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Directions (1-5): Study the following information carefully and answer the questions given below:

Following are the conditions for selecting manager-HR in an organization.

- (i) be at least 30 yr and not more than 35 yrs as on 1st march 2012.
- (ii) have secured at least 60% marks in graduation in any discipline.
- (iii) have secured at least 65% marks in the post-graduate degree/diploma in personnel management/HR
- (iv) have post qualification work experience of at least five years in the personnel/HR department of an organization.
- (v) have secured at least 50% marks in the selection process.

However, in the case of a candidate who satisfies all the above conditions except

- (a) (ii) above but has secured at least 55% marks in graduation in any discipline and at least 70% marks in postgraduate, degree/diploma in personnel management/HR the case is to be referred to GM-HR
- (b) (iv) above but has post qualification work experience of at least four years out of which at least two years as deputy manager-HR the case is to be referred to President-HR

In each question below are given details of one candidate. You have to take one of the following courses of actions based on the information provided and the conditions and sub conditions given above and mark the number of that course of action as your answer. You are not to assume anything other than the information provided in each question. All these cases are given to you as on 1st march 2012.

1. Rita bhatt was born on 25th July, 1978. She has secured 62% marks in graduation and 65% marks in postgraduate. She has been working for the past 6 yr in the personnel department of an organization after completing her post-graduation. She has secured 55% marks in the selection process.

- a. If the candidate is not to be selected
- b. if the data provided are not adequate to take a decision
- c. if the case is to be referred to president-HR
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- e. if the candidate is to be selected.

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2. Ashok pradhan was for on 8th august 1980. He has been working in the personnel department of on organization for the past 4 yr after completing his post-graduate degree in personnel management with 67%. Out of his entire experience, he has been working for the past 2 yr as deputy manager-HR. he as secure 62% of marks in graduation and 58% marks in selection process.

- a. If the candidate is not to be selected
- b. if the data provided are not adequate to take a decision
- c. if the case is to be referred to president-HR
- d. if the case is to be referred to GM-HR
- e. if the candidate is to be selected.

3. Alokvarma was born on 4th march 1976. He has been working in the personnel department of an organization for the past 6 yr after completing his post-graduate diploma in personnel management with 66% marks. He has secured 57%marks in the selection process and 63% marks in graduation.

- a. If the candidate is not to be selected
- b. if the data provided are not adequate to take a decision
- c. if the case is to be referred to president-HR
- d. if the case is to be referred to GM-HR
- e. if the candidate is to be selected.

4. SwapanGhosh has been working in the personnel department of an organization for the past 5 yr after completing his post-graduate degree in HR with 72% marks. He has secured 56% marks in graduation. He was born on 12thmay 1977. He as secured 58% marks in the selections process.

- a. If the candidate is not to be selected
- b. if the data provided are not adequate to take a decision
- c. if the case is to be referred to president-HR
- d. if the candidate is to be selected.
- e. if the case is to be referred to GM-HR

5. SeemaBehl has been working in the personnel department of an organization for the past 7 yr after completing he post-graduate diploma in personnel management with 70% marks. She was born on 5th july 1979. She has secured 65% mark in graduation and 50% marks in the selection process.

- a. If the candidate is not to be selected

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- b. if the data provided are not adequate to take a decision
- c. if the case is to be referred to president-HR
- d. if the case is to be referred to GM-HR
- e. if the candidate is to be selected.

Directions (6-10): Read the following information carefully and answer the question given below it.

Following are the criteria for selection of interpreter in different embassies in India.

- A. The candidate should be a graduate from a recognized university.
- B. Her or she should be 23 to 26 yr of age as on 7th March 2006.
- C. The candidate should have the ability to read, write and speak English and Hindi besides the foreign language to which he/she has applied.
- D. The candidate should have his/her own accommodation, either rental or own, in Delhi. However, if a candidate fulfils all criteria except.
 - (i) at D but he/she has accommodation either rental or own, in NCT Delhi, his/her case is to be referred to foreign secretary.
 - (ii) at B but he/she has a PG degree in any discipline, his/her case is to be referred to personal assistants, foreign secretary.

