

PT – 16

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. People in this country annually spend more than a billion dollars a year on prescription drugs, and for most patients the medicines have only marginal effects, if any, on symptoms and does nothing to stop the underlying disease process that eats away at the brain.

- A. Annually spend more than a billion dollars a year on prescription drugs, and for most patients the medicines have only marginal effects, if any, on symptoms and does nothing
- B. Spend more than a billion dollars a year on prescription drugs, but for most patients the medicines have only marginal effects, if any, on symptoms and do nothing
- C. Annually spend more than a billion dollars a year on prescription drugs, but for most patients the medicines are having only marginal effects, if any, on symptoms and do nothing
- D. Annually spend more than a billion dollars on prescription drugs, but for most patients the medicines has only marginal effects, if any, on symptoms and are doing nothing

Answer – b

Hint: annually-a year combination is incorrect

Medicines have is correct, Context requires present indefinite

2. The cricket board has constituted a three-member committee to investigate the case of the missing batsman that fled the team hotel in Amsterdam to go to London and has subsequently applied for political asylum there.

- A. To investigate the case of the missing batsman that fled the team hotel in Amsterdam to go to London and has subsequently applied for political asylum there.
- B. For investigating the case of the missing batsman, who fled the team hotel in Amsterdam to go to London and subsequently applied for political asylum there.
- C. To investigate the case of the missing batsman, having fled the team hotel in Amsterdam to go to London and subsequently applying for political asylum there.
- D. To investigate the case of the missing batsman, who fled the team hotel in Amsterdam to go to London and subsequently applied for political asylum there.

Answer – d

Hint: purpose of an action is demonstrated with – to + base form

Batsman-who, Fled and applied shows parallelism in tenses used

3. The banned rebel party today dismissed allegations levelled by the opposition members on the nexus between them and the dissidents, saying that they did not have any relations with the dissidents.

A. On the nexus between them and the dissidents, saying that they did not have any relations with the dissidents.

B. On the nexus between it and the dissidents, saying that they did not have any relations with the dissidents.

C. On the nexus between it and the dissidents, saying that it did not have any relations with the dissidents.

D. About the nexus between them and the dissidents, saying that it did not have any relations with the dissidents.

Answer – c

Hint- allegations -on

Nexus between the party(it) and the dissidents

4. Indonesia's mount Merapi volcano has killed 191 people since it began erupting late last month, leading to the declaration of an emergency in the country.

A. Has killed 191 people since it began erupting late last month, leading to the declaration of an emergency in the country

B. Killed 191 people since it began erupting late last month, leading to the declaration of an emergency in the country.

C. Has killed 191 people since it began erupting late last month, which has lead to the declaration of an emergency in the country.

D. Had killed 191 people since it began erupting late last month, leading to the declaration of an emergency in the country.

Answer – a

Hint: context requires present perfect

Month, which has lead----- incorrect

5. It's very important for CEOs, board members, and other nonfinancial executives to internalize the principles of value creation because doing it allows them to make independent, courageous, and even unpopular business decisions.

A. Because doing it allows them to make independent, courageous, and even unpopular business decisions

B. Because doing that allows them to make independent, courageous, but even unpopular business decisions

C. Because doing so allows them to make independent, courageous, and even unpopular business decisions

D. Because doing so allow him to make independent, courageous, and even unpopular business decisions

Answer – c

Hint: right structure – doing so. allows is justified. Them is correct

6. Preliminary studies at Harvard and Ohio state, among other institutions, suggests that engaging students in class through a device as familiar to them as a cell phone increase its understanding of material that may otherwise be conveyed in traditional lectures.

