption. As the arguments is not about why the number of surgeries has come down, (c) is incorrect.
- 50. (b);** Only II & III are implicit. It may be possible that private forums can complete the work of highway in a given time and also get financial profit.

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Statement & Inference

1. Statement: A sting operation by a news organisation called Cobrapost claims to have revealed a deeply engrained bias towards the ruling BJP within many of India's leading media groups, as well as a willingness among some of the country's most senior media executives and journalists to take money in return for pushing a political agenda.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (i) India's leading media companies are more concerned with TRP rather than showing the truth.
- (ii) The ruling party is trying to manipulate the content provided by the media.
- (iii) Some of the journalists are corrupt.
- (a) Both (i) and (ii)
- (b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (c) Only (ii)
- (d) Only (iii)
- (e) None of these

Direction (2): Study the following information in which a statement is followed by some statement, read carefully and answer the question below-

A company has X decided to increase the HRA allowances of its employees due to reallocation of the company to NCR region.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (I) The HRA allowances directly depend on the region of living of the employee.
- (II) The employees of the company X are on strike due to the reallocation of the company.
- (III) The profit amount of company X has increased so it has also increased the amount of HRA of its employees.

- (a) Both (I) and (II)
- (b) Both (II) and (III)
- (c) Only (I)
- (d) Only (III)
- (e) None of these

3. Facing flak over paper leaks, the Central Board of Secondary Education on Monday put in place a system of “encrypted” question papers, which are supposed to be printed by the schools.

“CBSE has devised a mechanism of providing encrypted question paper at the examination centres just before the commencement of examination,”

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- I. CBSE has considered encrypted system as safe way to conduct a fare exam.
- II. There will be safe and secure room for installation of computers and printers which will have high speed internet connection.
- III. Question paper will be provided to centres in the form of zip file which will be password protected.

- (a) Only I
- (b) Both I and III
- (c) Both I and II
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of these

4. Begusarai, a district in Bihar which has seen the phase of kidnapping, extortion, murder to “The Industrial city of Bihar”. Nowadays there are 4 major industries in Begusarai. Growth rate of Begusarai is top amongst all districts of Bihar and 5th among all districts of India in year 2017.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- I. Opportunities of the employment has been increased in Begusarai.
 - II. There is no case of murder, kidnapping and extortion in 2017.
 - III. People of Begusarai are hardworking and keen to go forward.
 - IV. Top industrialists of India are desirous to have their industry in Begusarai.
- (a) Only II
 - (b) Only I and III
 - (c) Only I
 - (d) Only III and IV
 - (e) None of these

Direction (5): Study the following information in which a statement is followed by some statement, read carefully and answer the question below-

There are some criteria which will be considered during appraisal of employee-Statement by manager of a company.

Punctuality and sincerity are one of the key points which will surely reviewed.

Hard work and dedication towards work will be applauded.

Just to quantify an amount in the salary package of employee with no reason will not be entertained.

5. Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- I. Punching machine of office will be evaluated by HR.
- II. There will be minimum 10% increment for deserving employee based on their performance.
- III. Some of employees of company have done a tremendous job with complete determination and enthusiasm.

- (a) Only I
 - (b) Both II and III
 - (c) Both I and III
 - (d) Only III
 - (e) None of these
6. **Statement:** Mr. Thompson- "People generally carries grudge from their past relationship instead of being happy with sweet memories and learn from its experience. One can move with its all learning and can bring positivity further in life". Which of the following can be inferred from Mr. Thompson statement?
- (I) Relationship is a mixture of grudge, memories and learnings.
 - (II) Positivity is just a myth, Grudge is not just a bite of cake to digest it.
 - (III) Grudge is hindrance in growth of life.
- (a) Only II
 - (b) Only I and III
 - (c) Only II and III
 - (d) Only I
 - (e) None of these
7. **Statement:** Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal who is much concerned for the social security, education and health system has visited Government hospital for the inspection of medicines and availability of doctors. At the same time when Mr. Kejriwal was on inspection, a dalit boy has been beaten by some goons near a police station which was at 100 m away from the place of incident. Spokesperson of Delhi Government has stated that Delhi police is under Central Government, so we face hindrance to achieve social security.
Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (I) Delhi Government has good intentions to have peace and maintaining law and order in city.
 - (II) Kejriwal Government has built many govt. schools with advance amenities to improve education system.
 - (III) There is a difference between monopolies of Central and State Government.
- (a) Only III
 - (b) Only I and II
 - (c) Only I and III
 - (d) Only I
 - (e) None of these

Direction (8-9): In the following question a statement is given followed by an inference. You have to read the statement and decide which of the following option logically follows among the given options.

Mr. Singh, a chief editor of The Times of India writes DeMon demon: The most ill-considered economic move by the Modi government has been demonetization.

Following the release of RBI's annual report, it is clear Almost 99.3% of demonetized currency was returned by its holders. From an economic standpoint, it is the most ill-advised move of the Narendra Modi government. Out of the Rs. 15.42-lakh crore, Rs. 15.31 lakh crore has come back to the banking system. The expectation that those who had hoarded their ill-gotten wealth in cash would fear depositing or exchanging these at banks. Far from dealing a body blow to black money, demonetization inflicted avoidable pain on farmers, daily wage labourers and informal enterprises used to transact in cash.

8. Inference: A huge amount of black money had been there which was circulated in market.

On the basis of statement, mark your answer as:

- (a) If the inference is definitely true
 - (b) If the inference is probably true
 - (c) If the data provided is inadequate
 - (d) If the inference is probably false
 - (e) If the inference is definitely false
- 9. *Inference:*** Reality about black money is not known but it's a clear fact that normal people suffered a lot mostly daily wage workers and farmers.
- On the basis of statement, mark your answer as:
- (a) If the inference is definitely true
 - (b) If the inference is probably true
 - (c) If the data provided is inadequate
 - (d) If the inference is probably false
 - (e) If the inference is definitely false
- 10. *Statement:*** Every holy river in India is going to lose its holiness and the percentage of pollution is only increasing in spite of spending millions of rupees for its treatment by the government. Which of the following can be an **inference** of the above statement?
- (a) The government is not serious about cleaning rivers in India.
 - (b) Pollution divests rivers of their holiness.
 - (c) India is using polluted river water for drinking purposes.
 - (d) India is averse to seeking overseas technical help for cleaning its rivers.
 - (e) None of these
- 11. *Statement:*** Reliance Jio SIM is now said to be available for purchase by anyone with a 4G phone. Multiple users on Twitter are reporting that they've been able to purchase a Reliance Jio SIM with their non-Lyf/ Samsung/ LG phone, though others claim

that the Reliance Digital officials are unaware of this new offer. It had emerged that Reliance Jio had opened its Jio Preview offer to more Samsung smartphones and select LG smartphones, which means owners of these smartphones can walk in to the nearest Reliance Digital or Xpress Mini Store to get a new Jio SIM with 3 months of unlimited data, voice calling, and SMS, as well as access to Jio apps and services like Jio on Demand.

Which of the following can be **inferred** from the given statement? (An inference is something that is not directly stated but can be inferred from the given information)

- I. These changes would improve the economics of building up internet services.
 - II. Reliance Jio is enhancing its cost base in mobile infrastructure.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only II
 - (c) Either I or II
 - (d) Neither I nor II
 - (e) Both I and II

12. Statement: Persistent weakness in global demand and the lower value of oil products led India's merchandise exports to fall for the sixth straight month in May, while a decline in gold imports helped the trade deficit narrow to a three-month low.

Which of the following **inference** drawn is probably false according to the above statement?