Now, based on the above criteria and the information given below, you have to take decision in regard to each case. You are not to assume any information which is not available.

6. Sweta Singh is a Hindi Hons, graduate from Hindu college, Delhi. Recently, she has celebrated her 23rd birthday on 9th January, 2006. She possesses her own house in Vikaspuri, Delhi. She can speak, write and read English, Hindi and French equally well.

- a. if to be referred to foreign secretary
- b. if to be referred to PA foreign secretary
- c. if data is inadequate
- d. if to be selected
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7. Miss Anu knows how to speak, write and read Hindi, English, and Portuguese. She also knows how to handle computers. She has done GNIIT after doing her graduation from a recognized university. She can arrange a house in Delhi for her accommodation.

- a. if to be referred to foreign secretary
- b. if to be referred to PA foreign secretary
- c. if data is inadequate
- d. if to be selected
- e. if not to be selected

8. Pinki has done her graduation from Oxford university. Her date of birth is 9th November, 1979. She knows how to speak, write and read Hindi, English. Her grandfather owns a house in Ghazibad, in NCT, Delhi. She can live with her grandfather during her job in Delhi.

- a. if to be referred to foreign secretary
- b. if to be referred to PA foreign secretary
- c. if data is inadequate
- d. if to be selected
- e. if not to be selected

9. Kiran, wife of Ajay and a graduate from a recognized university, lives with her husband at Kamla Nagar in North. Delhi in their rental house. She has passed her post-graduation in History in February, 2003 at the age of 23 yr. She can speak, read and write Maithili, Hindi, English, and Nepali. There languages Nepali, Maithili and Bhojpuri are being spoken in Nepal.

- a. if to be referred to foreign secretary
- b. if to be referred to PA foreign secretary
- c. if data is inadequate
- d. if to be selected
- e. if not to be selected

10. Reena has done her graduation from Jabalpur University, Madhya Pradesh. She can arrange her accommodation with her brother-in-law in Delhi. Her date of birth is 12th January, 1983. She can speak more than two language including a foreign language.

- a. if to be referred to foreign secretary

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bif to be referred to PA foreign secretary

- c. if data is inadequate
- d. if to be selected
- e. if not to be selected

Directions (11-20): 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.

11. Statement:

Should all the school teachers be debarred from giving private tuitions?

Arguments:

- I. No. The needy students will be deprived of the expertise of these teachers.**
- II. Yes. This is an injustice to the unemployed educated people who can earn their living by giving tuitions.**
- III. Yes. Only then the quality of teaching in schools will improve.**
- IV. Yes. Now salary of these teachers is reasonable.**

- a. Only I and III are strong
- b. Only I, II and III are strong
- c. Only III and IV are strong
- d. Only II, III and IV are strong
- e. None of these

12. Statement:

Is caste-based reservation policy in professional colleges justified?

Arguments:

- I. Yes. The step is a must to bring the underprivileged at par with the privileged ones.**
 - II. No. It obstructs the establishment of a classless society.**
 - III. Yes. This will help the backward castes and classes of people to come out of the oppression of upper caste people.**
- a. Only I and II are strong
 - b. Only II is strong

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- c. Only II and III are strong
- d. Only I and III are strong
- e. All are strong

13. 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

14. Statement:

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

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e. None of these

15. Statement-

The United States is looking forward to strengthen ties with India, the Trump Administration has said, ahead of the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump.

I. The meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump would set the tone and the framework for the bilateral relationship going forward.

II. The two leaders will have a chance to get to know each other and to find some common ground on the way they look at the world and a common strategic view that would set the framework on how the two governments pursue the relationship going forward.

III. There will be no major breakthrough announcements from this meeting. No one is expecting that the meeting would be productive for both the countries.

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

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

16. Statement-

Union Urban Development Minister Venkaiah Naidu said seeking loan waiver has become a fashion". But waiving off loans of farmers is not the final solution and should be considered in extreme situations.

