

AT – 10

Instructions (Q.1 to Q.6): 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. Empirical analysis of specific acquisition strategies offer limited insight, largely because of the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and due to the lack of an objective way to classify them by strategy.

- A. Offer limited insight, largely because of the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and due to the lack of an objective way to classify them by
- B. Offer limited insight, largely due to the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and also due to the lack of an objective way to classify these acquisitions by
- C. Offer limited insight, largely because of the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and the lack of an objective way to classify these acquisitions by
- D. Offers limited insight, largely because of the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and the lack of an objective way to classify these acquisitions by

Answer – d

Hint: analysis- offers, Types or sizes gives illogical meaning

Classify them-- -- them creates ambiguity

2. Companies, investors, and governments must relearn the guiding principles of value creation if they are to defend against future economic crises.

- A. Companies, investors, and governments must relearn the guiding principles of value creation if they are to defend against future economic crises.
- B. Companies, investors, along with governments must relearn the guiding principles of value creation if it is to defend against future economic crises.
- C. Companies, as well as investors and governments, must relearn the guiding principles of value creation if they are to defend from future economic crises.
- D. Companies, investors, and governments must relearn the guiding principles of value creation if these are to defend from future economic crises.

Answer – a

Hint: crises are not to be defended. Companies, investors and governments are to be defended
x,y and z is the required structures as it puts equal importance on all defend against is justified

3. The combination of growth and return on invested capital ((ROIC)) relative to its cost are what drive value.

- A. The combination of growth and return on invested capital ((ROIC)) relative to its cost are what drive value
- B. The combination of growth and return on invested capital ((ROIC)) relative to their cost is what drives value
- C. The combination of growth and return on invested capital ((ROIC)) relative to its cost is what is driving value
- D. The combination of growth and return on invested capital ((ROIC)) relative to its cost is what drives value

Answer – d

Hint: the combination of x and y, Relative to its (invested capital) cost, The combination of x and y is what drives, The context requires present indefinite tense

4. Scrawled on stationery which has a letterhead from a title insurance company, the recipe describe in some detail how to prepare a stuffing for chicken or turkey

- A. Stationery which has a letterhead from a title insurance company, the recipe describe in some detail how to prepare a stuffing for
- B. Stationery with a letterhead from a title insurance company, the recipe describes in some detail how to prepare a stuffing for
- C. Stationery having a letterhead from a title insurance company, the recipe's description gives some detail on preparing a stuffing of
- D. Stationery that has a letterhead from a title insurance company, the recipe described in some detail as to how to prepare a stuffing for

Answer – b

Hint- the recipe describes present indefinite is needed

5. A history of the humanities in the 20th century could be chronicled in “isms” — formalism, Freudianism, structuralism, post-colonialism — grand intellectual cathedrals which assorted interpretations of literature, politics and culture spread from.

- A. Grand intellectual cathedrals which assorted interpretations of literature, politics and culture spread from.
- B. Grand intellectual cathedrals from which assorted interpretations of literature, politics and culture spread.
- C. Grand intellectual cathedrals from which assorted interpretations of literature, politics and culture spreads.

D. Which are grand intellectual cathedrals from which assorted interpretations for literature, politics and culture is spreading.

Answer – b

Hint: cathedrals from which x, y and z spread- right structure, Present indefinite is justified

6. The loopholes proposed for elimination and at least reduction includes not only the mortgage interest deduction, but also exemptions for charitable contributions and for employer provided health care subsidies.

A. Elimination and at least reduction includes not only the mortgage interest deduction, but also exemptions for charitable contributions and for employer provided

B. Elimination or at least reduction include not only the mortgage interest deduction, but exemptions for charitable contributions and for employer provided

C. Elimination or at least reduction include not only the mortgage interest deduction, but also exemptions for charitable contributions and for employer provided

D. Elimination and at least reduction include not only the mortgage interest deduction, but exemptions for charitable contributions and for employer provided

Answer – c

Hint: elimination or at least reduction is correct and logical

Loopholes include Not only—but also is the correct combination

Instructions: Critical Reasoning (Q.7 – Q.11): Read each passage carefully. Then, choose the best answer to the question that follows.

(TCS)

7. Toughened hiring standards have not been the primary cause of the present staffing shortage in public schools. The shortage of teachers is primarily caused by the fact that in recent years teachers have not experienced any improvements in working conditions and their salaries have not kept pace with salaries in other professions.

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

- (A) Many teachers already in the profession would not have been hired under the new hiring standards.
- (B) Today more teachers are entering the profession with a higher educational level than in the past.
- (C) Some teachers have cited higher standards for hiring as a reason for the current staffing shortage.
- (D) Many teachers have cited low pay and lack of professional freedom as reasons for their leaving the profession.

ANS: D

HINT: Supports the claim about low salaries and working conditions.

8. Astronomer: Most stars are born in groups of thousands, each star in a group forming from the same parent cloud of gas. Each cloud has a unique, homogeneous chemical composition. Therefore, whenever two stars have the same chemical composition as each other, they must have originated from the same cloud of gas.

Which of the following, if true, would most strengthen the astronomer's argument?

- A. In some groups of stars, not every star originated from the same parent cloud of gas.
- B. Clouds of gas of similar or identical chemical composition may be remote from each other.
- C. Whenever a star forms, it inherits the chemical composition of its parent cloud of gas.
- D. Many stars in vastly different parts of the universe are quite similar in their chemical compositions.