- (a) There will be softening of oil products in the global market.
- (b) Rupee will appreciate against the dollar.
- (c) There will be an increase in the collection of indirect taxes in the month of April and May.
- (d) There will be an increase in the domestic demand of gold and jewellery.
- (e) Only (b) and (d)

13. It is a popular misconception that nuclear fusion power is free of radioactivity; in fact the deuterium-tritium reaction that nuclear scientists are currently exploring, produces both alpha particles and neutrons.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above?

- (a) Nuclear fusion does not involve production of alpha particles, and neutrons.
- (b) Production of alpha particles and neutrons constitutes radioactivity.
- (c) Nuclear fusion does not result in radioactivity.
- (d) The deuterium-tritium reaction is an example of nuclear fission.
- (e) None of these

14. The human body responds to a viral infection by producing antibodies. An antibody can either interfere with a virus' ability to bind to a cell, or can prevent it from releasing its nucleic acid. Unfortunately, the common cold, produced most often by rhino viruses, is intractable to antiviral defense. Humans have difficulty resisting colds because rhinoviruses are so diverse, including at least 100 strains.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above passage?

- (a) An antibody cannot attack all types of rhino viruses.
- (b) Common cold producing rhino viruses can easily be destroyed by antibodies.
- (c) Common cold is not amenable to any medical treatment.
- (d) Rhinoviruses are capable of destroying antibodies produced by human body.
- (e) None of these

15. Simone de Beauvoir's work greatly influenced Betty Friedan's — indeed made it possible. Why then was it Friedan who became

the prophet of women's emancipation in the United States? Political conditions, as well as a certain anti-intellectual bias, prepared Americans and the American media to receive Friedan better than Beauvoir.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above?

- (a) Beauvoir's work had a distinct anti-woman stance.
- (b) Political conditions during Friedan's times were more stable than during Beauvoir's times.
- (c) The works of Friedan were more appealing to the common people than those of Beauvoir.
- (d) Friedan plagiarized the works of Beauvoir.
- (e) None of these

16. Margaret: Earth is situated at such a distance from the sun, that it is neither too near to be very hot nor too far to be very cold. Thus if another planet could be present at almost the same distance from the sun, it would definitely sustain human life.

Mary: You seem to assume that climate is the only essential condition for life. But if oxygen and water are not found in such a planet it cannot sustain human life.

Which of the following can be inferred from Mary's reply?

- (a) Presence of oxygen and water is more important than climatic conditions to sustain human life.
- (b) There is no possibility of such a planet.
- (c) Human life could exist even in planets which are not at a similar distance from the sun as the earth is; provided they have oxygen and water.
- (d) Oxygen and water are factors in addition to proper climate to support human life in a planet.
- (e) None of these

Directions (17): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below.

The centre reportedly wants to continue providing subsidy to consumers for cooking gas and kerosene for five more years. This is not good news from the point of view of reining in the fiscal deficit. Mounting subventions for subsidies means diversion of savings by the government from investment to consumption, raising the cost of capital in the process.

The government must cut expenditure on subsidies to create more fiscal space for investments in both physical and social infrastructure. It should outline a plan for comprehensive reform in major subsidies including petroleum, food and fertilizers and set goals.

17. Which of the following is an **inference** which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- (a) India's fiscal deficit is negligible in comparison to other emerging economies in the world.
- (b) Subsidy on food and fertilizers are essential for growth of Indian economy.
- (c) Reform in financial sector will weaken India's position in the international arena.
- (d) Gradual withdrawal of subsidy is essential for effectively managing fiscal deficit in India.
- (e) None of these

18. On Tuesday, Germany PM Merkel met with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The two leaders signed eight agreements pertaining mostly to cooperation on job skills development and environmental issues. This meeting could not have been more positive and cordial.

"We are meant for each other," Modi told Merkel, smiling widely. What can be inferred from Modi's remark "meant for each other" to Merkel?

- (i) He has grown fond of Merkel
 - (ii) He made a slip-up
 - (iii) He meant to say that India needs help from Germany for development.
- (a) Only (ii)
 - (b) Only (i)
 - (c) Only (iii)
 - (d) All (i), (ii) and (iii)
 - (e) None of these

19. Statement-The indigenous GSLV-Mark III makes a bid to breach a heavy-lift rocket club that can put four-tonne satellites into space.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (I) With the launch, ISRO has demonstrated its mastery in developing a cryogenic engine, a technology denied to it years ago. It has also laid a strong foundation for its ambitious future projects, including Chandrayan-II and a manned mission, besides venturing into the global heavy payload market.
 - (II) With this launch India will become most powerful country in the world.
 - (III) India has become more powerful than China with this heavy GSLV-Mark III satellite.
 - (IV) The launch proves the homegrown launch vehicle's capability of hurling up to four tonne payload into higher orbits.
- (a) Only I and II
 - (b) Only III
 - (c) Only II and IV
 - (d) Only III and II
 - (e) Only I and IV

20. Statement- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has vowed his country will go "above and beyond" the 2015 Paris accord on combating climate change.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (i) India is not in a condition to accept the Paris accord.
- (ii) India has made a significant progress since 2015.
- (iii) India understand the impact of carbon emissions on climate change and is willing to do more on this issue.
- (a) Both (i) and (iii)
- (b) Both (ii) and (iii)
- (c) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (d) Only (iii)
- (e) None of these.

21. Statement- The "kidnapping" case of a retired Pakistan army officer in Nepal could not be taken to the ICJ or the UN on the basis of "assumptions" as there is no "concrete evidence" suggesting India's hand in it, a minister has told Parliament.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (I) The issue appeared to have a link with the conviction of Kulbushan Jadhav.
- (II) It can be said that Indian intelligence agency RAW is behind the kidnapping.
- (III) The FO (foreign officers) was trying to obtain solid evidence and the Nepalese government had been asked to get in touch with three Indians who had received the Pakistan army officer at the airport.
- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (III)
- (c) Only (II)
- (d) Both (II) and (III)
- (e) None of these

22. Statement-Vice-President Hamid Ansari launches M-power to empower special kids through magic.

- (I) The Academy has imparted free magic training for the children with an objective of creating confidence and self-esteem among them under a special programme titled "M-Power".
- (II) This programme also aims at reducing the barriers in the path of a differently-abled person and creating conducive environment for his/her holistic development
- (III) Government will ensure that such children have access to school so that they can live their life in a more desirable manner.

Which of the following can be inferred from given statement?

- (a) Only II and III
- (b) Only I and III
- (c) Only II
- (d) Only I and II
- (e) None of these

23. Statement- The banks of Ganga to go eco-friendly, 'Green Crematoriums' to be set up in villages. This 'ecologically-responsible cremation' will safeguard the environment by putting in best practices during cremations.

- (I) It will help in a bid to use less wood and protect the Ganga and other rivers from pollution.
- (II) Zero cremations in the open would ensure that no ash and no carbon emissions are dumped into the river that ends up getting polluted in the normal course.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II and I
- (c) None of the above
- (d) Either I or II
- (e) All of the above

24. Statement:- Some people like to start slow when they pick up a new sport. Others like to take on the 49-time undefeated champion. That's what mixed martial arts champ Conor McGregor plans to do this August when he enters the boxing ring to face off against Floyd Mayweather. A gimmick? Possibly. A blockbuster money-maker? Almost definitely.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (I) It is not advisable to pick up a new sport.
 - (II) Gimmick sports events are able to draw people's attention.
 - (III) It is highly unlikely for McGregor to win against Floyd.
- (a) Only (III)
 - (b) Only (I) and (II)
 - (c) Only (III) and (I)
 - (d) Both (II) and (III)
 - (e) All (I), (II) and (III)

25. China has confirmed that it shut down the Nathu La pass in Sikkim and denied entry to Kailash Mansarovar (located in Tibet) pilgrims because of an on-going stand-off between Indian and Chinese troops at the border and on account of "security reasons".

