

**PT – 13**

**Instructions (Q.1 to Q.7):** You are given four options. One of them **improves the underlined part of the sentence** by correcting grammar, punctuation, word choice, or sentence structure. Choose the option that best improves the sentence.

**(Wipro)**

1. The three-pointed-star on the Mercedes bonnet can now be in your garage for a much lesser price than you ever imagined.

- A. lesser price than you ever imagined
- B. lower price than you ever imagined
- C. lesser price than you had ever imagined
- D. lower price than one would have ever imagined

**Answer – B**

**Hint:** Use "**lower**" when comparing prices or levels (quantitative measures), not "**lesser**" which is used for abstract qualities or things not easily measured. "Lesser" also sounds awkward here.

2. A delegation of 60 farmers called on the chief minister so as to plead for revival of the benefit scheme together with the revised compensation package offered by the government and the chief minister has very graciously conceded their request

- A. chief minister so as to plead for revival of the benefit scheme together with the revised compensation package offered by the government and
- B. chief minister and pleaded for revival of the benefit scheme together with the revised compensation package offered by the government but
- C. chief minister and were pleading towards revival of the benefit scheme as well as the revised compensation package offered by the government and
- D. chief minister and pleaded for revival of the benefit scheme together with the revised compensation package offered by the government and

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** "**So as to plead**" is unnecessarily wordy. "**And pleaded**" keeps it parallel and direct. The sentence structure requires clarity in action sequencing. Avoid tense inconsistency and awkward linking.

3. In what labour officials and lawyers view to be a ground-breaking case that involved workers and social media, the National Labour Relations Board has accused a company of illegally firing an employee after she criticized her supervisor on her Facebook page.

- A. In what labour officials and lawyers view to be a ground-breaking case that involved workers and social media, the National Labour Relations Board has accused
- B. In what labour officials and lawyers view to be a ground-breaking case involving workers and social media, the National Labour Relations Board accused
- C. Labour officials and lawyers view as a ground-breaking case that involves workers and social media, the National Labour Relations Board has accused
- D. In what labour officials and lawyers view as a ground-breaking case involving workers and social media, the National Labour Relations Board has accused

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** The correct phrase is "**view as**," not "**view to be**." This is a standard idiomatic expression in English. Also, "involving" is more natural than "that involved" in this context.

4. For years, employees had seen what they pay toward health care increases as companies ask them to contribute more for premiums and deductibles.

- A. had seen what they pay toward health care increases as companies ask them to contribute more for premiums and deductibles
- B. saw what they pay toward health care increased as companies ask them to contribute more to premiums and deductibles
- C. have seen what they pay toward health care increase as companies ask them to contribute more to premiums and deductibles
- D. have been seeing what they pay toward health care increases as companies asks it to contribute more to premiums and deductibles

**Answer – C**

**Hint:** The sentence needs **present perfect** ("have seen") to describe an action continuing into the present. Also, "increase" (verb) is correct, not "increases" (noun/incorrect subject-verb pairing).

5. In 1994 agreements existed between Canada and several countries in Europe, agreements that allowed any car authorized in one participating country to be sold in any of the others.

- A. existed between Canada and several countries in Europe, agreements that allowed any car authorized in one
- B. had existed between Canada and several countries in Europe, agreements that allowed any car authorized in one
- C. existed among Canada and several countries in Europe, which allowed any car authorized in one

D. had existed between Canada and several countries in Europe, which allowed any car authorized in one

**Answer – A**

**Hint:** "Between" is correct when referring to **bilateral or a small number** of entities. "Existed" matches the simple past tense referencing a specific year (1994). "Had existed" is unnecessary past perfect.

6. The Merchant Kalashnikov was a three-act opera by Anton Rubinstein, which has a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based on The Song of the Merchant Kalashnikov by Mikhail Lermontov.

A. was a three-act opera by Anton Rubinstein, which has a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based on

B. is a three-act opera by Anton Rubinstein, with a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based on

C. is a three-act opera of Anton Rubinstein, with a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, basing it on

D. was a three-act opera by Anton Rubinstein, having a libretto by Nikolai Kulikov, based after

**Answer – B**

**Hint:** Works of art (books, operas, plays) are referred to in **present tense** because they still exist. Also, "with" is more appropriate than "which has" for describing accompanying features.

