

**PT – 6**

**Instructions (Q.1 to Q.6):** You are given four options. One of them improves the sentence by correcting grammar, punctuation, word choice, or sentence structure. Choose the option that best improves the sentence. **(Tech Mahindra)**

1. The weak dollar, the volatile stock market the lacklustre economy, the yawning budget deficit, the Federal Reserve being accommodative— all these and more have people rushing for gold.

A. the lacklustre economy, the yawning budget deficit, the Federal Reserve being accommodative — all these and more have people rushing for gold.

B. the lacklustre nature of the economy, the yawning of the budget deficit, the accommodative Federal Reserve — all these and more has people rushing for gold.

C. the lacklustre economy, the yawning budget deficit, the accommodative Federal Reserve — all this and more has people rushing for gold.

D. the lacklustre economy, the yawning budget deficit, the accommodative Federal Reserve — all these and more have people rushing for gold.

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Corrects punctuation and maintains subject-verb agreement. “All these... have” is correct; commas and em dash are properly placed.

2. According to a 2009 Prudential survey, 37 percent of people think that Medicare will cover their long-term care costs but it won’t.

A. 37 percent of people think that Medicare will cover their long- term healthcare costs but it won’t.

B. 37 percent of people think that Medicare will cover their long-term healthcare costs and it won’t.

C. 37 percent of people think Medicare would cover their long-term healthcare costs but it won’t.

D. 37 percent of people think that Medicare will cover their long-term healthcare costs but they won’t.

**Answer – A**

**Hint:** “Think that Medicare will cover...” and “but it won’t” is the correct contrast; other options are awkward or change meaning.

3. Bloomingdale’s store in Santa Monica, which opened this summer, is about 105,000 square feet on two floors, less than one-eighth the size of the chain’s Manhattan flagship store.

A. store in Santa Monica, which opened this summer, is about 105,000 square feet on two floors, less than one-eighth the size of the chain’s Manhattan flagship store.

B. Santa Monica store, which opened this summer, is about 105,000 square feet on two floors, less than one-eighth the size of the chain’s Manhattan flagship store.

C. store in Santa Monica, which opened this summer, is about 105,000 square feet on two floors, fewer than one-eighth the size of the Manhattan flagship store.

D. Santa Monica store, which opened this summer, is about 105,000 square feet on two floors, less than one-eighth the size of the Manhattan flagship store.

**Answer – B**

**Hint:** Concise, clear structure; “fewer” is incorrect (used for countable nouns), so “less” is appropriate.

4. The notion of gold being more expensive than ever happens to fit with a larger narrative which also does not square with the facts, namely, that inflation is an imminent threat.

A. of gold being more expensive than ever happens to fit with a larger narrative which also does not square with the facts, namely, that

B. that gold is more expensive as ever happens to fit with a larger narrative that also does not square with the facts, namely,

C. that gold is more expensive than ever happens to fit with a larger narrative that also does not square with the facts, namely, that

D. of gold being more expensive than ever happened to fit with a larger narrative that also did not square with the facts, namely, that

**Answer – C**

**Hint:** “That gold is more expensive than ever” is grammatically accurate; “that... does not square” matches in tense and logic.

5. With health care costs climbing even higher during this enrolment season, more employers are adopting a tiered system for passing on the bulk of these costs to their employees by assigning bigger contributions to workers in top salary brackets and to offer some relief to workers who make less money.

A. for passing on the bulk of these costs to their employees by assigning bigger contributions to workers in top salary brackets and to offer some relief to workers

B. to pass on the bulk of these costs to its employees by assigning bigger contributions to workers in top salary brackets and by offering some relief to workers

C. for passing on the bulk of these costs to their employees through assigning bigger contributions for workers in top salary brackets but offering some relief to workers

D. to pass on the bulk of these costs to their employees by assigning bigger contributions to workers in top salary brackets and offering some relief to workers

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Maintains parallel structure: “assigning... and offering...”; consistent subject-verb use and sentence logic.

6. Despite the financial setbacks of the last three years, Ms. Hanson bets that there are still many East Coast women with considerable capital that are ready to redeploy part of them

A. bets that there are still many East Coast women with considerable capital that are ready to redeploy part of them

B. is betting that there are still many East Coast women with considerable capital who are ready to redeploy part of it

C. is betting that there are still many East Coast women having considerable capital who are ready to redeploy part of that

D. has been betting that there were still many East Coast women with considerable capital who are ready to redeploy part of it

**Answer – B**

**Hint:** Correct subject-verb (“Ms. Hanson is betting...”), proper pronoun reference (“part of it” — capital is uncountable).