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (I) The Indian border guards in Sikkim section crossed the border into the territory of China, obstructed the Chinese border troops from conducting normal activities. China has taken corresponding measures.
- (II) The Chinese side asked the Indian side to respect the border treaty, respect the territorial sovereignty of China, carry out the immediate withdrawal of border officials and thoroughly investigate the matter, to maintain peace and tranquility in the Chinese-Indian border.

(III) China is keenly watching the defence agreements set to be inked by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump in Washington, with particular attention on the deal for surveillance drones that would boost India's capabilities in the Indian Ocean.

- (a) Only II and I
- (b) Only III and I
- (c) Only II and III
- (d) All of the above
- (e) None of these

26. Statement-"Killing in name of cow protection is unacceptable, it's not something Mahatma Gandhi would approve":- says Indian PM Modi.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (I) India and our freedom fighters would be proud of having cows in our country.
 - (II) Mahatma Gandhi was a big supporter of non-violence .He always resist killing of innocents.
 - (III) Cow is India's national animal so we should protect it.
- (a) Only (III)
 - (b) Only (II)
 - (c) Only (I)
 - (d) Both (II) and (III)
 - (e) None of these

27. Statement:- Days after news of the massive IS recruitment drive from north Kerala's villages in mid-2016 shocked the state, Kerala police launched a silent but strategic de-radicalisation drive named Operation Pigeon for youths, aimed at preventing a repeat of a previous year situation.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (i) All districts reported footprints of IS recruiters who had made more than preliminary contacts with them.
 - (ii) The police organised individual and collective counselling sessions for the youth. The sessions were handled by specially-trained personnel from NIA and IB.
 - (iii) Kerala's youth have been vulnerable to intelligence agencies, who have been sending letters to them through pigeons.
- (a) Only (i) and (iii)
 - (b) All (i), (ii), (iii)
 - (c) Only (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Only (i) and (ii)
 - (e) None of these

28. Statement:- Amidst the increasing tension between the two countries, China on Wednesday said that it was open to discussing with India "the possibility of alternative arrangements through other routes for Indian official yatris who had planned to visit Kailash and Mansarovar via Nathu La Pass".

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (i) China stalled this year's pilgrimage from Sikkim and through the Nathu La pass.
 - (ii) An Indian soldier was released by China recently.
 - (iii) There are no other routes to Kailash and Mansarovar except Nathu La Pass.
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only (ii)
 - (c) Only (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Only (i) and (iii)
 - (e) None of these

29. Statement-India will first time invite heads of 10 Asean nations for Republic Day 2018 celebrations. Asean is the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. It has as members Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (I) Republic Day 2018 will be the first time ever that so many leaders will together be chief guests at the parade which showcases India's military might.
 - (II) India is the only country which celebrates republic day among Southeast Asian Nations.
 - (III) India and Asean are actively engaged in comprehensive economic partnership', which is expected to emerge as the largest regional trading arrangement.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Only (II) and (I)
 - (c) Only (III) and (II)
 - (d) Only (II)
 - (e) None of these

30. Statement:- India's rivers Ganga and Yamuna cannot be viewed as living entities, the Supreme Court has ruled. It overruled an order made in March by the High Court in Uttarakhand state, which said that the two rivers had the same legal status as human beings.

Which of the following could be inferred from the above statement?

- (i) The Supreme Court is not serious about the cleansing of the rivers.
- (ii) It was legally unsustainable to consider a river as a living entity.

(iii) Digitalization and modernization rather than worshipping rivers is the right approach towards growth.

- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (ii) and (iii)
- (d) Only (i) and (iii)
- (e) None of these

31. Statement:- The Supreme Court on Monday allowed IITs, NITs and other engineering colleges to go ahead with their admission process on the basis of JEE merit list.

Which of the following could be inferred from the above statement?

- (i) The apex court had earlier observed some faults in the entrance process and stayed the ongoing counseling and admission in IITs, NIITs, IIITs and all government-funded engineering colleges.
 - (ii) Supreme Court has no right to interfere and cause delay in the admission of the candidates as their future career depends on it.
 - (iii) There is a lack of sufficient evidence to decide if there were some discrepancies in the admission process which had motivated the Supreme Court to put a stay on the ongoing admission process earlier.
- (a) Only (iii)
 - (b) Only (ii)
 - (c) Only (ii) and (iii)
 - (d) Only (i) and (iii)
 - (e) None of these

32. The US Transportation Security Administration said on Monday it had lifted a ban on passengers on Saudi Arabian Airlines carrying large electronics like laptops onboard US-bound flights, the last carrier under the restrictions.

Which of the following can be inferred from the given statement?

- (I) US officials had earlier imposed restrictions on passengers carrying laptops and other large electronic gear.
 - (II) US officials announced new security requirements for all airlines rather than an expansion of the laptop ban and have been dropping the restrictions from airlines as they boosted security.
 - (III) The US Department of Homeland Security issued a revised directive to airlines around the world in response to security measures.
- (a) Only (III)
 - (b) Only (II)
 - (c) Only (I)
 - (d) All (I),(II) and (III)
 - (e) None of these

33. Statement:- The Republican Party's efforts to gut former President Barack Obama's legacy health care law came to an abrupt -- if temporary -- halt last Monday night.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (i) This halt is a setback for Republicans who have been against the law.
 - (ii) It is now apparent that the effort to repeal and immediately replace the Obama care laws will not be successful.
 - (iii) Americans will have to cope up with Obama's health care laws forever.
- (a) Only (i)
 - (b) Only (ii) and (i)
 - (c) Only (iii) and (i)
 - (d) Only (ii) and (iii)
 - (e) None of these.

34. Statement: Pakistan cricketer Kamran Akmal, on Thursday, accused former national coach Waqar Younis of causing damage to Pakistan cricket. The wicketkeeper-batsman slammed Waqar for not being able to guide Pakistan to success during his two separate tenures as head coach in 2010-2011 and 2014-2016.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (i) Pakistan was unable to win any match during the tenure of Waqar.
- (ii) Kamran was kept out of the team by Waqar.
- (iii) Kamran wants to apply as a coach for Pakistan team.
- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) Only (i) and (iii)
- (e) None of these

35. Statement: England boss Mark Sampson says France coach Olivier Echouafni is "wet behind the ears when it comes to tournament football" as the teams prepare to meet in the last eight of Women's Euro 2017.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above statement?

- (i) Betting odds are in favour of England to win the tournament.
- (ii) England will meet France in the finals of the tournament.
- (iii) Mark is more experienced than Olivier, when it comes to tournament football.
- (a) Only (i)
- (b) Only (ii)
- (c) Only (iii)
- (d) Only (i) and (ii)
- (e) None of these

Solutions

1. **(d);** Statement (i) cannot be inferred as nothing relating to the TRP is mentioned in the statement.
Statement (ii) cannot be inferred as the statement is only concerned with the bias of media executives and journalists towards a particular party which does not necessarily mean that the ruling party is involved in it.
The fact that some of the senior media executives and journalists were willing to take money in return for pushing a political agenda clearly points to their corrupt intentions. So statement (iii) can be inferred.
2. **(c);** Only statement I can be inferred from the given statement as HRA allowance increase after reallocation which clearly indicates that both are directly related to each other. But II and III cannot be inferred as we cannot state that strike is the reason behind the rise in allowance. And also increase in profit cannot be a factor to increase the allowance which the statement also states that the decision has been taken after the reallocation.
3. **(d);** For I: Yes, as according to statement CBSE has issued instruction to centres regarding encrypted systems it means CBSE has considered it as safe measures.
For II: Yes, as it is mentioned in statement, encrypted paper are supposed to be printed by schools and as it's a matter of safety of paper so its obvious there will be safe and secure room for installation and its sure that high speed internet will be needed to decrypt question paper.
For III: Yes, Question paper in the form of encryption it means that question paper will be in the form of zip file and as it is a matter of safety to prevent it from leak and it is obvious that it will be password protected.