A. Suggests that engaging students in class through a device as familiar to them as a cell phone increase its understanding of material that may otherwise be conveyed in

B. Suggest that to engage students in class through familiar devices to them as a cell phone increases their understanding of material that may otherwise have to be conveyed in

C. Suggest that engaging students in class through a device as familiar to them as a cell phone increases their understanding of material that may otherwise be conveyed in

D. Suggests that engaging students in class through a device so familiar to them as a cell phone will increase its understanding of material that may otherwise be conveyed in

Answer – c

Hint: studies suggest that, As familiar as

7. Like cabbage, brussels sprouts does well if it is shredded and mixed with a tart apple, lemon juice, and a dressing of Dijon mustard and mayonnaise.

A. Like cabbage, brussels sprouts does well if it is shredded and mixed with a tart apple, lemon juice, and

B. As cabbage, brussels sprouts do well if they are shredded and mixed with a tart apple, lemon juice, and

C. Like cabbage, brussels sprouts do well when they are shredded and mixed with a tart apple, lemon juice, as well as

D. Like cabbage, brussels sprouts do well if they are shredded and mixed with a tart apple, lemon juice, and

Answer – D

Hint: Like compares nouns

As compares actions

X,y and z is the correct structure

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

(Capgemini)

8. Shelby Industries manufactures and sells the same gauges as Jones Industries. Employee wages account for forty percent of the cost of manufacturing gauges at both Shelby Industries and Jones Industries. Shelby Industries is seeking a competitive advantage over Jones Industries. Therefore, to promote this end, Shelby Industries should lower employee wages.

Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the argument above?

- (A) Because they make a small number of precision instruments, gauge manufacturers cannot receive volume discounts on raw materials.
- (B) Lowering wages would reduce the quality of employee work, and this reduced quality would lead to lowered sales.
- (C) Jones Industries has taken away twenty percent of Shelby Industries' business over the last year.
- (D) Shelby Industries pays its employees, on average, ten percent more than does Jones Industries.

Answer: B

Hint: Lower wages may **hurt product quality**, causing **lower sales** — this defeats the purpose of gaining an advantage.

9. Secret passwords are often used to control access to computers. When employees select their own password, they frequently choose such easily guessed password as their initials or birthdates. To improve security, employers should assign randomly generated passwords to employees rather than allowing employees to make up their own.

Which of the following, if true, most seriously undermines the conclusion drawn above?

- (A) If passwords are generated randomly, it is theoretically possible that employees will be assigned passwords that they might have selected on their own.

- (B) Randomly generated passwords are so difficult for employees to recall that they often record the passwords in places where the passwords could be easily seen by others.
- (C) Computer systems protected by passwords are designed to ignore commands that are entered by employees or others who use invalid passwords.
- (D) In general, the higher the level of security maintained at the computer system, the more difficult it is for unauthorized users to obtain access to the system.

Answer: B

Hint: If random passwords are **too hard to remember**, people may **write them down**, reducing security, not increasing it.

10. The average life expectancy for the United States population as a whole is 73.9 years, but children born in Hawaii will live an average of 77 years, and those born in Louisiana, 71.7 years. If a newlywed couple from Louisiana were to begin their family in Hawaii, therefore, their children would be expected to live longer than would be the case if the family remained in Louisiana.

Which of the following, if true, would most seriously weaken the conclusion drawn in the passage?

- (A) Insurance company statisticians do not believe that moving to Hawaii will significantly lengthen the average Louisianan's life.
- (B) The governor of Louisiana has falsely alleged that statistics for his state are inaccurate.
- (C) The longevity ascribed to Hawaii's current population is attributable mostly to genetically determined factors.
- (D) Thirty percent of all Louisianans can expect to live longer than 77 years.

Answer: C

Hint: If longer life in Hawaii is due to **genetics**, then **just moving there** won't help Louisiana children **live longer**.

11. Carl is clearly an incompetent detective. He has solved a smaller percentage of the cases assigned to him in the last 3 years—only 1 out of 25—than any other detective on the police force.

Which one of the following, if true, most seriously weakens the argument above?

- A. Because the police chief regards Carl as the most capable detective, she assigns him only the most

difficult cases, ones that others have failed to solve.