I. We should create adequate infrastructure and facilities like go downs, cold storage, refrigerator vans, for farmers.

II. Farmers need to get good remunerative price for their produce and care should also be taken of those in distress.

III. We will have to ensure that affordable credit is available to these farmers.

Which of the following course of action should be followed to resolve the issue of farmers who are seeking waiving off loans?

- a. Only II and I
- b. Only I and III

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- c. All of the above
- d. All except I
- e. None of these

17. Statement: Students at school 'A' must get a better education than students at school 'B' because the grade point average of students at school 'A' is higher than that of students at school 'B'.

The claim above depends upon which of the following assumptions ?

- I.** The average grade earned by students is a good measure of the quality of education that a student's receives.
- II.** Extracurricular activities at school 'A' are given more emphasis than at school 'B'.
- III.** The grading standards at the two high schools are roughly the same.

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

18. 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.

19. It is astounding that 81.4 crore voters are eligible to exercise their franchise through 9.13 lakh polling stations and 10 crore more voters have joined the ranks of voters since the election five years ago.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above situation?

- a. The Election Commission deserves applause for being in charge of a complex service.
- b. The Election Commission must be given credit for the vote share increase in the recently held elections.
- c. All the parties will gain in their vote share with the increase in number.

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d. The Election Commission plays a vital role in the India political system.

e. None of these

20. Most of pre-poll surveys show that in this election Congress-led UPA alliance will get a maximum of 100 seats.

Which of the following is the best reason for the above mentioned assertion?

a. This election will have corruption and mis-governance as major issues and people will vote against the last ten years of mis-governance by the Congress.

b. People will vote for the UPA as they claimed they have done tremendous work in the last ten years.

c. Congress gradually forgot the aam aadmi and moved towards safeguarding the interests of the corporate world.

d. The Congress could not control corruption in the last ten years.

e. Inflation could not be controlled by the UPA government in the last years and that impacted aam aadmi very badly.

Directions (21-30): In each question below is given a statement followed by 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 follow(s) for pursuing.

21. Statement:

Lack of coordination between the University, its colleges and various authorities has resulted in students ousted from one college seeking migration to another.

Courses of Action:

I. If a student is ousted from a college, the information should be sent to all the other colleges of the University

II. The admissions to all the colleges of the University should be handled by the University directly.

III. A separate section should be made for taking strict action against students indulging in anti-social activities.

a. Only I follows

b. Only II follows

c. Only III follows

d. Only I and III follow

e. Only II and III follow

22. Statement:

The meteorological department has issued a notification forecasting less rainfall during next year's monsoon.

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Courses of Action:

- I. The government should immediately set up a water authority for proper management of water resources.
 - II. The water supply authorities should be asked to implement reduction in regular water supply to tackle the situation.
 - III. The farmers should be advised to cultivate alternate crops which require less water during the coming months.
- 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:

Many private sector banks have reduced interest rate on housing loans in comparison to public sector banks.

Courses of Action:

- I. The case should be raised before the regulatory authority for investigation by the public sector banks as they cannot follow such reduction.
 - II. Public sector banks must adopt such policy to remain in competition.
 - III. The public sector banks should advertise their special feature repeatedly so that they do not lose their future customers.
- a. All follow
 - b. Only I and II follow
 - c. Only I and III follow
 - d. Only either II or III follows
 - e. None of these

24.Statement:

Number of dropouts from the municipal schools has 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.

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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

25. Statement:

Over 27,000 bonded labourers identified and freed are still awaiting rehabilitation.

Courses of Action:

- I. More cases of bonded labourers should be identified.
- II. Till the proper rehabilitation facilities are available, the bonded labourers should not be freed.
- III. The impediments in the way of speedy and proper rehabilitation of bonded labourers should be removed.

- a. None follows
- b. Only I follows
- c. Only II follows
- d. Only III follows
- e. Only II and III follow

26. Statement:

A large number of students studying in municipal schools could not pass the Xth Std. Board examination causing frustration among the students and their parents.

Courses of Action:

- I. The Municipal authority should immediately review the position and initiate measures to improve the situation.
- II. The municipal authority should immediately fill up the teachers' vacancies in the municipal schools.
- III. The municipal authority should close down some of their schools and concentrate their attention on remaining schools to improve the conditions.