4. (b); For I: Yes, as it is mentioned in statement that nowadays there are 4 major industries in Begusarai, then it is obvious employment will increase.

For II: No, we cannot say that there is no case of murder, kidnapping or extortion, we can only say it has been reduced. But this reduction has touch the figure of zero, it cannot be inferred.

For III: Yes, as it is mentioned growth rate of Begusarai is top in Bihar and 5th among all districts in India, and Begusarai has moved from the phase of darkness. It clearly indicates that people of Begusarai are hardworking and keen to move forward.

For IV: No, it has been mentioned that nowadays Begusarai has 4 major industries but we cannot say that top industrialists have desire to have their industry in Begusarai.

Direction (5):

5. (a); For I: Yes, it can be inferred from the given statements as it is clearly mentioned punctuality and sincerity are one of the key points which will surely reviewed.

For II: No, it is clear from the given statements that there will be increment but percentage cannot be inferred.

For III: No, as it is mentioned by manager that hard work and dedication towards work will be applauded. But, Is there some employee who have done their work with complete determination and enthusiasm, it cannot be inferred. We can assume it but it cannot be inferred from it.

6. (b); For I: True, according to Mr. Thompson, description of relationship is given in sense of all three points i.e. Grudge, memories and learnings.

For II: False, It is just opposite of thinking of Mr. Thompson.

For III: True, Mr. Thompson indirectly wants to say by leaving grudge, one can bring positivity in life.

- 7. (d);** For I: True, as we consider statement 100% true and in statement spokesperson of Delhi Govt. has clearly mention the concern of Delhi Government. It shows their intention.
For II: False, it is clear Delhi Government is much concerned about education system, but it cannot be inferred that Govt schools has been built.
For III: False, there is a difference between cooperation of State Government and Central Government, but we cannot inferred about monopolies.

Direction (8-9):

- 8. (b);** The inference is probably true because according to the statement it is likely to be true that there had been black money which was to be recovered, it cannot be definitely true because out of the Rs. 15.42-lakh crore, Rs. 15.31 lakh crore has come back to the banking system.
- 9. (a);** The inference is definitely true as certainty about black money is not known but it is clearly mentioned that demonetization inflicted avoidable pain on farmers, daily wage labourers and informal enterprises used to transact in cash.
- 10. (b);** Pollution divests rivers of their holiness.
- 11. (b);** First one can be directly concluded from the statement. Second one can be inferred from the statement as the main motive of Reliance Jio is the enhancement in the field of mobile infrastructure which is there in the statement in hidden manner
- 12. (d);** Note that there has been a decline in gold imports.

- 13. (b);** The deuterium—tritium reaction is given as example to prove that the popular misconception that nuclear fusion does not involve radioactivity is wrong. Hence (b) is the correct alternative. (a) and (c) contradict the passage. (d) cannot be inferred from the passage.
- 14. (a);** From the passage it can be inferred that an antibody cannot incapacitate rhinoviruses so (a) is the correct answer. (b) cannot be inferred from the passage.
- 15. (c);** As the passage mentions about “anti-intellectual bias”, (c) must be the correct alternative. (a) cannot be inferred. (b) is not given in the passage. (d) cannot be inferred from the passage.
- 16. (d);** Mary's reply suggest that oxygen and water are also necessary in addition to a conductive climate to sustain human life. Mary does not talk about the relative importance of oxygen and water and climatic conditions. (a) is inappropriate and (b),(c) can't be inferred from Mary's reply. (d) Gradual withdrawal of subsidy is essential for effectively managing fiscal deficit in India.
- 17. (d);** Gradual withdrawal of subsidy is essential for effectively managing fiscal deficit in India.
- 18. (e);** Clearly the statement was made in context of India's relationship with Germany and mean that both countries have a mutual interest to serve or help each other. So, both (i) and (ii) can not be inferred.
(iii) cannot be inferred as the word “each other” signifies that India too have something to offer to Germany.

19. (e); In the above question we have to find the statement which we can drive from the above statement.

For I-This statement states the ability of ISRO in developing cryogenic engine ,So the I statement is true .

For II-Not true, because it cannot be said that this launch will make India most powerful nation .

For III- Not true, because It cannot be concluded from the given statement.

For IV- True, because It is clear from the given statement that ISRO has the capability of throwing four tonne payload into higher orbits.

20. (d); Here “above and beyond” is used as an idiom which means doing more than expectations and requirements. So, (iii) can be clearly inferred. Whereas (i) is contrary to Modi’s statement. (ii) Cannot be inferred as there is nothing mentioned in the statement to make this deduction.

21. (b); In the above question we have to find the statement which can be inferred from the given statement. Only (III) will be true because this issue requires solid evidences and enquiry regarding Pakistan army officer kidnapping. Both (I) and (II) are false because we cannot say that if this issue has a link with Kulbushan Jadhav’s case or this issue has some involvement of RAW.

22. (d); In the following question we have to find which of the following can be inferred from the given statement.

For I-This statement describes about the motive of the M-Power programme launched for the differently abled children so this can be inferred from the given statement.

For II- This statement states about the importance of the programme and how it will help special children. So this can also be inferred from the given statement.

For III-It is not mentioned in the given statement about whether Government is planning to provide access to school to such children. So it can not be inferred from the given statement.

23. (e); In the above we have to find which of the following can be indirectly stated from the given statement.

For I-This statement can be inferred from the given statement because this initiative has been taken up to protect Ganga from pollution as it is given that banks will go ecofriendly.

For II-This can also be inferred from the given statement because if no ash or no carbon emission are deposit in the river then the pollution will get reduced which will ensure clean environment.

24. (d); There is not enough evidence in the statement to conclude (I). It is mentioned in the statement that the event is a gimmick but is also a block buster money maker which clearly suggest that such events are able to draw people's attention, so, (II) can also be inferred. As it is given in the statement that Floyd is a 49-time undefeated champion whereas boxing is a new sport for McGregor, so (III) can also be inferred.

25. (a); In the above we have to find which of the following can be assumed from the given statement.

For I-This statement is true. It describes that Indian border guards crossed Chinese border which interrupts their normal activities which might have motivated China to shut down the Nathu La pass.

For II- This can also be inferred from the given statement. It describes China's take over this whole issue as it said that India should not go into Chinese-held areas and should maintain peace along the border.

For III-This statement cannot be inferred from the given statement because it states about the defence agreement signed between India and US on deal regarding drones whereas the given statement describes China's stand on border issue with India.

26. (e); For I-This cannot be assumed from the given statement as it is nowhere mentioned that India and its freedom fighters are proud of cows.

For II-This cannot be inferred as it is given in the above statement that Mahatma Gandhi would not support "Killing in the name of cow" which presumably means killing of innocent people in the name of cow protection, whereas statement (II) is only concerned with killing of cows.

For III-This also cannot be assumed from the given statement as it is not given that cow is India's national animal.

27. (d); In this question, we have to choose an option which can be inferred from the given statement.

Statement (i) can be inferred as it is given in the statement that IS recruiters have been active in the past in that state.

Statement (ii) can also be inferred as it is given in the statement that a de-radicalization drive has been initiated.

Statement (iii) cannot be inferred as nothing is mentioned about the medium of communication used or any other investigating agency's involvement. Operation Pigeon is just the name of the de-radicalization drive.

28. (a); In this question we have to choose an option which can be inferred from the facts given in the statement.

Statement (i) can definitely be inferred as it is given in the statement that China is willing to discuss the alternative routes for Indian pilgrims and there was an increase in tension between the two countries.