7. Receiver of Wreck is an official of the British government whose main task was to process incoming reports of shipwrecks so as to give legitimate owners the opportunity of retrieving their property and ensure that law abiding finders of wreck receive an appropriate reward.

A. was to process incoming reports of shipwrecks so as to give legitimate owners the opportunity of retrieving their property and ensure that law-abiding finders of wreck receive

B. had been processing of incoming reports of shipwrecks in order to give legitimate owners the opportunity to retrieve their property and ensuring that law-abiding finders of wreck receive

C. has been to process incoming reports of shipwrecks so as to give legitimate owners the opportunity for retrieval of their property and for ensuring that law-abiding finders of wreck received

D. is to process incoming reports of shipwrecks in order to give legitimate owners the opportunity to retrieve their property and ensure that law-abiding finders of wreck receive

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Keep **tense consistency** — since "Receiver of Wreck" still exists, present tense ("is to process") is correct. Also, the infinitive form "to retrieve" and "ensure" should be parallel in structure.

**Instructions: Critical Reasoning (Q.8 – Q.12):** Read each passage carefully. Then, choose the best answer to the question that follows.

(Cognizant)

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

Over the past six years, most of the students in Tupac city have regularly attended colleges in the neighbouring Mekon city to pursue their graduate degrees. However, according to a recent change in the education policies of Mekon city, the colleges in Mekon city are expected to increase their fees to almost the same level as those charged by colleges in Tupac city. Therefore, it can be safely concluded that colleges in Tupac city will see a surge in the number of students enrolling with them to pursue their graduate degrees.

- (A) The teachers at colleges in Mekon city are generally considered better than those at colleges in Tupac city.
- (B) Tupac city does not have good quality colleges.
- (C) The low fees charged by colleges at Mekon city is the primary reason why students from Tupac city move to these colleges.
- (D) Students who study at colleges in Tupac city do not perform better than those who study at colleges in Mekon city.

ANS: C

HINT: Since this question is asking us to support the conclusion, we must first ID that conclusion.

9. The local university recently hired a new soccer coach. Although she has several years' worth of coaching experience and is a diligent student of the game, she was never a member of a collegiate soccer team. For this reason, the new coach will be unable to build a successful program.

The argument above is based on which of the following assumptions?

- (A) The local university should have hired a former collegiate soccer player as its new coach.
- (B) Coaching experience is one of the most crucial factors for coaching success.
- (C) The, previous coach at the university was dismissed due to her lack of success,
- (D) To build a successful soccer program as a coach, one must be a former collegiate soccer player.

ANS: D

HINT: *"She was never a collegiate player → Therefore, she will be unsuccessful."*

This logic only works if we **assume** that being a **former collegiate player is essential** to success as a coach — that's **exactly what (D)** states.

10. Many of the members of the Richville County Fair Committee wanted to award the Best Cooking Prize to Chef Revels, who exclusively cooks Cajun food. However, Cajun food, such as Jambalaya and Gumbo, is spicy. For this reason, the committee should not award the Best Cooking Prize to Chef Revels.

Which of the following is an assumption that supports drawing the conclusion above from the reason given for that conclusion?

- A) Some of the best chefs in the country have borrowed parts of Chef Revel's best recipes.
- B) Some Cajun chefs make their food spicier than do other Chefs.
- C) Cajun chefs should make their food even spicier than it is currently.
- D) A chef does not deserve the Richville County Fair Best Cooking Prize if his food is spicy.
- E) Most award winning chefs are not concerned with the costs of ingredients.

ANS: D

HINT: Ask yourself: *Why does the spiciness of food matter in awarding a cooking prize?*

The argument assumes that **spiciness is a disqualifying factor**.

Without this assumption, the conclusion wouldn't logically follow.

Only option (D) supports this — it connects the **spiciness** of the food to the **undeserving nature** of the chef.

11. In order to increase profits during a prolonged slowdown in sales, the largest manufacturers of automobiles in the United States have instituted record-setting price increases on all their models. The manufacturers believe that this strategy will succeed, even though it is inconsistent with the normal relationship between price and demand.

The manufacturers' plan to increase profits relies on which of the following assumptions?