Answer: (C)

Hint: Strengthens the link between **star composition** and their **origin cloud**, by confirming that stars **inherit** the composition of their parent cloud.

9. When a caterpillar emerges from the egg on a tree branch, it immediately climbs upward until it finds a leaf bud to eat. Biologists thought that this behavior displayed an innate tendency to move in the direction opposite to the pull of gravity. In a recent experiment, a strong light source was placed at the bottom of a tree, and caterpillars, after hatching, climbed downward.

Which of the following hypotheses is best supported by the statements given?

- A. Caterpillars have an innate tendency to move in the direction of gravity.
- B. Newly hatched caterpillars are unable to see in the dark.
- C. Newly hatched caterpillars move towards the strongest light source in the environment.
- D. Newly hatched caterpillars move toward the leaf bud nearest to them.

ANS: C

HINT: The **downward movement toward light** suggests they are **attracted to light**, not moving based on gravity alone.

10. Although Ackerburg's subway system is currently operating at a deficit, the transit authority will lower subway fares next year. The authority projects that the lower fares will result in a ten percent increase in the number of subway riders. Since the additional income from the larger ridership will more than offset the decrease due to lower fares, the transit authority actually expects the fare reduction to reduce or eliminate the subway system's operating deficit for next year.

Which of the following, if true, provides the most support for the transit authority's expectation of reducing the subway system's operating deficit?

- A. Throughout the years that the subway system has operated, fares have never before been reduced.
- B. The planned fare reduction will not apply to students, who can already ride the subway for a reduced fare.
- C. Next year, the transit authority will have to undertake several large-scale track maintenance projects.
- D. The subway system can accommodate a ten percent increase in ridership without increasing the number of trains it runs each day.

ANS: D

HINT: Shows that the system can handle more riders **without spending more**, so extra income from increased riders **won't be canceled out by costs**.

11. Platinum is a relatively rare metal vital to a wide variety of industries. Xagor Corporation, a major producer of platinum, has its production plant in a country that will soon begin imposing an export tax on platinum sold and shipped to customers abroad. As a consequence, the price of platinum on the world market is bound to rise.

Which of the following, if true, tends to confirm the conclusion above?

- A. An inexpensive substitute for platinum has been developed and will be available to industry for the first time this month.
- B. The largest of the industries that depend on platinum reported a drop in sales last month.
- C. The producers of platinum in other countries taken together cannot supply enough platinum to meet worldwide demand.
- D. Xagor produced more platinum last month than in any previous month.

ANS: C

HINT: Confirms that **other countries can't meet the demand**, so **reduced supply from Xagor** will likely raise **global prices**.

Instructions (Q.12 to Q.16): Read the given passage carefully and thoroughly. Choose the **most appropriate option** to answer the questions based on passage.

(Cognizant)

The highbrows reverse the numerical argument and imply that, because they are so few, they must therefore, be right. But where they chiefly offend is in their excessive self-congratulation and contempt for others. In the past, the highbrows were alone in expressing a feeling of superiority; the lowbrows humbly accepted the position assigned to them. Recently, however, there has been a change and the lowbrows now adopt towards the highbrows exactly the same attitude as the highbrows adopted towards them.

12. The reversal of the numerical argument in the context of the passage means that the high brows:

- (a) have no regard for the majority
- (b) respect the majority
- (c) are indifferent to numbers
- (d) have regard for the minority

Answer: (d)

Hint: Highbrows argue that **being few (a minority)** makes them **right** — they reverse the usual logic that majority is right.

13. A highbrow is:

- (a) a liberal-minded person
- (b) a believer in conservative values
- (c) a self-opinionated intellectual
- (d) a democrat

Answer: (c)

Hint: The passage describes highbrows as **arrogant and self-congratulatory**, i.e., **opinionated intellectuals**.

14. The phrase 'self-congratulation' can be best replaced by:

- (a) self-effacement
- (b) self-admiration
- (c) self-negation
- (d) self-criticism

Answer: (b)

Hint: "Self-congratulation" means **praising oneself** — closest in meaning to **self-admiration**.

15. The attitude of the lowbrows towards the high brows in the past was one of:

- (a) violent rejection

- (b) resentful acceptance
- (c) open rebelliousness
- (d) unprotecting submission

Answer: (d)

Hint: Earlier, **lowbrows humbly accepted** their lower status — this shows **submissiveness**.

16. The recent change in the attitude of the lowbrows towards the highbrows suggest that:

- (a) the lowbrows have rejected the priority of the highbrows
- (b) the lowbrows have become highbrows
- (c) the lowbrows have become indifferent to the highbrows
- (d) the highbrows have become meek and humble

Answer: (a)

Hint: Now, **lowbrows treat highbrows** with the **same contempt** — a **rejection of the earlier superiority**.

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.

(Capegemini)

17. A band of musicians(a)/have been engaged(b)/for the(c)/ inauguration function(d)

ANS-B

HINT- A BAND HAS

18. The number of (a)/persons interested in sports(b) are going to increase (c)during the National Games(d)

ANS-C

HINT-THE NUMBER--- IS GOING

19. The manager's comments(a) / on the preparation of the test matches(b)/ for this tour (c)/ has been praised (d)

ANS- D

HINT- COMMENTS HAVE BEEN

20. The details (a)of the incident (b)were not known to the brother(c) of Sandra, a girl famous for his smartness(d)

ANS- D

HINT- for her smartness