Statement (ii) cannot be inferred as it is not related to the statement.

Statement (iii) cannot be inferred as it is given in the statement that China is willing to discuss alternative routes.

29. (a); In the above question we have to find which statement gives the indirect conclusion of the given statement.

For I-This statement can be inferred from the given statement because it describes that Republic day 2018 will witness so many leaders for the first time which is also mentioned in the given statement that for the first time India will invite heads of 10 Asean nations for Republic Day 2018 celebrations.

For II-This statement cannot be inferred from the given statement as it is not mentioned in the given statement.

For III-This also cannot be inferred as no information is given about India and Asean's economic partnership.

30. (b); In this question we have to choose an option which can be inferred from the given statement.

Statement (i) cannot be inferred as the Supreme Court only denied giving a living entity status to the river which does not mean it's not serious about the river pollution.

Statement (ii) can be inferred as it was not practical and could lead to complicated legal situations, even claims against the rivers in cases of flooding or drowning.

Statement (iii) is cannot be inferred as nothing of the sort is mentioned in the statement.

31. (d); In this question, we have to choose an option which can be inferred from the given statement.

Option (i) can be inferred as it is given in the statement that the Supreme Court has allowed these institutions to carry on with the admission process which implies that it must have observed some faults and stayed the admission process earlier.

Option (ii) cannot be inferred as it is nowhere mentioned in the statement that Supreme Court deliberately interfered with the admission process or had any intention to cause any delays.

Option (iii) can be inferred as lack of sufficient evidence must be the only reason why Supreme Court has given a go ahead to the admission process which it had stayed earlier.

32. (c); For I- This statement can be inferred from the given statement because it is given that US Security Administration had lifted a ban on passengers carrying large electronics like laptops so it is clear that US officials had earlier imposed restrictions on passengers carrying laptops. For II- This statement cannot be inferred from the given statement because nothing is mentioned in the given statement about the new security requirements announced by US officials.

For III- This statement also cannot be inferred from the given statement because it is nowhere mentioned about the revised directive to airlines issued by US Department of Homeland Security.

33. (b); In this question, we have to choose an option which can be inferred from the given statement.

Option (i) can be inferred as it is given in the statement that Republicans were trying to scrap Obama's health care laws.

Option (ii) can also be inferred as it is given in the statement that the efforts to gut Obama's health care law came to an abrupt and may be temporary halt which means the law cannot be replaced immediately.

Option (iii) cannot be inferred as the word temporary in the statement suggests that the halt may not be permanent and that the law can indeed be scraped by Republicans in the near future.

34. (e); In this question, we have to choose an option which can be inferred from the facts given in the statement.

Option (i) cannot be assumed from the statement as we don't know the number of matches played and won by Pakistan.

Option (ii) is also not a correct choice as we cannot assume that the personal indifferences were the cause for the criticism by Waqar.

Option (iii) is also not a correct choice as nothing of the sort has been mentioned in the statement and it's a far-fledged assumption.

35. (c); In this question, we have to choose an option which can be inferred from the above statement.

Option (i) cannot be inferred from the statement, as difference between the experiences of two coaches does not necessarily translate into likelihood of a particular team to win.

Option (ii) cannot be inferred, as it is given in the statement that England will meet France in the last eight which means quarterfinals.

Option (iii) can be inferred as it is given in the statement that Olivier Echouafni is "wet behind the ears when it comes to tournament football" which means the French coach does not have enough experience behind him.



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1. In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as-
 - (a) If statements I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
 - (b) If statements II is the cause and statement I is its effect.
 - (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
 - (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
 - (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

(I) DMRC's 9,000-strong workforce of non-executive employees has been taking part in sit-in protests at different metro stations.

(II) Demand of Delhi metro employees is a revision of salaries and pay-grades and payment of arrears, apart from other demand like the right to form a union.
 2. In the following question, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship.
- Statement I.** Unemployment situation in Country X has worsened over the past couple of years.
- Statement II.** The government of country X has been promoting automation in various sectors to achieve higher growth rates.

- (a) Statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect;
(b) Statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect;
(c) Both the statements I-and II are independent causes;
(d) Both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes;
(e) Both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.
3. Honorable Supreme Court has made amendments in SC/ST act that there will be no instant arrest in case of harijan act and case will be investigated by DSP rank police officer instead of Inspector and then only it will be decided by DSP rank officer to continue investigation in it.
What may be the effect after this amendment?
I. Oppression towards harijan may increases and equality in the society will be disturbed.
II. Leaders of backward class and harijan may call Bhart bandh against the amendments made by supreme court of India.
III. Leaders of some parties may go on strike to put pressure on Central Govt. to abolish reservation system as this is the right to put pressure on Central Govt.
(a) Both II and III
(b) Only I
(c) Both I and II
(d) All of the above
(e) None of these
4. Which of the following may be ***cause/effect*** in respect to amendments in Public Premises act?
(I) New ministers and parliamentarians will get accommodation on right time.
(II) Hunger strike is called by India against corruption leader Anna Hajare.

(III) A RTI was filed by congress MP 2 years ago who had not get Govt. Bungalow for 5 months after becoming MP.

- (a) I is cause and II is effect
- (b) I and II is effect
- (c) I is cause and III is effect
- (d) III is cause and I is effect
- (e) None of these

Direction (5-6): Study the following information and answer the questions that follow:

The planet is warming, from north pole to south pole, and everywhere in between. Globally, the mercury is already up by more than 1 degree Fahrenheit (0.8 degree Celsius) or even more in sensitive polar regions. The effects of rising temperature are waiting for some far-flung future. They're happening right now. Signs are appearing all over, and some of them are surprising. The extreme weather events, the historic drought conditions over large parts of the world, the fast melting of Greenland's ice surface and the intensity of Hurricane Sandy are examples of the changes to global weather patterns that can be expected from an overall rise in Earth's surface temperature.

5. Which of the following would be the ill effect(s) of the increasing global warming on the earth?
- I. Increase in sea level on the earth.
 - II. Mangrove forests will get submerged under water.
 - III. Low-lying areas of the world would be under water.
 - IV. Floods and droughts would become more common.
- (a) Only I
 - (b) Only I and II
 - (c) Only I, II, III
 - (d) Only I, III and IV
 - (e) All of these.

6. Which of the following is/are the main **cause** of increasing global warming in the world?
- (a) Increasing deforestation in the world
 - (b) Ozone layer depletion
 - (c) Increasing world population
 - (d) Increasing pollution in the world
 - (e) Can't be inferred from the passage

Direction (7-8): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions.

Too little has changed with the practice of child labour in our country, despite tall promises made by our leaders. A good proportion of children throughout the world, especially in India, form a part of the working labour force. Millions of children work in fields and factories, on street corners and in garbage dumps, in private houses and public houses. These children certainly would pose a threat to society, if they are not treated equal and given opportunities to develop towards the best of their potential despite being poorly educated. The existence of child labour in India is a complex reality. However, it is a symptom, not the disease.

7. Which of the following is the **main cause** of the rising child labour in India?
- (a) Extreme poverty
 - (b) Unstable and poor income
 - (c) Parental illiteracy
 - (d) More number of dependent children
 - (e) All of these

- 8.** Which of the following can be the **main effect** of the increasing child labour in India?

Increasing number of crimes in India
Increasing unemployment
Increased number of unskilled labour force
Increase in illiteracy rate
(a) Only I
(b) Only I and II
(c) Only II and III
(d) Only III and IV
(e) Only III

Directions (9-11): Each of the questions below consists of two statements labeled I and II. These statements may be effects of independent causes or of a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choices correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

- (a) If statement I is the cause and the statement II is its effect.
(b) If statement II is the cause and the statement I is its effect.
(c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
(d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
(e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

- 9.** (I) The bank has provided a link on its website to obtain feedback from customers.
(II) Customers have been complaining about poor services in the bank's branches.

