

SBI CLERK MOCK TEST

Direction (1-5): In the given questions, four sentences are provided. Some sentences may contain errors, while others may not. You need to identify the sentence that is free of errors and mark it as your answer. If all sentences are correct, select option 'E' – 'All are correct' – as the answer.

Question 1:

(a) The audience are excited to hear the final results of the competition, their faces reflecting a mix of nervousness and anticipation.

(b) Neither the students or the teachers were satisfied with the new school schedule, as it extended school hours without providing any additional breaks.

(c) The new Bill, which is now being scrutinised by a select committee of Lok Sabha, intends to contemporise as well as simplify the existing statute that dates back to 1961.

(d) There was few time left before the deadline, so they worked quickly to complete the project.

(e) All are correct

Question 2:

(a) More than one student were late to class due to the heavy traffic in the morning.

(b) The professor's introduction to the course outlined the key objectives and expectations for students.

(c) The newly released movie broke all previous records at the box office, earning millions within the first weekend.

(d) The last book's page contained a shocking twist that no one expected.

(e) All are correct

Question 3:

- (a) If she follows the instructions carefully and pays attention to details, she would have completed the task without making any mistakes.
- (b) There was nothing else to do than wait patiently for the doctor to arrive.
- (c) The new employees are still getting accustomed with the company's work culture and policies.

- (d) Social media often portrays an unrealistic version of a perfect lifestyle, making people feel pressured to keep up.
- (e) All are correct

Question 4:

- (a) Instead of worrying about the past, he started focusing on building a better future.
- (b) The government has allocated a substantial budget for improving healthcare and education.
- (c) The bridge was built with strong materials to sustain the heavy weight of vehicles and withstand harsh weather conditions.
- (d) The mountain climbers faced extreme weather conditions, including freezing temperatures and strong winds, which made their journey even more dangerous.

(e) All are correct

Question 5:

(a) As the older of the family, my grandfather always played a crucial role in resolving disputes and guiding the younger generation.

(b) The professor, who I deeply respect for his knowledge and dedication, has inspired me to pursue a career in research.

(c) If you want to achieve fluency in a new language, you must practice consistently and immerse yourself in the culture.

(d) According to a November 2023 WHO report, there is overwhelming evidence that cigarette smoking raises the risk of developing diabetes by 30%-40% compared with them who do not smoke.

(e) All are correct

Direction (6-10): Below are some statements, given in a random order. When these statements are sequenced properly, they'll form a coherent and meaningful paragraph.

(P) Over the next decade, major developments are expected, particularly in charging infrastructure and vehicle technology.

(Q) He noted that while the outlined goals are achievable, they will require substantial investment and won't be easy to implement.

(R) The U.S. government is considering revisions to auto emissions standards that would require automakers to significantly increase electric vehicle sales.

(S) Heck also mentioned that the proposal is still in its preliminary stage and may undergo changes before being finalized.

(T) According to Moody's industry analyst Matthias Heck, without these regulations, electric vehicles would have reached that level of market share sometime after 2035.

(U) By 2032, electric vehicles would need to account for approximately two-thirds of all new car sales in the United States.

Question 6:

Which of the following options is the pair of the **Antipenultimate** statement and the **Penultimate** statement, respectively, after the correct rearrangement?

- (a) UT
- (b) PR
- (c) RU
- (d) PS
- (e) QS

Question 7:

Which of the following options is the pair of the **INTRODUCTORY** statement and the **TERMINAL** statement, respectively, after the correct rearrangement?

- (a) ST
- (b) PU
- (c) RP
- (d) PS
- (e) UQ

Question 8:

Which of the following combinations is the combination of **THREE CONSECUTIVE** statements after the correct rearrangement?

- (a) UTP
- (b) PRS
- (c) UTQ
- (d) RSQ
- (e) SQU

Question 9:

Which of the following options is the **SECOND** statement, after the correct rearrangement?

(a) R

(b) P

(c) T

(d) U

(e) Q

Question 10:

Which of the following options is the **THIRD** statement, after the correct rearrangement?

(a) Q

(b) T

(c) S

(d) P

(e) R

Direction (11-13): In each of the following questions, two sentences are given with three bold words in each. You have to swap the words between the sentences to make them grammatically and contextually correct. If the sentences are already correct, mark option '(e)' as no arrangement is required.

Question 11:

(I) The engineers (P)**hastily** developed a renewable energy (Q)**framework** to reduce carbon (R)**emissions** effectively.

(II) The environmentalists

(S)**meticulously** planted trees in the degraded area, aiming to restore the (T)**algorithm** and promote ecological (U)**balance**.

