

AT – 12

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.

(KPIT)

1. The number of students chosen for the prestigious medical internship have more than doubled in the past fifteen years.

- A) have more than doubled
- B) have been more than doubling
- C) has more than doubled
- D) has been more than doubling

ANS-C

HINT- the number(singular) has more than doubled

2. Following intense debate, the faculty has approved the measure to increase class size by 15% over the next four years.

- A) the faculty has approved the measure to increase
- B) the faculty has approved the measure and increased
- C) the faculty have approved the measure to increase
- D) the faculty have given their approval to the measure to increase

ANS-A

HINT- the faculty is singular.... Measure to increase

3. Some members of the tribe has been protesting the recent passage of hunting laws applying to indigenous populations.

- A) members of the tribe has been protesting
- B) members of the tribe have been protesting
- C) tribe members has been protesting
- D) tribe members will have been protesting

ANS-B

HINT- members- plural. Context has to be in present perfect continuous

4. The three friends, Max included, was supposed to meet for dinner later that night.

- A) was supposed to meet
- B) was supposed to have met
- C) were supposed to be meeting
- D) were supposed to meet

ANS-D

HINT- friends were supposed

5. Despite the manager's instructions being precise and detailed, the team, perplexed by conflicting priorities, has failed to adhere to the guidelines properly.

- (A) has failed to adhere to the guidelines properly
- (B) had failed to have adhered to the guidelines in a proper manner
- (C) failed to properly adhere to the guidelines
- (D) has failed in adhering properly to the guidelines

Answer: (C)

Hint: "Failed to properly adhere" avoids awkward construction and preserves parallelism with "perplexed by...". Past simple fits the sentence better than present perfect due to the specific context.

6. Not only the project's scope but also its timeline and resource requirements is being underestimated by the stakeholders involved.

- (A) is being underestimated by the stakeholders involved
- (B) are being underestimated by the stakeholders involved
- (C) are underestimated by the stakeholders
- (D) is underestimated by the stakeholders

Answer: (B)

Hint: "Not only... but also..." structure takes the verb according to the subject **closer** to the verb. "Timeline and resource requirements" is plural, so use "are".

7. He would have succeeded in the examination if he prepared more thoroughly and hadn't neglected his revision schedule.

- (A) if he prepared more thoroughly and hadn't neglected his revision schedule
- (B) if he had prepared more thoroughly and had not neglected his revision schedule
- (C) had he prepared more thoroughly and did not neglect his revision schedule
- (D) if he would have prepared more thoroughly and hadn't neglected his revision schedule

Answer: (B)

Hint: Use past perfect ("had prepared", "had not neglected") for third conditional. "Would have" should appear in the result clause, not in the if-clause.

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

(WIPRO)

- 8. When three Everett-owned Lightning-built airplanes crashed in the same month, the Everett company ordered three new Lightning-built airplanes as replacements. This decision surprised many in the airline industry because, ordinarily when a product is involved in accidents, users

become reluctant to buy that product.

Which of the following, if true, provides the best indication that the Everett company's decision was logically well supported?

(A) Although during the previous year only one Lightning-built airplane crashed, competing manufacturers had a perfect safety record.

(B) The Lightning-built airplanes crashed due to pilot error, but because of the excellent quality of the planes there were many survivors.

(C) The Federal Aviation Association issued new guidelines for airlines in order to standardize safety requirements governing pre-flight inspections.

(D) Consumer advocates pressured two major airlines into purchasing safer airplanes so that the public would be safer while flying.

ANS: B

HINT: Third element highlight answer – this brings to light something we didn't know about before. Sure, there were crashes, but the pilots were the ones that caused it. Moreover, the planes had great features that allowed for multiple survivors.

9. Airline: Newly developed collision-avoidance systems, although not fully tested to discover potential malfunctions, must be installed immediately in passenger planes. Their mechanical warnings enable pilots to avoid crashes.