- 10.** (I) The production of pulses has dropped for the third consecutive year.
(II) India has decided to import pulses this year.

- 11.** (I) Budgetary allocation for building a better railway network, e.g. constructing new railway lines, has increased.
(II) There has been a substantial drop in the number of passengers and they are opting for air travel.
- 12.** Read the following statements and answer the question.
- I. Finally, the government has decided to sell off its sick industrial units, which have become a burden to it.
II. Corruption, inefficiency and red-tapism have led to heavy losses to the government owned industrial units.
- Which of the following is true with respect to the above statements?
- (a) Statement I is the cause and Statement II is its effect
(b) Statement II is the cause and Statement I is its effect
(c) Both statement I and II are independent causes
(d) Both statements I and II are effects of independent causes
(e) Both statement I and II are effect of the same cause
- 13.** The power distribution companies (Discos) are set to conduct 12-hour load shedding in urban areas during summer season as the gap between electricity demand and generation is expected to exceed 7,000MW after mid of April. The loadshedding in rural areas would be more than 14 hours in scorching heat, they said quoting the Discos' report sent to the Ministry of Water and Power on expected power cuts. The electricity demand is considered to touch more than 21,000MW after a month, but its generation from hydel, thermal and IPPs components would remain below 15,000MW which includes around 6,000MW from hydel and 9,000MW from Wapda-owned Gencos (generation companies) and private IPPs (independent power producers).

In the given question, two statements numbered I and II are given based on the given passage. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in question based on the given passage and mark your answer as-

Statements:

- I. Rural areas in the country have been suffering due to load shedding for quite some time.
 - II. If the Government is not able to overcome the power crisis, load shedding will be extended even to the urban areas.
- (a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect
 - (b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect
 - (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes
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 - (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause
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Statements:

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15. Effect- The price of food grains and vegetables have increased by about 30% in the past three months. Which of the following can be a probable cause of the above effect?

- (a) The farmers have decided to change their farming style.
- (b) The prices of other products have increased more than 30%.
- (c) The number of farmers has reduced.
- (d) Occupation of farming has not been viewed as a reputed work.
- (e) None of the above

16. Cause- The income tax authorities carried out raids at three different business houses in the city last week.

Which of the following can be a possible effect of the above statement?

- (a) The three business houses are regular defaulters in payment of their income tax.
- (b) The income tax department has received a tip off about the illegal activities going on in the three business tax.
- (c) The government decided to look into the matter and has appointed an inquire committee.
- (d) The business houses took immediate action to clear off all their income tax dues, in order to avoid raid on their establishments.
- (e) The authorities intend to conduct raids in several other business houses in the vicinity.

Directions (17-18): Below in each question are given two Statement I and II. These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

Give answer

- (a) If Statement I is the cause and Statement II is its effect.
- (b) If Statement II is the cause and Statement I is its effect.
- (c) If both the Statements I and II are independent causes.
- (d) If both the Statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
- (e) If both the Statement I and II are effects of some common causes.

- 17.**
- I. The government has marginally increased the procurement price of wheat for the current crop.
 - II. The current wheat crop is expected to be twenty per cent more than the previous wheat crop.

- 18.** I. The braking system of the tourist bus carrying 40 passengers failed while negotiating a stiff climb on a hilly road.
II. The tourist bus fell into the gorge killing at least ten passengers and seriously injuring all the remaining.

Directions (19-21): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer accordingly. Give answer-

- (a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect;
- (b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect;
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes;
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes;
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

- 19.** I. The local traders' association urged all its members to close down their shops for a day to protest against the government's new tax policy.
II. Many shopkeepers decided to close down their shops for the day and gave a day off to their employees.
- 20.** I. The prices of petroleum products dropped marginally last week.
II. The State Government reduced the tax on petroleum products last week.

- 21.** I. The university authority has decided to conduct all terminal examinations in March/April every year to enable them to declare results in time.
II. There has been considerable delay in declaring results in the past due to shortage of teachers evaluating the answer sheets of the examination conducted by the university.

Directions (22-23): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer accordingly. Give answer-

- (a) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect;
- (b) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect;
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes;
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes;
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

- 22.** I. The staff of Airport authorities called off the strike they were observing in protest against privatization.
II. The staff of Airport authorities went on strike anticipating a threat to their jobs.
- 23.** I. Many people visited the religious place during the weekend.
II. Few people visited the religious place during the week days.

Directions (24-25): Given below are pairs of events 'A' and 'B'. You have to read both the events 'A' and 'B' and decide their nature of relationship. You have to assume that the information given in 'A' and 'B' is true and you will not assume anything beyond the given information in deciding the answer. Mark answer

- (a) If 'A' is the effect and 'B' is its immediate and principal cause.
- (b) If 'A' is the immediate and principal cause and 'B' is its effect.
- (c) If 'A' is an effect but 'B' is not its immediate and principal cause.
- (d) If 'B' is an effect but 'A' is not its immediate and principal cause.
- (e) None of these

24. Statement (A): The government has decided to roll back the hike in the prices of cooking gas and kerosene.

Statement (B): Some ministers had resigned in protest against the hike in prices of cooking gas and other petroleum products.

25. Statement (A): A traveler found cockroaches in the crevices of his seat and also in the toilets of India's most prestigious train, the Rajdhani Express.

Statement (B): He drew the attention of catering manager, Western Railway, to the insects.

Directions (26): Read the following information carefully to answer the given questions.

26. Read the following statements and answer the question.

- I. Finally, the government has decided to sell off its sick industrial units, which have become a burden to it.
- II. Corruption, inefficiency and red-tapism have led to heavy losses to the government owned industrial units.

Which of the following is true with respect to the above statements?

- (a) Statement I is the cause and Statement II is its effect
- (b) Statement II is the cause and Statement I is its effect
- (c) Both statement I and II are independent causes
- (d) Both statements I and II are effects of independent causes
- (e) Both statement I and II are effect of the same cause

27. Statement I-Plan of the AAP led Delhi government's plan to install CCTV cameras in all Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and cluster buses moved a step closer to reality after the Cabinet approved the proposal.

Statement II-AAP Party had announced in their manifesto before election to install CCTV cameras in all Delhi transport.

Statement III-This measure will impart a feeling of security to women using public transport.

Which of the following may be cause/effect among the above statements?

- (a) Statement II will be cause and Statement I and III will be it's effects.
- (b) Statement II and III will be cause and I will be it's effect.
- (c) Statement III is cause and Statement I is it's effect and Statement II is effect of independent cause.
- (d) Statement II is cause and Statement I is it's effect and Statement III is effect of independent cause.
- (e) Statement III is cause and Statement II is it's effect and Statement I is effect of independent cause.

28. Statement I- The Indian Army plans to recruit women in combat roles, especially with regard to the operations in Jammu & Kashmir, Army Chief General Bipin Rawat said at the Passing Out Parade at the Indian Military Academy (IMA).

Statement II- Many a time jawans in Kashmir feel hesitant about dealing with women when they are in the front lines.

Statement III- The situation in Kashmir has been volatile for decades, flaring up for worse since last summer. In the last four days alone, the army has killed 13 suspected militants.

Which of the following may be cause/effect among the above statements?