B. Before he became a detective, Carl was a neighbourhood police officer and was highly respected by the residents of the neighbourhood he patrolled.

C. Detectives on the police force on which Carl serves are provided with extensive resources, including the use of a large computer database, to help them solve crimes.

D. Carl was previously a detective in a police department in another city, and in the 4 years he spent there, he solved only 1 out of 30 crimes.

Answer: A

Hint: If Carl is given **only the hardest cases**, his **low success rate** doesn't prove he's **incompetent**.

12. In comparison to the standard typewriter keyboard, the EFCO keyboard, which places the most-used keys nearest the typist's strongest fingers, allows faster typing and results in less fatigue. Therefore, replacement of standard keyboards with the EFCO keyboard will result in an immediate reduction of typing costs.

Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the conclusion drawn above?

- (A) People who use both standard and EFCO keyboards report greater difficulty in the transition from the EFCO keyboard to the standard keyboard than in the transition from the standard keyboard to the EFCO keyboard.
- (B) EFCO keyboards are no more expensive to manufacture than are standard keyboards and require less frequent repair than do standard keyboards.
- (C) The number of businesses and government agencies that use EFCO keyboards is increasing each year.
- (D) The more training and experience an employee has had with the standard keyboard, the more costly it is to train that employee to use the EFCO keyboard.

Answer: D

Hint: High **training costs** for switching to EFCO keyboards **offset** any savings from faster typing.

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**.

(WIPRO)

It is fundamental characteristic of culture that, despite its essentially conservative nature, it does change over time and from place to place. Here in it differs strikingly from the social behaviour of animals other than man. Among ants, for example, colonies of the same species differ little in behaviour from one another and even, so far as we can judge from specimens embedded in amber, from other ancestors of fifty million years

ago. In less than one million years' man, by contrast has advanced from the rawest savagery to civilization and has proliferated at least three thousand distinctive cultures.

13. The phrase 'essentially conservative nature' implies that culture:

- (a) has an inbuilt resistance to change
- (b) is violently opposed to change
- (c) is essentially static
- (d) is essentially self-contained

Answer: A

Hint: "Conservative" means it **resists change**, even though change eventually happens.

14. According to the author, man cannot live:

- (a) without creating a thousand distinctive cultures
- (b) like ants and other insects
- (c) without asserting his dignity
- (d) without constantly striving for a better mode of life

Answer: B

Hint: The contrast with ants shows humans don't have a **fixed way of life** — unlike ants, man **must change and evolve**.

15. The author's chief concern is:

- (a) the social behaviour of animals
- (b) evolution of human society
- (c) man's abilities of survival
- (d) adaptive techniques perfected by man

Answer: B

Hint: The passage contrasts animal and human social behaviour to highlight **human cultural evolution**.

16. The author speaks about the ants to bring out there:

- (a) Social solidarity
- (b) fixed pattern of social behaviour of the ants
- (c) instinct for survival
- (d) interior mode of living

Answer: B

Hint: Ant colonies have **unchanging social behaviour** over millions of years — unlike human societies.

17. The word ‘proliferated’ here means:

- (a) spread
- (b) propagated
- (c) popularized
- (d) multiplied

Answer: D

Hint: "Proliferated" means **multiplied rapidly** — here, it refers to the number of **distinct cultures** increasing.

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

(TCS)

18. FRACTIOUS

- a) Irritable
- b) Docile
- c) Stubborn
- d) Rebellious

Answer: b) Docile

Hint: This describes someone irritable and quarrelsome. The antonym suggests being easy to control.

19. ESCHEW

- a) Avoid
- b) Seek
- c) Shun
- d) Abstain

Answer: b) Seek

Hint: This means to deliberately avoid using; abstain from. The antonym is to try to find or obtain.

20. EPHEMERAL

- a) Fleeting
- b) Permanent
- c) Transitory
- d) Brief

Answer: b) Permanent

Hint: This describes something lasting for a very short time. The antonym is lasting forever or for a long time.