- a. Only I and II follow
- b. Only II and III follow
- c. Only I and III follow
- d. All follow

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e. None of these

27. 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

28. Statement:

The Deputy Mayor of city Z has proposed to install a plant of mineral water and to supply citizen's mineral water bottles at Rs. 6 per litre as against Rs. 10 per litre being sold by local private companies.

Courses of Action:

- I. The local private companies of city Z will have to close their operation.
- II. The Corporation of city Z will have to provide for losses in this project in its budget.
- III. The tap water schemes of city Z will have to be stopped.

- 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

29. 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.

Courses of Action:

- I. The people residing near the river should be shifted to a safe place.

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- 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

30. Statement:

There has been unprecedented increase in the prices of essential commodities during the past few days due to the strike call given by the transporters association.

Courses of Action:

- I. The transporters' association should be ordered by the government to immediately withdraw strike call or else they will face severe consequences.
- 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.
- 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

Directions (31-40): Find the statement that must be true according to the given information.

31. Erin is twelve years old. For three years, she has been asking her parents for a dog. Her parents have told her that they believe a dog would not be happy in an apartment, but they have given her permission to have a bird. Erin has not yet decided what kind of bird she would like to have.

- a. Erin's parents like birds better than they like dogs.
- b. Erin does not like birds.

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- c. Erin and her parents live in an apartment.
- d. Erin and her parents would like to move.
- e. None of these

32. When they heard news of the hurricane, Maya and Julian decided to change their vacation plans. Instead of traveling to the island beach resort, they booked a room at a fancy new spa in the mountains. Their plans were a bit more expensive, but they'd heard wonderful things about the spa and they were relieved to find availability on such short notice.

- a. Maya and Julian take beach vacations every year.
- b. The spa is overpriced.
- c. It is usually necessary to book at least six months in advance at the spa.
- d. Maya and Julian decided to change their vacation plans because of the hurricane.
- e. None of these

33. On weekends, Mr. Sanchez spends many hours working in his vegetable and flower gardens. Mrs. Sanchez spends her free time reading and listening to classical music. Both Mr. Sanchez and Mrs. Sanchez like to cook.

- a. Mr. Sanchez enjoys planting and growing vegetables.
- b. Mr. Sanchez does not like classical music.
- c. Mrs. Sanchez cooks the vegetables that Mr. Sanchez grows.
- d. Mrs. Sanchez enjoys reading nineteenth century novels.
- e. None of these

34. Sara lives in a large city on the East Coast. Her younger cousin Marlee lives in the Mid-west in a small town with fewer than 1,000 residents. Marlee has visited Sara several times during the past five years. In the same period of time, Sara has visited Marlee only once.

- a. Marlee likes Sara better than Sara likes Marlee.
- b. Sara thinks small towns are boring.
- c. Sara is older than Marlee.
- d. Marlee wants to move to the East Coast.
- e. None of these

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35. Georgia is older than her cousin Marsha. Marsha's brother Bart is older than Georgia. When Marsha and Bart are visiting with Georgia, all three like to play a game of Monopoly. Marsha wins more often than Georgia does.

- a. When he plays Monopoly with Marsha and Georgia, Bart often loses.
- b. Of the three, Georgia is the oldest.
- c. Georgia hates to lose at Monopoly.
- d. Of the three, Marsha is the youngest.
- e. None of these

Directions (36-40): Read and answer the following question carefully:

36. The International Council for Engineering and Technology (ICET) has identified the unchecked growth of megacities, particularly in developing countries, as a priority area for its action in the four year period 2002 to 2005. The Council has decided that as a culmination of its activities during this period, it will organise in March 2005 a World Congress on Megacities of the Future, in cooperation with a number of intergovernmental and international non-governmental organisations. The specificity of this Congress will be that it will not limit its forum to engineers and technology experts only but will attempt to be the first ever world congress on megacities to focus on a holistic approach involving all categories of experts concerned including the full range of relevant scientific disciplines (natural and social sciences), and representatives of all stakeholders.