- (a) Statement II will be cause and Statement I and III will be its effects.
 - (b) Statement II and III will be cause and I will be its effect.
 - (c) Statement III is cause and Statement I is its effect and Statement II is effect of independent cause.
 - (d) Statement II is cause and Statement I is its effect and Statement III is effect of independent cause.
 - (e) Statement III is cause and Statement II is its effect and Statement I is effect of independent cause.
29. In the following question, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as-
- Statement I**-Pakistan Air Force has operationalized all its forward bases even as reports spoke of a Pakistani fighter jet flying over Siachen.
- Statement II**-Indian counterpart asking all Indian Air Force officers to be ready for operations at a very short notice as there is an ever persistent sub-conventional threat from Pakistan.
- (a) If statements I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
 - (b) If statements II is the cause and statement I is its effect.
 - (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
 - (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
 - (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

30. In the following question, three statements numbered I, II and III are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the three statements. These three statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship.

Statement I- Johnny Depp has apologized for a remark he made about assassination. "I apologize for the bad joke I attempted last night in poor taste about President Trump," he said in a statement made exclusively to People magazine.

Statement II- Jonny made a joke about the US president speaking to a crowd on Thursday. "When was the last time an actor assassinated a President?"

Statement III- The actor was at the Glastonbury Festival in the UK when he made his remarks, which were recorded.

Which of the following may be cause/effect among the above statements?

- (a) Statement II will be cause and Statement I will be it's effects.
- (b) Statement I will be cause and II will be it's effect.
- (c) Statement III is cause and Statement I is it's effect and Statement II is effect of independent cause.
- (d) Statement II is cause and Statement I is it's effect and Statement III is effect of independent cause.
- (e) Statement III is cause and Statement II is it's effect and Statement I is effect of independent cause.

Direction (31-35): Each of the questions below consists of two statements labeled I and II. These statements may be effects of independent causes or of a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choices correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.:

- (a) If statement I is the cause and the statement II is its effect.
- (b) If statement II is the cause and the statement I is its effect.
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

- 31.** I. Computer education has been made compulsory for all the classes by many schools.
II. The current job market prefers computer literate workforce.
- 32.** I. The standard of education in evening colleges of the State has been deteriorating.
II. The standard of school education has been fast deteriorating in the State.
- 33.** I. All domestic airlines increased the fare of all its classes with immediate effect.
II. Railways increased the fare of all its classes with immediate effect.
- 34.** I. The prices of fruits and vegetables fell substantially over the last few decades.
II. The quantity of fruits and vegetables improved considerably over the last few days.
- 35.** I. Recent floods in the area changed the nutritional content of the soil.
II. Farmers in the area switched over to cultivating rice instead of wheat.

Directions (36-40): Each of the questions below consists of two statements labeled I and II. These statements may be effects of independent causes or of a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choices correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.:

- (a) If statement I is the cause and the statement II is its effect.
- (b) If statement II is the cause and the statement I is its effect.
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

36. (I) The bank has provided a link on its website to obtain feedback from customers.
(II) Customers have been complaining about poor services in the bank's branches.

37. (I) The production of pulses has dropped for the third consecutive year.
(II) India has decided to import pulses this year.

38. (I) Budgetary allocation for building a better railway network, eg constructing new railway lines, has increased.
(II) There has been a substantial drop in the number of passengers opting for air travel.

39. (I) Indian citizens are willing to incur the cost of using environment-friendly technology.
(II) Many countries are taking steps to cut their carbon emissions.

- 40.** (I) The government has amended tax laws to boost exports.
(II) The export sector has been passing through difficult times due to heavy tax burdens.

Direction (41-42): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as-

- (a) If statements I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
- (b) If statements II is the cause and statement I is its effect.
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

- 41.** I. A mere 35.25% students passed their class XII examination in 2017 in the Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB).
II. Stringent steps were taken this year after BSEB's Class XII results in 2016 were marred by allegations of brazen favouritism to help undeserving students top the exam.
- 42.** I. The government wants to exit Air India completely.
II. Niti Aayog has proposed total privatization of the national carrier in a report to the Prime Minister's Office.
- 43.** **Statement I-** Finance Minister Arun Jaitley has demanded reforms to International Monetary Fund's controversial quota system, shedding light on the problems facing the Bretton Woods institution in today's global economy.
Statement II- Mr. Jaitley announced that India is seeking \$2 billion from the New Development Bank.

Statement III-Quotas determine the size of contingency funds at the disposal of the IMF to lend to countries in need of help, as well as the power of individual countries to influence lending decisions and tap into the funds themselves.

Which of the following may be cause/effect among the above statements?

- (a) Statement I will be cause and Statement II and III will be it's effects.
- (b) Statement II and III will be cause and I will be it's effect.
- (c) Statement III is cause and Statement I is it's effect and Statement II is effect of independent cause.
- (d) Statement II is cause and Statement I is it's effect and Statement III is effect of independent cause.
- (e) Statement III is cause and Statement II is it's effect and Statement I is effect of independent cause.

44. Statement I- The challenge for banks under GST is to register in each state, unlike the current tax system. They will have to maintain state-wise revenue data and operate IT solutions to raise invoices for their business clients.

Statement II- Banks would need to customise the frontend IT ecosystem to recognise and deal with the state-centric compliances mandated under GST.

Statement III- Banks will be required to provide statewise data and compute state-wise tax payments, which they didn't have to do previously.

Which of the following is cause/effect among the given statement?

- (a) Statement I will be cause and Statement II and III will be it's effects.
- (b) Statement II and III will be cause and I will be it's effect.

- (c) Statement III is cause and Statement I is its effect and Statement II is effect of independent cause.
- (d) Statement II is cause and Statement I is its effect and Statement III is effect of independent cause.
- (e) Statement III is cause and Statement II is its effect and Statement I is effect of independent cause.

Direction (45-46): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as-

- (a) If statements I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
- (b) If statements II is the cause and statement I is its effect.
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

45. Statement I- Infosys, among India's largest software services companies, said it plans to hire 10,000 American workers over the next two years.

Statement II- In filling these jobs, Infosys will hire experienced technology professionals and recent graduates from major universities, and local and community colleges, to create the talent pools for the future.

46. Statement I- Aadhar has become mandatory for filing income tax returns with PAN card.

Statement II- PAN has become more and more susceptible to duplication and fraud.

Directions (47-48): In each of the following questions, three statements numbered I, II and III are given. There may be cause and effect relationship among the statements. These statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read all the statements in each question and mark your answer as-

- (a) Statement I will be cause and Statement II and III will be it's effects.
- (b) Statement II and III will be cause and I will be it's effect.
- (c) Statement III is cause and Statement I is it's effect and Statement II is effect of independent cause.
- (d) Statement II is cause and Statement I is it's effect and Statement III is effect of independent cause.
- (e) Statement II is cause and Statement III is it's effect and Statement I is an independent cause.

47. Statement I- China has approved a plan to build an underwater observation network across the disputed East and South China seas, in yet another provocative move that will anger Beijing's neighbors.

Statement II- China is likely to establish additional military bases in Pakistan and other countries with which it has longstanding friendly ties and similar strategic interests.

Statement III- China's military build-up initiative, along with regular naval vessel visits to foreign ports, both reflects and amplifies China's growing influence, extending the reach of its armed forces.

Which of the following may be cause/effect among the above statements?

48. Statement I-International pop sensation Justin Bieber arrived in Mumbai on Wednesday for his maiden concert in India.

Statement II-A rage among the youth, especially teenagers, Bieber is touring to promote his critically acclaimed album 'Purpose.'

Statement III-Grammy Award winning singer Justin Bieber fought back tears during a short speech, after he performed acoustic versions of *Love Yourself* and *Cold water* at the One Love Manchester concert.

Which of the following may be cause/effect among the above statements?

Directions (49-50): In each of the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. There may be cause and effect relationship between the two statements. These two statements may be the effect of the same cause or independent causes. These statements may be independent causes without having any relationship. Read both the statements in each question and mark your answer as-

- (a) If statements I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
- (b) If statements II is the cause and statement I is its effect.
- (c) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- (d) If both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.
- (e) If both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

49. Statement I- The former UB group chief Mr. Mallya fled the country last year and has unpaid debts close to the tune of Rs. 9000 crore taken as loans from various Indian banks.