- A. Automobile manufacturers will, of necessity, raise prices whenever they introduce a new model.
- B. The smaller automobile manufacturers will continue to take away a large percentage of business from the largest manufacturers.
- C. The increased profit made on cars sold will more than compensate for any decline in sales caused by the price increases.
- D. New safety restraints that will soon become mandatory for all new cars will not be very costly for manufacturers to install.

ANS: C

HINT: None but (C) talks about the compensation for decreased sales due to increase in price, hence this is our answer.

12. A candidate for governor has suggested lifting the state law requiring cigarette advertisers to print a warning label about the dangers of smoking on every cigarette pack, and instead requiring cigarette manufacturers to publish recent data and studies about the dangers of smoking on websites that the manufacturers will create for this purpose. The candidate argues that the plan will provide consumers with more detailed information so that they may make wise decisions about smoking.

The argument assumes that:

- (A) Smoking leads to higher mortality rates.
- (B) Consumers are willing and able to visit the websites and evaluate the data and studies presented.
- (C) Competing candidates for governor have not introduced the same or a superior plan relating to cigarette warnings.
- (D) Most people are not able to break their addictions to cigarettes.

ANS: B

HINT: Consumers are **NOT** willing and able to visit the websites and evaluate the data and studies presented. Does the conclusion now make sense? No, therefore B is the right one

**Instructions (Q.13 to Q.17): Read the given passage carefully and thoroughly. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on passage.**

(TCS)

One, dull dark day in autumn, I was travelling on horseback through a dreary stretch of countryside. At nightfall, I came in sight of the House of Usher. This was the house of Roderick Usher, who had been my childhood pal. It had been umpteen years since he and I had seen each other. I lived in a distant part of the country during my childhood. However, he had recently corresponded with me telling me at length of a serious illness and of a mental disturbance that was troubling him. Beleaguered by his problems, Roderick was leading the existence of a hermit.

**13.** The author was travelling:

- (a) at daytime
- (b) in the evening
- (c) on a dreary night
- (d) throughout the day

**Answer:** (b)

**Hint:** The passage states: "*One, dull dark day in autumn... At nightfall, I came in sight of the House of Usher.*"

This means the journey occurred during the **daytime**, ending at **nightfall**, which is **evening**.

**14.** The House of Usher was the home of:

- (a) the author's relative
- (b) an old acquaintance
- (c) a companion
- (d) a friend

**Answer:** (d)

**Hint:** The author says: *"This was the house of Roderick Usher, who had been my childhood pal."*

A **childhood pal** is clearly a **friend**.

**15.** The author lived in the country:

- (a) during the time of writing
- (b) during the childhood
- (c) during the period in between
- (d) during his youth

**Answer:** (b)

**Hint:** The line says: *"I lived in a distant part of the country during my childhood."*

So the answer is directly stated — **during childhood**.

**16.** The author came to know of his friend's illness:

- (a) through letters
- (b) through local gossip
- (c) from a mutual friend
- (d) from a newspaper correspondent

**Answer:** (a)

**Hint:** The passage says: *"he had recently corresponded with me telling me at length of a serious illness..."*

**"Corresponded"** means he wrote letters — so, **through letters**.

**17.** Roderick:

- (a) was living in the company of his friends
- (b) was engaged in many social activities
- (c) was involved in his thriving business
- (d) had become a recluse

**Answer:** (d)

**Hint:** The line: *"Beleaguered by his problems, Roderick was leading the existence of a hermit."*

A **hermit** is a **recluse** — someone who lives alone and avoids others.

**Instructions (Q.18 to Q.20):** Choose the option that is **most opposite in meaning** to the given word.

(Infosys)



18. SARDONIC

- a) Mocking
- b) Sincere
- c) Cynical
- d) Caustic

Answer: b) Sincere

Hint: This describes grimly mocking or cynical remarks. The opposite would be genuine and heartfelt.

19. QUIESCENT

- a) Dormant
- b) Active
- c) Inert
- d) Passive

Answer: b) Active

Hint: This means in a state or period of inactivity or dormancy. The antonym implies movement or engagement.

20. SAGACIOUS

- a) Shrewd
- b) Foolish
- c) Astute
- d) Wise

Answer: b) Foolish

Hint: This describes someone having or showing keen mental discernment and good judgment. The opposite would be lacking intelligence.