Which of the following is an inference that can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- a. Development of megacities not only depends upon engineers and technology experts but it also needs to engage
- b. Developments of megacities are solely dependent on engineers and technology experts.
- c. Megacities have been growing unchecked in the last decade and the Congress should create a framework of policies and laws to curb this growth for the betterment of the world.
- d. A World Congress on Megacities of the Future is to be held in March 2005.
- e. Intergovernmental and international nongovernment organizations will participate in the march 2005 World Congress.

37. Hooghly River is the main source of water for the Kolkata Metropolitan Region. Siltation and reduction in flow pose a problem for Kolkata Port and civic life in the metropolitan area. Groundwater is also not a dependable source due to deterioration in quality and quantity. Rainy season in India, causes flooding in a flat topography, where

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sporadic and unplanned urbanization has taken place. A well planned, organized and efficient management of water resource and waste disposal is needed for environmental and ecological stability.

Which of the following is an inference which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- a. Kolkata needs a proper efficient water resource management system if it wants to be sustainable in the near future.
- b. The Kolkata Metropolitan area's main source of water is the Hooghly river and other sources of ground water.
- c. Efficient water management coupled with proper waste disposal is needed for the sustainable development of any major urban area.
- d. Kolkata Port faces a lot of problems due to heavy siltation in the Hooghly river.
- e. Urbanization usually takes place on flat topography with a good supply of easily available water resources.

38. Till the early 1970s, wetlands were largely unappreciated, rejected and disregarded as ecosystems and viewed as landscapes only. In human terms, they were considered of little or no value, providing breeding grounds for insects such as mosquitoes, obstructing overland and water transportation, curtailing the amount of land available for agriculture and inhibiting the growth of settlements. So they were reclaimed for human use. Since then a deliberate and determined lobby has been arguing for their conservation.

Which of the following is an inference which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- a. Even in the 21st Century wetlands are considered to be wastelands and viewed as landscapes only.
- b. Conservationists are trying to create more awareness regarding wetlands and their importance in human development.
- c. Mosquitoes consider wetlands to be ideal breeding grounds.
- d. Wetlands are often reclaimed for human use by filling up of the said lands with mud and sand taken from other areas.
- e. Wetlands need to be conserved for the sustainable development of human kind.

39. The subway has shaped New York City. More than any other public works program or municipal project, the subway has shaped the city's development and sustained its global competitiveness over the past 100 years. The subway's profound impact on the city's growth and development—particularly in the outer boroughs—surpasses that of the city's other widely acclaimed infrastructure projects, such as the Brooklyn Bridge and Robert Moses' highway network. The innovative, early 20th century transit system still serves the 21st century metropolis well—a tribute to visionary planning and advanced engineering design. The October 2004 centennial of New York's first subway line

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provides an occasion to look back at how dramatically the city was transformed in the years that the subways were built.

Which of the following is an inference which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- a. The Subway system in New York is more than 100 years old.
- b. The subway system in New York was only needed to connect the outer lying regions to the main city.
- c. The subway system in New York was extremely well planned and advanced as even though it's old it still is a viable mode of transport contributing to the growth and development of New York City.
- d. The subway system in New York City has been closed down after 100 years of service as it is no longer viable for the betterment and sustainability of the city it serves.
- e. The subway system has been expanded with growing population.

40. Studies show that every third woman in the world has been infected by toxoplasma gondii – a virus that is most commonly spread through contact with cats, rats and through consumption of unwashed vegetables. The parasite is successful in that it rarely lets the host know that it has made up residence in her body. It uses very little of her, and for the most part lives out its short life incognito. But sometimes the parasite cause severe problems – the worst of which is pre-eclampsia during pregnancy.

Which of the following is an inference, which can be made from the facts stated in the above paragraph?

- a. Toxoplasma gondii is a benign parasite.
- b. Toxoplasma gondii is usually asymptomatic.
- c. Toxoplasma gondii is spread through consumption of unwashed vegetables.
- d. Toxoplasma gondii loves to play dress-up.
- e. Toxoplasma gondii is the chief cause of pre-eclampsia in pregnant women.

Directions (41-50): 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 statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement.