Statement II- Fugitive businessman Vijay Mallya was booed by a section of India supporters as he entered the Oval arena to watch India's crucial ICC Champions Trophy encounter against South Africa.

50. Statement I-The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) will review all its books.

Statement II-These books were created over a decade ago and need to be updated, the books were created in 2007.

Solutions

1. **(b);** Clearly Statement I is the effect of statement II as the Delhi metro employees are protesting which is the effect and the cause of this protest is hike in the salaries and pay grades.
2. **(b);** Automation reduces the need of manpower. So, statement-II is the cause and statement-I is its effect.
3. **(c);** For I: Yes, as this law was to prevent SC/ST from brutality but this amendment may increase oppression towards backward class.
For II: Yes, they may call for Bharat bandh to fight for their rights.
For III: No, in this situation no political parties will show their courage to put pressure on Govt. as they have to maintain their vote bank also.
4. **(d);** In this question we have to find out the cause and effect for making amendments in Public Premises Act.
For Statement I: It is clearly an effect of amendments in Public Premises Act.
For Statement II: This cannot be cause or effect, as there is no role of India against corrupt leader in this.
For Statement III: It may be the cause for making amendments.

5. **(d);** I, III & IV all are the ill-effects of the increasing global warming on the earth.
6. **(e);** The main cause of the increasing global warming can't be inferred from the given passage.
7. **(e);** All these are responsible for increased child labour in India.
8. **(d);** Child labour will reduce skill development. And since children are working, it will also reduce the literacy rate.

Direction (9-11):

9. **(b);** The surge in complaints has let the banks to receive them in an electronic mode.
10. **(a);** The shortage in production has led to the import decision
11. **(e);** Both are the effects of a common cause. The Railway has gone in a reviving mode.
12. **(b);** The government has decided to sell off its industrial units, because heavy loss was caused by corruption, inefficiency and red-tapism. Hence statement II is the cause and I is its effect.
13. **(e);** The facts given in both the statements are clearly the result of acute power shortage.
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15. (b); The prices of food grains and vegetables have increased by about 30% due to increase of more than 30% in the price of other products, because farmers will need 30% more funding for purchasing other products.

16. (d); Income tax authorities carried out raids due to non-payment of tax or illegal money so as an effect business houses took immediate action to clear off all their income tax dues in order to avoid raid.

17. (e); Both Statements I and II are effects of some common causes.

18. (a); Statement I is the cause while Statement II is its effects.

Directions (19-21):

19. (a); Clearly, the association's decision to go for a 'bandh' on a massive scale to protest against the government's new policy would have instigated the shopkeepers to keep their shops closed. Thus, I mentions the direct cause for the effect in II.

20. (b); Clearly, a cut in the tax or duty on a certain product is bound to cause a reduction in the price of the product. Thus, II is the cause of the effect in I.

21. (c); Clearly, each statement is self-sufficient in itself and stands independent of the other. Thus, I and II are independent causes.

22. (d); Clearly, calling off the strike and going on strike are events that may not be backed by the same cause. Thus, they must have been effects triggered by separate independent causes.

- 23. (e);** Clearly, lesser number of people visiting a place during the week days and more people visiting during the weekend, both imply events that go together, and must have happened due to a common cause such as, it being a holiday during the weekend.
- 24. (a);** Because of the statement (B), government has decided to roll back the hike in the prices of cooking gas and kerosene.
- 25. (b);** As he found cockroaches in the crevices, he immediately drew the attention of the catering manager. So statement (B) is the effect of statement (A).

Directions (26-30):

- 26. (b);** The government has decided to sell off its industrial units, because heavy loss was caused by corruption, inefficiency and red-tapism. Hence statement II is the cause and I is its effect.
- 27. (a);** In the above question it is clear that Statement II will be the cause and both Statement I and Statement III will be its effects. Because it is mentioned in statement II that cabinet has taken a decision towards women safety so this will be cause and its effect will be Delhi government's plan to install CCTV and also to give feeling of security.
- 28. (d);** In the above question it is clear that Statement II will be the cause and Statement I will be its effect. Because it is mentioned in statement II that jawans have doubt how to deal with the women so this will be cause and its effect will be, The Indian Army will recruit women in combat roles to tackle such kind of situation.

29. (a); As it is clear from the above statement that statement I is the cause and statement II would be its effect as Pakistan had made all its bases operative, its effect would be that Indian air force has also made their officers ready to give response in an appropriate manner.

30. (a); The reason why Depp had to apologize was the fact that he made "horrible" remark against the president. So, (ii) is the cause and (i) is its effect.

Statement (iii) just gives the details about the actor's whereabouts at the time when he made that remark so it is irrelevant to the question.

Direction (31-35):

31. (b); Job market is an important consideration in determining the curriculum of schools.

32. (e); There seems to be some common cause that is leading to both kinds of education.

33. (e); Hike in fuel price seems to be because of some common cause.

34. (d); The two effects are unrelated.

35. (a); The farmer's decision is apparently an effect of change in the soil.

36. (b); The surge in complaints has let the banks to receive them in an electronic mode.

37. (a); The shortage in production has led to the import decision

- 38. (e);** Both are the effect of a common cause. The Railway has gone in a reviving mode.
- 39. (e);** Both are the effects of gearing up on the environmental front.
- 40. (b);** The burden is sought to be reduced by the amended tax laws.
- 41. (b);** In the above statement II is cause and I is effect because after the results of BSBE's Class XII in 2016 several steps were taken by the authority and its effect is only 35.25% students passed in the examination.
- 42. (a);** In the above statement it is clear that I is cause and II is its effect because the government will take steps to make it a strong and viable airline and that is why Niti Aayog has come up with proposal of privatization of Air India.
- 43. (c);** In the above question we have to find the cause and effect among the given statements.
It is clear from the above statements that Statement III is the cause and Statement I is its effect as the quota system influence the lending system and because of that Mr. Jaitley has demanded reforms to it.
Whereas Statement II has its own independent cause as it discusses about the loan India is taking from NDB.
- 44. (a);** In the above statement we have to find the cause and effect among them.
Statement I will be the cause and Statement II and III will be its effects as banks would need to change its IT system and will provide state wise data because of changes in banking system after GST invokes.

- 45. (a);** It is clear from the above that statement I is the cause and II is its effect as this will be the cause that Infosys is planning to hire workers and for that it will hire graduates and will create talent pools will be its effect.
- 46. (b);** It is clear from the above statement that II is cause and I is its effect because the PAN has become more vulnerable that is why Aadhar has become mandatory for filing Income Tax.
- 47. (e);** In this question Statement II is the cause and Statement III will be its effect because China is going to establish military bases in Pakistan and other countries as its effect will be that the reach of its armed forces is going to be enhanced. Statement I will be an independent cause because it discusses about the plans of China regarding its disputed East and South China seas.
- 48. (d);** In the above question statement II will be the cause and statement I will be its effect as Justin Bieber is touring to promote his album will be the cause of his arrival to Mumbai for his concert in India which is its effect. And Statement III will be the effect of a different cause as it discusses about him being emotional at a concert.
- 49. (a);** In the above question it is clear that statement I will be the cause and statement II will be its effect. Because Mallya has taken loan from various banks in India and has not been able to repay it for some time. So this will be the reason of Vijay Mallya's disapproval by the audience at the stadium
- 50. (b);** It is clear from the above statement that statement II will be cause and statement I will be its effect. Because books were created in 2007 quite a while before it will be a cause and it needs to be updated now so it will be its effect.



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