Pilots: Pilots will not fly in planes with collision-avoidance systems that are not fully tested. Malfunctioning systems could mislead pilots, causing crashes.

The pilots' objection is most strengthened if which of the following is true?

(A) It is always possible for mechanical devices to malfunction.

(B) Jet engines, although not fully tested when first put into use, have achieved exemplary performance and safety records.

(C) Although collision-avoidance systems will enable pilots to avoid some crashes, the likely malfunctions of the not-fully-tested systems will cause even more crashes.

(D) Many airline collisions are caused in part by the exhaustion of overworked pilots.

ANS: C

HINT: Choice C states that what the pilots think could happen is likely to happen. Thus, C is the best choice.

10. Factory workers in Bethania are guaranteed lifetime jobs, bonuses paid on the basis of productivity and corporate profits, and a wage rate that is not attached to a particular job. Paradoxically, these guarantees do not discourage factory owners from introducing labour-saving machinery. Such innovations are to the factory owners' advantage despite the fact that the owners must protect the wages of their workers.

Which of the following, if true, most helps to explain why the introduction of labour-saving machinery is advantageous to factory owners?

- A. Before a Beltanian Factory worker is hired, he or she must present a record of his or her previous productivity.
- B. Labour-saving machinery increases productivity, thus yielding profits that more than cover the cost of retraining workers for other jobs.
- C. The purchase and maintenance of new machinery adds significantly to the final cost of the goods produced.
- D. Factory workers demand a change of procedure in the routine tasks they perform.

ANS: B

HINT: Not only is this obviously a good effect, it is also explicitly a stronger effect than the negative one mentioned in the stem.

11. Many breakfast cereals are fortified with vitamin supplements. Some of these cereals provide 100 percent of the recommended daily requirement of vitamins. Nevertheless, a well-balanced breakfast, including a variety of foods, is a better source of those vitamins than are such fortified breakfast cereals alone.

Which of the following, if true, would most strongly support the position above?

- (A) In many foods, the natural combination of vitamins with other nutrients makes those vitamins more usable by the body than are vitamins added in vitamin supplements.
- (B) People who regularly eat cereals fortified with vitamin supplements sometimes neglect to eat the foods in which the vitamins occur naturally.
- (C) Foods often must be fortified with vitamin supplements because naturally occurring vitamins are removed during processing.
- (D) Unprocessed cereals are naturally high in several of the vitamins that are usually added to fortified breakfast cereals.

ANS: A

HINT: (A) gives us a reason to support the argument.

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Answer: (A)

Hint: The argument favours natural food variety over fortified cereals. Option (A) supports this by saying natural vitamins work better in the body, reinforcing the claim.

Instructions (Q.13 to Q.16): Read the given passage carefully and thoroughly. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on passage.

(Cognizant)

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.

13. 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: The passage recommends mixing with people from different backgrounds to reduce rigid thinking.

14. 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” means **isolated or narrow**, and prejudice refers to **bias or limited thinking**.

15. 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: The context defines dogmatism as being **strongly opinionated and close-minded**.

16. 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: The author advises exposure to **opposing viewpoints** to broaden one’s perspective.

Instructions (Q.17 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)

17. The bankers’ association(a)/has submitted a memorandum(b) for the fulfillment of (c)/their demands. (d)

ANS- D

HINT- ASSOCIATION--- ITS DEMANDS

18. A number of important issues (a)/had been discussed(b)/ among the team members before the President addressed the meeting. (c)/ No Error (d)

ANS-D

HINT- PAST PERFECT TENSE IS JUSTIFIED

19. Peter, along with his friends, (a)wait for the next bus(b) for at least half an hour (c)whenever he misses the first bus (d)

ANS- B

HINT- PETER WAITS

20. He is one(a)/ of the richest man,(b)/ if not the richest man(c)/ of this world(d).

ANS-B

HINT- ONE OF THE RICHEST MEN