



Verbal Ability

**TCS Digital
Test Preparation Series**

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Pattern

Topic Name	Marks per Item	No of Items	Time
Numerical Ability	1	20	30 mins

- **Negative marking-You must read all instructions carefully. If there is any negative marking, it will be clearly mentioned in the instructions.**
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Approach

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Concepts

here is the usage part or contextual meaning. For example, the synonyms for something big are – huge, large, elder etc.

Now, if we have to use it in a sentence where we are talking about a brother, we would write:

Meet my elder brother (It can't be huge brother or large brother).

Similarly, If we say '*My license has expired*'. We can't say that '*my license is dead*', whereas words 'expired' and 'dead' are synonyms and can be replaced with each other in this sentence, '*My grandmother has expired/ My grandmother is dead*'.

Here's how the usage of synonyms play a vital role.

What are Antonyms?

Antonyms are words that have opposite meanings.

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Correct Usage

When you say, My friend is Mad/Inane/Eccentric, you need to be careful about the context as mad means somebody who is crazy, inane means somebody who is foolish and eccentric means somebody who is strange. So, Context can only make out the real difference.

Concept

• Secondary meaning of the word

Primary meaning of the Word: Occurring first in time or sequence, or not derived from anything else. Hence, similarly meaning of the word is the meaning that is not derived from any other source, and is the basic meaning of the word. Thus the meaning of the word that is given in the dictionary is the primary meaning of the word.

For example: Look at this word - flag

The dictionary meaning of the word flag is - a piece of cloth or similar material, typically oblong or square, attachable by one edge to a pole or rope and used as the symbol or emblem of a country or institution or as a decoration during public festivities.

Secondary meaning of the word:

The meaning that is not specified in the dictionary, instead the meaning has been derived from other

Directions for questions 1-3: Choose the word which is most **similar** to the farmers to increase the supply of food.

1. Public policy in regard to food in main economies around the world has not provided adequate **incentive** , the response to emergencies like accidents is equally sad.
 1. Acceleration
 2. Surplus
 3. Baiting
 4. Encouragement
2. The National Disaster Management agency, set up a short time ago being a central government agency has limitations relating to **infringing** the

1.	d
2.	b
3.	c

Directions for questions 4-20: Choose the word which is most **opposite** in meaning to the given word.

4. Renounce

- accept
- nullify
- abdicate
- announce

5. Placate

- appeal

4.	c
5.	d
6.	b

Directions for questions 1-2: Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the word printed in bold.

1. While the reaction to major disasters is **dismal**, the response to emergencies like accidents is equally sad.

- a. Depressing
- b. Upset
- c. Competent
- d. Smiling

2. Related to the current **elevated** energy prices, there has been a diversion of corn and edible to bio-fuels, which is significantly

1.

c

2.

c

Directions for questions 3-20: Choose the word which is most opposite in meaning to the given word.

3. Routine

- a. normal
- b. irregular
- c. actuate
- d. abysmal

4. Truncate

- a. pus

3.

b

4.

d

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Concept

smart. They would typically not let you get away so easily. There are multiple options beginning with the introductory sentence. So you will need more than one clue. The last sentence in the paragraph is one that summarizes and has links to previous sentences.

- *Anticipate the order of the sentences:* Knowing that going through each choice is cumbersome, you must clearly work towards generating some kind of order in your mind, before you look at the options. This tactic will help save the precious time.
- *See if there are any logical sequences among sentence pairs:* Very often a pair of sentences can be chronologically arranged because of clues in one of the sentences. Standard clues include reference to a person or a thing. The first time such a reference is made, a noun form is used. The second

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know if B comes immediately before A or whether one or two sentences separate A and B. But by looking closely, you will also see a common word- "origin", which hints at the fact that the relationship is of immediate precedence.

- **Confirm the closest option:** Having scribbled something like BCDA next to the question, do check if such an option exists. If you see an option like BDCA also alongside, then it would make sense to reconfirm the fact that sentence D follows sentence C. In case there is no exact match, the judgment about a close option being correct, will depend on whether there is a match on the introductory and the concluding sentences. If there is, then it is worth taking a chance and ticking that option off. If there is more than one such match, then a closer examination is required.
- **Plug in all the options:** If everything else has failed,

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- *Understanding the topic of the paragraph:* One should be able to discern what is being talked about, because the subject of individual sentences forms the most important clue for establishing links between various sentences.
- *Understanding the information flow and approach of author:* The second thing that is pivotal to identify is the information flow that has been adopted by the author. What is his exact purpose in the paragraph? Is he explicating something or is he criticizing something? Being able to identify his purpose in the paragraph will obviously help us to establish the order of sentences.
- A pre-requisite to develop the two skills above is to possess the qualities of a Good Reader. In any case, you would have realized by now that the above qualities are actually the product of possessing a

- A. A famous Japanese rock garden is at Ryoan-Ji in Northwest Kyoto, Japan.
 - B. The rocks of various sizes are arranged on small white pebbles in five groups, each comprising five, two, three, two, & three rocks.
 - C. The garden is 30 meters long from East to West & 10 meters from north to south.
 - D. The garden contains 15 rocks arranged on the surface of white pebbles in such a manner that visitors can see only 14 of them at once from whichever angle the garden is viewed.
 - E. There are no trees, just 15 irregularly shaped rocks of varying sizes, some arranged by gravel/sand that is raked everyday.
- ∴ ACEBD

Answer: Option A

A introduces the topic 'Japanese rock garden'

C further defines the structure of the garden. So AC

E and B both define the structure of rocks...these are pairs but E will come first

D is a concluding sentence here, it will follow.