41. Statement:

we must be prepared to face any eventually and all the assignments must be completed as per their schedule-Director told the faculty members.

Assumptions:

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- I. There is a possibility of any serious eventuality.
- II. Dates are fixed for all the assignments.
- III. Faculty members are supposed to complete all assignments.

- a. All
- b. Only II and III
- c. None
- d. Only III
- e. Only I

42. Statement:

Prakash decided to get the railway reservation in May for the journey he wants to make in July to Madras.

Assumptions:

- I. The railways issues reservations two months in advance
- II. There are more than one train to madras.
- III. There will be vacancy in the desired class.

- a. Only II and III
- b. Only I
- c. All
- d. Only I and III
- e. None of these

43. Statement:

“X- Chocolate is deal as a gift for someone you love”- an advertisement.

Assumptions:

- I. People generally gifts to loved ones.
- II. Such advertisement generally influences people.
- III. Chocolate can be considered as a gift item.

- a. Only I and II
- b. Only I and III
- c. All
- d. Only II and III

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e. None of these

44. Statement:

In view of the recent spurt in Sugar prices in the open market the government has asked the dealers to release a vast quantity of imported sugar in the open market.

Assumptions:

- I. The dealers will follow the government directive.
- II. The sugar price will come down.
- III. The price of indigenous sugar will remain unchanged.

- a. None
- b. Only I and II
- c. Only I and III
- d. All
- e. Only II and III

45. Statement:

Prabodh wrote a second letter to his mother after a month as he did not receive any reply to the first letter.

Assumptions:

- I. Prabodh's mother did not receive the letter.
- II. The letter generally reaches within a fortnight.
- III. His mother promptly sends reply to his letters.

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

46. Statement:

"Move into the upper echelons without paying steep price. Book a luxurious flat with us". -Advertisement of a construction company.

Assumptions

- I. It is possible to join the select brand of rich people by hard work.

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II. Staying in luxury without paying steep price is the criterion of upper crust of society.

III. Booking a luxurious flat is very easy now.

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

47. Statement:

“City ‘X’ should have more women driving public transport because most do not like to speed unnecessarily, prefer not to talk on mobiles while driving, do not listen to blaring music and rarely skip red lights.” - A minister of state X

Assumptions

- I. More women driving buses and autos will create more job opportunities for women.
- II. Women are more disciplined than men on the roads.
- III. If women start driving buses and autos it would increase chances of safety for commuters.

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

48. Statement:

In the recently held All India Commerce Conference the session on ‘Management of Service Sector in India’ surprisingly attracted a large number of participants and also received a very good media coverage in the leading newspapers.

Assumptions

- I. People were not expecting such as encouraging response for service sector.
- II. Service sector is not managed properly in India.
- III. Media is always very positive towards service sector.

- a. None is implicit
- b. Only I is implicit

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- c. All are implicit
- d. II and III are implicit
- e. Either I or III is implicit

49. Statement:

“Tender specification will not be issued to the firms where there is 25% or more default in supplies against earlier purchase orders placed on them”. -Condition of a company X inviting tenders for the purchase of materials.

Assumptions

- I. The company X will be watching the quality of performance of its suppliers.
- II. This time the firms should keep the percentage of default as less as possible.
- III. The company X expects quality and professional approach from its suppliers.

- a. Only I is implicit
- b. Only II is implicit
- c. Either II or III is implicit
- d. Only III is implicit
- e. None of the above

50. Statement:

“The employees association has appealed to the managers of company ‘Z’ to introduce written examination for clerical cadre recruitment to prevent selection of incompetent persons”.

Assumptions

- I. So far, the company ‘Z’ has selected candidates without conducting a written examination.
- II. A written exam can help to identify competent persons.
- III. At higher level written examination may not be of much use.

