

SESSION – 6

☞ VERBAL REASONING

Exercise 11

Directions for Q1 to Q10: Which one of the following argument (I. OR II.) represents the strongest counter (if any) to given statements? Choose options A, B, C, D or E accordingly:

A. Strengthening & Weakening arguments

1. **Statement:** Should there be a law to punish parents who get their minor children married?
Arguments:
I. Yes, a minor girl is physiologically not prepared to conceive a baby.
II. No, this has been a custom prevailing since many centuries.
(a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.
2. **Statement:** Should the institute conduct classes in remote villages?
Arguments:
I. Yes, this will help those students who belong to villages and cannot visit urban areas for studies.
II. No, this is not an economically viable proposal, as the number of students who attend such classes cannot contribute to break-even.
(a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.
3. **Statement:** Are these sanctuaries, which are meant to protect the endangered animals, necessary?
Arguments:
I. Yes, these are necessary as it is our responsibility to conserve environment and to provide posterity with a better world to live in.
II. No, these are a huge burden on our receding economy.
(a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.
4. **Statement:** Are there any good politicians left in this world?
Arguments:
I. Yes, so many poor people are sustaining themselves and improving economically.
II. No, there is nothing in this world which is completely good or completely bad.
(a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.

5. **Statement:** Should the teachers be stopped from beating the students?
- Arguments:**
- I. Yes, child psychologies say that beating hinders the learning process in a child.
II. No, spare the cane and spoil the child.
- (a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.
6. **Statement:** Should there be an upper age limit for a person to assume the post of prime minister?
- Arguments:**
- I. Yes, a leader must not only be wise and experienced but also be energetic and young enough to understand the trends of the world.
II. No, older the leader, better he is, as he can lead more effectively owing to his experience.
- (a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.
7. **Statement:** Should Jacobs, a hardware company, enter the software industry?
- Arguments:**
- I. Yes, if there is an indigenous software development wing, the Research and Development of hardware would be more effective.
II. No, software industry is in recession.
- (a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.
8. **Statement:** It is wise on the part of the government to disinvest from PSUs?
- Arguments:**
- I. Yes, overheads of PSUs are increasing making the total cost of production higher and higher.
II. No, the fundamental purpose of PSUs is to provide employment to the people.
- (a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.
9. **Statement:** Should the manufacturing of leather products be prohibited?
- Arguments:**
- I. Yes, killing animals for any reason other than survivals is making the environment dangerous.
II. NO, leather products are the biggest foreign exchange earners.
- (a) if only argument I is strong. (b) if only argument II is strong.
(c) if either I or II is strong. (d) if neither I nor II is strong.
(e) if both I and II are strong.

10. **Statement:** Should Abacus be introduced as a part of the curriculum by schools?

Arguments:

I. Yes, this will help students improve their mental ability.

II. No, this will not help students improve studentship qualities but will burden them with extra school-hours.

(a) if only argument I is strong.

(b) if only argument II is strong.

(c) if either I or II is strong.

(d) if neither I nor II is strong.

(e) if both I and II are strong.

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Directions for Q11 to Q20: Following questions consist of one statement followed by two assumptions. You have to decide which one of the Assumptions (if any) sounds practical that can be followed. Choose options A, B, C, D or E accordingly.

11. **Statement:** I will go to Kishore binding centre to repair my big Oxford dictionary book.

Assumptions:

I. Kishore binding centre do the bindings properly.

II. It has low rate than others.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

12. **Statement:** RBI has imposed Rs.1 crore fine on Baroda bank for violating KYC norms.

Assumptions:

I. Baroda Bank has recently opened its 100th branch in India.

II. RBI is very strict regarding KYC norms and its implementation.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

13. **Statement:** Asian development bank will provide 120 million dollar for India-Bangladesh cross border electricity.

Assumptions:

I. ADB provides more loans to India than World Bank.

II. The people in border areas of both the countries will be benefited.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

14. **Statement:** Union cabinet allows 100% FDI for white label ATMs.

Assumptions:

I. By allowing 100% FDI, more money will come and number of white level ATMs will increase.

II. White level ATM industry will dethrone the normal ATM business.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

15. **Statement:** FIFA banned Nepal's football Chief for 10 years.

Assumptions:

I. After Nepal, India is FIFA's next target.

II. India will cut its relation with Nepal in football.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

16. **Statement:** Karnataka government banned drug Ketoprofen.

Assumptions:

I. There were some copyright issues.

II. This drug is very harmful for humans.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

17. **Statement:** Usually state medium students have lesser IQs than the CBSE medium students.

Assumptions:

I. The presence of workshops in CBSE curriculum increase students' IQ.

II. State medium students are normally from poor background.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

18. **Statement:** Government has relaxed FDI investment norms in defence sector.

Assumptions:

I. When investment will be more, we can attack Pakistan.

II. Relaxed FDI in defence sector will create havoc among the defence employees and they will look for other jobs.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

19. **Statement:** North Korea has tested fired hydrogen bomb.