- A. When they gathered together, the Buddha was completely silent & some speculated that perhaps the Buddha was tired or ill.
- B. It is said that Gautam Buddha gathered his disciples one day for a Dharma talk.
- C. One of the Buddha's disciples, Mahakasyapa, silently gazed at the flower & broke into a broad smile.
- D. The origin of Zen Buddhism is ascribed to the Flower Sermon, the earliest source which comes from the 14th century.
- E. The Buddha silently held up & twirled a flower and twinkled his eyes, several of his disciples tried to interpret what this meant though none of them was correct.

Answer: Option B

D introduces the topic i.e., 'Origin of Zen Buddhism' ascribes to the flower sermon.

B logically tells about the first event in the story.

In A, 'they' refers to the disciples mentioned in B.

After this E as the question was asked by the Gautam Buddha.

Finally C will come as one of his disciples was able to figure out the answer.

- A. Environment Education unit of Centre for Science & Environment has always been working towards providing easy to understand reading material.
- B. Their new publication on this subject is an attempt to lend teachers a helping hand.
- C. It unfolds in two sections: Climate change: how to make sense of it all
- D. And natural resources how to share & care.
- E. However, they are introduced to students not as a paragraph to memorize but as an activity to do.

Answer: Option C

A introduces the topic 'Environment Education Unit'

The pronoun 'their' in sentence 'B' refers to the same.

C and D form a mandatory pair as both of them tell the two topics discussed in the new publication. Also 'And' in D makes it obvious that it will follow C

In E , 'however' concludes the paragraph

Hence, ABCDE should be the right answer. Option C.

- A. Despite the strong performance of the economy in 2010-11, the outlook for 2011-12 is clouded by stubborn and persistently high inflation, and rising external risks.
- B. The three key macroeconomic concerns before the Union Budget 2011-12 were high inflation, high current account deficit (CAD), and fiscal consolidation.
- C. Additionally, there was an expectation that the government would restart the reform process.
- D. While the Budget sets a lower nominal gross domestic product (GDP) growth target of 14%, we believe that the real GDP growth target of 9% factored in the Budget is on the optimistic side.

Answer: Option A

B is the opening sentence. it is independent and introduces three main problems

The word Additionally means that there must be something before sentence C. These issues in E are the issues mentioned in B and C. B will be followed by C, which will be followed by E. Hence, BCE is the mandatory pair.

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Concept

Rules for Sentence Formation are easy if you know the types and format. Let's see some of the important pointers below:

- Meaningful collection of words help to form a sentence with proper grammar rules.
- Clear, short sentences are preferable, and more effective, than long, complex ones.
- By using the Grammar Rule it can be suggested that sentences are a set of subject, verb, and object.
- Subject always comes first, continues with a verb, and following the subject.

Given below few fragments you have to arrange the word and frame a meaningful sentence

- Desk
- The
- On
- Paper
- Idel
- Sat
- Pencil



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Answer: Option A

The paper and pencil sat idle on the desk.

Given below few fragments you have to arrange the word and frame a meaningful sentence

- not
- Harry
- away
- run
- Did

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Answer: Option D

Harry did not run away.

Given below few fragments you have to arrange the word and frame a meaningful sentence

- To
- Stood
- Spoke
- Crowd
- Up
- Joe
- The

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Answer: Option A

Joe stood up and spoke to the crowd.

Given below few fragments you have to arrange the word and frame a meaningful sentence

- Was
- He
- Eating
- And
- Talking

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Answer: Option C

He was eating and talking.

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WHO is bringing the world's scientists and global health professionals together to accelerate the research and development process, and develop new norms and standards . The solidarity of all countries will be essential to ensure equitable access to COVID-19 health products.

has begun collaboration with key partners to enrich the citations

This database represents a comprehensive multilingual source of current literature on the topic.

to contain the spread of the coronavirus pandemic and help care for those affected

While it may not be exhaustive, new research is added regularly.

C option

The sentence that can continue in the blank should be about the disease that WHO is trying to contain and hence all the research and processes are taking place.

If stress has you anxious, tense and worried, consider trying meditation. _____ Anyone can practice meditation. It's simple and inexpensive, and it doesn't require any special equipment.

these benefits don't end when your meditation session ends.

Spending even a few minutes in meditation can restore your calm and inner peace.

a growing body of scientific research supports the health benefits of meditation

Be sure to talk to your health care provider about the pros and cons of using meditation

B Option

As the passage starts with a remedy of stress and anxiety as meditation. The sentence that will follow should talk about how meditation can help. so, 'Spending even a few minutes in meditation can restore your calm and inner peace.' can be the answer.

Recycling is important in today's world if we want to leave this planet for our future generations. _____.

Recycling begins at home. If you are not throwing away any of your old products and instead utilizing it for something new, then you are actually recycling.

Recycling solves the problem because a lesser amount of wastes is dumped, and some valuable space is saved.

With each passing day, the population is increasing.

we've been careless up to this point with the way we've treated the Earth

It is good for the environment since we are making new products from the old products which are of no use to us

D Option

The passage starts with the term 'Recycling'. From here, it should be followed by what is the actual meaning of recycling instead of jumping to the problem, population or human mistakes.

COVID-19 has fundamentally changed our relationship with the office.
_____ pushing about 40% of the labour force into working from home, few of us want to return to the pre-pandemic status quo.

- we miss the sociability of the workplace
- After the enforced experiment of lockdown
- The experience of working from home has helped break down many of the prejudices
- how many days a week in the office is enough

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B Option

The sentence here addresses the issue of how covid and lockdown has forced people to work from home. So instead of directly jumping to work from home, we first need to state the cause. and that cause is Lockdown.

Resources and Books

Thank you