- a. I and II
- b. Only I
- c. Only II
- d. All of these
- e. None of these

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Answer Key with Explanation

Solution(1-5):

Q.nos	Candidates	(i)	(ii) (a)	(iii)	(iv) (b)	(v)	Answer
1.	Rita	✓	✓	?	✓	✓	b
2.	Ashok	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	c
3.	Alok	x	-	-	-	-	a
4.	Swapan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	d
5.	Seema	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	e

1. B 2. C 3. A 4. D 5. E

Solution(6-10):

Q.nos	Candidates	(A)	B (ii)	(C)	D (i)	Answer
6.	Sweta	✓	✓	✓	✓	d
7.	Miss Anu	✓	?	✓	✓	c
8.	Pinki	✓	x	-	-	e
9.	Kiran	✓	✓	✓	✓	b
10.	Reene	✓	✓	?	✓	c

6. D 7. C 8. E 9. B 10. C

Solution(11-15):

11. e

Only III is strong. The lure of earning private tuitions reduces the efforts and devotion of the teachers towards the students in schools. So, if tuitions are banned, students can benefit from their teachers' knowledge in the school itself. So, argument III holds strong while I does not. However, a person cannot be barred from earning more just because he already has a good salary. So, argument IV is vague. Further, the unemployed people thriving on tuitions can survive with the school teachers holding tuitions too, if they are capable enough to guide the students well. So, argument II also does not hold strong.

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12. B

Clearly, capability is an essential criteria for a profession and reservation cannot ensure capable workers. So, neither I nor III holds strong. However, making one caste more privileged than the other through reservations would hinder the objectives of a classless society. So, argument II holds strong.

13. 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.

14.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 fulfils the eligibility criteria, whatever be his extra merits. Hence, argument III holds strong.

15. A

For I-True, because it can be assumed that meeting between PM Modi and Trump will empower the relation between both nations as it is given that US is looking forward to strengthen ties with India.

For II-True, because it can also be assumed from the given statement that the meeting of the leaders will provide some common grounds to strengthen the ties between the two countries.

For III-This statement is false because it states that no one is expecting some major steps from this meeting but it is given that US is looking forward to strengthen the relation with India.

Solution(16-20):

16. C

For I- This is appropriate course of action as proper facilities and infrastructure will help the farmers.

For II-This is also appropriate course of action because if farmers get appropriate price for their products then the problem of waiving off loans can be resolved.

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For III-III will be appropriate course of action because if the farmers have enough credit to meet their needs , loan waiver problem may get solved.

17. A

The conclusion about better education at school A is made by comparing the grades. But grades in the two schools are awarded separately. Hence the conclusion couldn't be valid unless it was assumed that the grading systems of the two schools were alike. Hence III is implicit. Now if better grading means better education, I is implicit. II is not because nothing is mentioned of extra – curricular activities.

18. A

A quarter is the common denomination of the periods mentioned here.

19. A

The passage points to the efforts taken by the Election commission in adding people's names in voter's lists.

20. A

The passage points to the predicted collapse of UPA alliance in the General Election 2014.

Solution(21-30):

21. A

Clearly, the issue is not so big as to allot all powers of admissions to colleges, to the University only. So, II does not follow. The problem can be solved by circulating the information of the ousted students to all the colleges so as to ensure that such students do not get admission elsewhere also. This might prove useful in rectifying such students. So, I follows while III does not.

22. A

Getting the information well in advance clearly suggests that adequate water be saved for the crisis by proper management and moderate cuts in water supply. Cultivating alternate crops may not prove viable for the farmers. So, only I and II follow.

23. D

Clearly, the private sector banks have done so to attract more and more customers of public sector banks. Thus, public sector banks should either reduce the rate of interest to match with that of private sector banks or highlight those features which make them stand apart from private sector banks. So, either II or III follows.

24. C

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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.

25. D

The problem discussed here clearly hints at the need for quick rehabilitation of bonded labourers. So, only III follows.

26. E

Such problems can best be dealt with by first detecting the lackenings in the existing system and then taking adequate steps to remove them. So, only I follows.

27. 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.

28. E

The Corporation has planned to install its plant so as to achieve cost-effective production of mineral water. Had there been a loss, it could also acquire water from private companies. So, II does not follow. Besides, the local private companies can survive by cutting costs or by extending their sales network to other cities. Thus, I does not follow. Lastly, the Corporation seeks to provide healthy drinking water to the residents. Water for general use would still be delivered through taps. Hence, III also does not follow.