Assumptions:

I. India should make a hydrogen bomb for its safety.

II. United Nations should put a sharp eye on North Korea.

(a) Only assumption I is practical.

(b) Only assumption II is practical.

(c) Either assumption I or II is practical.

(d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.

(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

20. **Statement:** In today's economic crisis only the ideals of limited family and hard labor in the field of education can lead India towards prosperity.

Assumptions:

- I. Ideals of limited family and hard labor in the field of education are correlated with India's prosperity.
II. A large family faces difficulty in bearing the expenses on education.

- (a) Only assumption I is practical. (b) Only assumption II is practical.
(c) Either assumption I or II is practical. (d) Neither assumption I nor II is practical.
(e) Both the assumptions are practical.

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1. Answer: [a]

Statement I explains a valid reason to go against such marriages because it is wrong to encourage anything that jeopardises the health of a person. Hence, (I) is a strong argument.

Statement II is not a valid argument because a custom being followed since a long time does not necessarily make it good. Only I is strong.

2. Answer: [e]

Statement I: The basic purpose of conducting classes is to help students. Hence, statement I is a strong argument as it conveys this idea.

Statement II: If the institute conducts classes with the intention of making profits, then this is a valid point to be considered. Hence, statement II is also strong.

3. Answer: [e]

Sanctuary for endangered animals becomes necessary when it improves and betters the living conditions of the world. But at the same time, if an economy is not able to provide basic necessities to its people, then it cannot think of constructing sanctuaries. Therefore, the decision is based on both the factors viz. requirement and funds supply. Hence, both I and II are strong arguments.

4. Answer: [d]

Just because some poor people are improving economically, we cannot conclude that there are good politicians. Any reason could be ascribed to such an improvement. Statement II is very vague and is not giving any reasons for the argument that it proposes. Hence, both the statements are weak arguments.

5. Answer: [a]

Anything which hinders the learning process in a child must be controlled and, if possible, be prohibited. The aim of teacher should be to make a child learn. According to argument I, beating causes hindrance to learning process of a child thus defeating the ultimate goal. If also supports its argument by referring to the findings of psychologists. Hence, I is a strong argument. Argument II states that a child will be spoiled if it is not caned. Caning is an extreme measure; there are also other softer methods to rectify a child. Moreover, the argument is not substantiated by any facts. Hence, II is a weak argument.

6. Answer: [e]

Statement I says that the prime minister must be "young enough" for some explained reasons. This implies that the prime minister must not be older than a certain age limit. This statement is strong.

Statement II: This says that there should not be an upper limit because older persons can perform better because of the experience gained. This is also strong.

7. Answer: [b]

Statement I: This statement is talking about a software wing for indigenous purposes [to support R and D], whereas the question is about entering the industry. This statement is irrelevant and hence the argument is weak.

Statement II: This is an important point to be considered before entering any industry.

8. Answer: [d]

Statement I says that total cost is increasing. But this does not mention whether production is also correspondingly increasing or not. If production is also increasing, then there would not be any problem. Hence, this statement is weak.

Statement II: We do not know whether the employees would be removed or not. It is likely that the employment is not disturbed. Hence this is also a weak argument.

9. Answer: [d]

Statement I: There are two points to be considered.

(a) Whether clothing is for survival or not?

(b) Can we use the leather of those animals which are killed for food?

Because statement I is not explaining the answers to the above questions. It is considered to be a weak argument.

Statement II: It is most likely that the reason behind the proposal is more related to morals and feelings rather than money. Foreign exchange cannot be a valid argument in this context. Hence, both are weak arguments.

10. Answer: [e]

Both the statements, if true, are valid and strong arguments.

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11. Answer : [e]

Here both the assumptions are practical because the shop does its job properly with low rates.

12. Answer: [b]

Bank's number of branches is not mentioned in the statement. Hence; assumption I is not practical but RBI is strict, so it imposed penalty. Therefore; only assumption II is practical.

13. Answer: [b]

We do not know whether ADB bank will pay more than World Bank or not but it is for sure that this type of initiative will help the people of both countries.

14. Answer: [a]

100% FDI means more incoming of money and thereby causing number of white level ATMs to increase further. Assumption II is however not related to given statement.

15. Answer: [d]

Here none of the assumptions follows because both are not logical at all.

16. Answer: [d]

Ban can be done on any of the issues. We cannot assume for sure.

17. Answer: [d]

We do not know whether workshops are there in state medium board or not and it is not always mandatory that all the students of state boards are from poor background only.

18. Answer: [d]

None of the given assumptions are logical.

19. Answer: [b]

Just because one country has made hydrogen bomb does not mean that another country will also do the same but instead keeping an eye upon the country is a good practice.

20. Answer: [a]

Here, if the sentence talks about prosperity of the nation then the assumption is that only the two factors mentioned can lead to prosperity. Hence, assumption I is practical. But nothing is mentioned about why larger families will be deterrent to prosperity. While it is common sense that a large family faces difficulty in bearing the expenses on education, it is not practical in the statement given.

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