**Instructions(Q.7 to Q.10):** Choose the appropriate option out of given four to express most suitable One-word Substitution for the question.

**(Wipro)**

7. **A person who talks in sleep**

- A) Hypochondriac
- B) Somniloquist
- C) Lunatic
- D) Insomniac

Answer: **B) Somniloquist**

**Hint:** A person who talks in sleep = *somni* (sleep) + *loquist* (speaker)

8. **A person who is indifferent to pleasure or pain**

- A) Ascetic
- B) Atheist
- C) Stoic
- D) Nihilist

Answer: **C) Stoic**

**Hint:** A stoic endures pain or pleasure without emotion.

9. **A speech full of praise**

- A) Critique
- B) Eulogy
- C) Allegory
- D) Oration

Answer: **B) Eulogy**

**Hint:** A speech or writing praising someone, especially posthumously.

10. **Someone who walks while sleeping**

- A) Insomniac
- B) Nocturnal
- C) Somnambulist
- D) Dreamer

Answer: **C) Somnambulist**

**Hint:** *Somnus* = sleep, *ambulare* = walk → a sleepwalker.

**Instructions (Q.11 to Q.13)::** Choose the most appropriate **meaning** for each idiom.

(KPIT)

11. **Steal someone's thunder**

- A) Create a storm
- B) Take credit for someone else's idea
- C) Interrupt someone
- D) Yell loudly

Answer: **B) Take credit for someone else's idea**

**Hint:** To “steal thunder” = claim another's success.

## 12. Back to the drawing board

- A) Start from scratch
- B) Forget something
- C) Erase past work
- D) Redesign with same idea.

Answer: **A) Start from scratch**

**Hint:** When a plan fails, one goes “back to the drawing board.”

## 13. Cry over spilt milk

- A) Complain unnecessarily
- B) Mourn for past losses
- C) Start crying
- D) Waste time

Answer: **B) Mourn for past losses**

**Hint:** “Crying over spilt milk” = regretting something that can't be undone.

**Instructions (Q.14 to Q17.): Read the given passage carefully and thoroughly. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on the passage.**

**(Capgemini)**

A good way of ridding yourself of certain kinds of dogmatism is to become aware of opinions held in social circles different from your own. When I was young, I lived much outside my own country in France, Germany, Italy and United States. I found this very profitable in diminishing the intensity of insular prejudice. If you cannot travel, seek out people with whom you disagree and read a newspaper belonging to a party that is not yours. If the people and the newspaper seem mad, perverse and wicked, remind yourself that you seem so to them.

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14. The author thinks that the best way to get rid of dogmatism is to:

- (a) participate in academic discussion of high standard
- (b) share views with like-minded people
- (c) interact with people who subscribe to different societal norms
- (d) mix with the people who are not swayed by materialism.

Answer: (c)

**Hint:** Author advises engaging with differing views to overcome dogmatism.

15. What does insular prejudice refer to in the above passage?

- (a) Chimerical ideas of some people
- (b) Narrow-minded likes or dislikes
- (c) Fierce competitiveness in the modern world
- (d) Resistance to change

Answer: (b)

**Hint:** “Insular” = isolated; “prejudice” = bias → together = narrow-mindedness.

16. What does dogmatism imply in the above passage?

- (a) Belief that the doctrines of one’s religion must be upheld
- (b) A rigid assertion of one’s own opinion
- (c) Futuristic vision
- (d) A dislike for the mankind

Answer: (b)

**Hint:** “Dogmatism” = holding opinions stubbornly, without considering others.

17. According to the passage given above, if a person wants to have a balanced view, he should

- (a) read newspaper which does not subscribes to his way of thinking
- (b) read newspaper which represents the point of view of the minority
- (c) read newspaper of one’s choice
- (d) read newspaper of the highest circulation

Answer: (a)

**Hint:** Author suggests engaging with opposing viewpoints.

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**Instructions (Q.18 to Q.20):** Each sentence is divided into four parts: A, B, C, and D. Only one part of the sentence contains a grammatical or usage error. Identify the part that contains the error and mark the corresponding option. (TCS)

18 . Neither my wife (A)/ nor my brother-in-law (B)/ were able to help me (C)/ in my work (D)

Answer: **C**

**Hint:** “Neither...nor” takes a singular verb → should be “was able to help.”

19.If my father (A)/ approve (B)/ I will go (C)/ to Mumbai (D)

Answer: **B**

**Hint:** “Father” is singular → should be “approves.”

20.Neither India nor Pakistan (A)/ have yet acquired (B)/ the capability to produce (C) nuclear weapons (D)

Answer: **B**

**Hint:** “Neither...nor” → singular subject → should be “has yet acquired.”