29. E

All the three given steps are ideal to save people's lives from the ensuing danger and hence, all of them follow.

30. 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.

Solution(31-40):

31. C

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Since Erin's parents think a dog would not be happy in an apartment, we can reasonably conclude that the family lives in an apartment. We do not know if Erin's parents dislike dogs (choice a) or if Erin dislikes birds (choice b). There is no support for choice d.

32. D

The first sentence makes this statement true. There is no support for choice a. The passage tells us that the spa vacation is more expensive than the island beach resort vacation, but that doesn't necessarily mean that the spa is overpriced; therefore, choice b cannot be supported. And even though the paragraph says that the couple was relieved to find a room on short notice, there is no information to support choice c, which says that it is usually necessary to book at the spa at least six months in advance.

33. A

Because Mr. Sanchez spends many hours during the weekend working in his vegetable garden, it is reasonable to suggest that he enjoys this work. There is no information to suggest that he does not like classical music. Although Mrs. Sanchez likes to cook, there is nothing that indicates she cooks vegetables (choice c). Mrs. Sanchez likes to read, but there is no information regarding the types of books she reads (choice d).

34. C

Since the paragraph states that Marlee is the younger cousin, Sara must be older than Marlee. There is no information to support the other choices.

35. D

If Georgia is older than Marsha and Bart is older than Georgia, then Marsha has to be the youngest of the three. Choice b is clearly wrong because Bart is the oldest. There is no information in the paragraph to support either choice a or choice c.

36. A

Options 4 and 5 are facts that have stated in the passage. Option 2 is a fallacy has the passage clearly states that that the purview of development in megacities is not limited to engineers and technology experts. Option 1 and 3 can be both considered as inferences from the paragraph. But option 3 is more of an advisory statement that points out what needs to be done. Option 1 on the other hand validly states the need for an inclusive approach towards the development issues in megacities and supports the observations in the given paragraph

37. A

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The given passage talks about the sources of water on which the Kolkata metropolitan region is dependent and the problems arising as a result of this dependence. Options 2, 3 and 4 are facts as stated in the passage. Option 5 is an assumption as observed from the passage. Option 1 is the correct inference as it correctly tells about the need for sustainable water management for the Kolkata Metropolitan Area future betterment.

38. B

The given passage talks about how wetlands were considered unimportant till 1970s and the change in this conception since then. Thus option 1 is a wrong assumption. Option 3 is a fact as stated in the passage. Options 4 and 5 are correct assumptions as they have not been directly mentioned in the passage. Option 2 is an inference as it can be derived from the last sentence of the given passage. The last sentence clearly states that a certain group of individuals are campaigning for the protection and conservation of the wetlands. Thus it can be inferred that conservationists are working to create awareness regarding the importance of wetlands. Hence option 2 is the correct inference.

39. C

The passage talks about the New York City subway system and how it has contributed to the growth and betterment of the city. Options 2 and 4 are fallacies as they don't tally with what has been stated in the passage. Option 1 is a fact while option 5 although can be considered to be an inference does not present a clear picture. Option 3 on the other hand is a better inference as it presents a clear picture and deduces correctly how even well planned old systems can aid us in modern times.

40. B

Toxoplasma gondii can cause pre-eclampsia during pregnancy. So, it definitely cannot be considered to be benign. It is also explicitly stated in the passage that Toxoplasma gondii is spread through the consumption of unwashed vegetables. So this is a fact, not an inference. It is stated in the passage that toxoplasma gondii often goes incognito in the body, but you cannot infer from this that it loves to play dress-up. It also cannot be inferred that toxoplasma gondii is the chief cause of pre-eclampsia. It is just mentioned in the passage that it causes pre-eclampsia. So this cannot be an inference either. However, it has been mentioned in the passage that the parasite rarely lets the host know that it has set up residence in her body, which implies that it doesn't usually display any symptoms. Thus we can infer that toxoplasma gondii is usually asymptomatic.

Solution(41-50):

41. A 42. D 43. C 44. B 45. E 46. B 47. E 48. B 49. E 50. A