- (a) P-S and R-U
- (b) P-S and Q-T
- (c) Only Q-T
- (d) P-S, Q-T, and R-U
- (e) No arrangement is required

Question 12:

(I) The university (P)**rigorously** introduced a course on astrobiology, (Q)**theorizing** the potential for life in (R)**conducting** galaxies.

(II) The astronauts (S)**collaboratively** trained in zero-gravity simulations, (T)**exploring** about educational reforms while (U)**distant** experiments.

- (a) Only P-S
- (b) P-T and Q-U
- (c) R-U and Q-T
- (d) P-S and Q-U
- (e) No arrangement is required

Question 13:

(I) The hospital (P)**urgently** upgraded its ICU (Q)**ventilation** to manage severe respiratory (R)**cases** during flu season.

(II) The metro authority (S)**efficiently** addressed commuter complaints by improving train (T)**accessibility** and updating outdated (U)**protocols**.

- (a) P-U and Q-T
- (b) Q-S and R-U
- (c) Only P-S
- (d) P-T and R-U
- (e) No arrangement is required

Direction (14-20): Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below.

India's recent Union Budget had the flavour of "staying the course", which is not surprising, given the continuity of the government at the Centre. There were proposals for adjusting personal income taxes, incentivising private sector research and development (R&D), providing more credit to micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), development of nuclear energy, and the usual number of more-or-less targeted welfare schemes. The Indian economy has demonstrated that it can grow comfortably at 6% a year, given its current capabilities and policies. Only major global events, such as financial crises or pandemics, __**(A)**__ that trend. The challenge is accelerating growth so long as the country enjoys

favourable demographics, while also facing some global headwinds caused by conflict and an inward turn by the US. One key aspect of India's economic strategy has been to be more "pro-business".

This can mean many things. Broadly, it means less regulation of businesses, a process that has been going on for decades, but not in an even manner: in some dimensions, regulations remain **cumbersome** and even irrational. Of course, they are meant to protect workers, consumers, and citizens in terms of health, safety, and uncompensated harms of any kind. So, deregulation is not a trivial exercise. This year's Budget and Economic Survey seem to get into the details of this issue more than in the past, and the focus on reducing the regulatory burden of MSMEs has increased. The Economic Survey emphasises the importance of building greater trust between government and business, and one can add consumers and citizens into that mix — trust is a multisided phenomenon. Here, one might argue that good

governance — the provision of public or other socially desirable goods such as infrastructure and primary health and education — is as important in building trust as deregulation.

The government continues to pay attention to rationalising archaic and poorly written laws as well as regulations that derive from them. The Economic Survey, although less so than in one or two earlier years, continues to recognise the importance of improving the functioning of the judiciary, and, for that matter, the entire legal system. But this is an example of where enough resources are not being allocated. Good intentions, however **eloquently** and clearly expressed, always need money and skill to be realised.

India's political economy, operating within its federal democratic system, has long favoured expenditures meant to appeal to particular interest groups or voting blocs, and that continues to be the case. Therefore, raising enough tax revenue has always been a challenge.

The reform of India's tax system has been one of the "unsung heroes" of the last three decades, culminating in the goods and services tax which continues to iron out its kinks.

At the central level, there does not seem to be much the government can do to increase tax revenue except to stimulate growth. Cutting corporate tax rates a few years ago did not help much on the growth front, and raising exemption limits for individuals will also have a marginal effect since the number of income taxpayers is relatively small. The Centre continues to go after a few corporations for supposed tax evasion, but this mostly just undermines trust. The tendency to impose high tariffs for some goods also has no revenue benefits and does little to stimulate growth in a world of regional production networks. If there is one short-term revenue measure to prioritise, it is public sector disinvestment which keeps failing to meet stated targets.

Only major global events, such as financial crises or pandemics, __**(A)**__ that trend.

Question 14:

Choose the most suitable phrase to fill the given **blank (A)** to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct.

I. disrupt

II. reinforce

III. perpetuate

(a) Both I and II

(b) Both II and III

(c) Only I

(d) Both I and III

(e) All I, II and III

Question 15:

Which of the following is the “**TRUE**” statement based on the given passage?

- I. The Union Budget emphasized easing regulatory requirements for MSMEs.
- II. India’s tax system has been successfully reformed over the last four decades.
- III. The government has allocated sufficient resources to improve the judiciary.

- (a) Only III
- (b) Both I and II
- (c) Both II and III
- (d) Only I
- (e) All I, II and III

Question 16:

Based on the passage, which of the following statements most accurately reflects India's economic strategy?

- (a) India's economic strategy is solely focused on increasing tax revenue.
- (b) India's economic strategy focuses on fostering a pro-business environment and streamlining regulations.
- (c) India's economic strategy neglects the importance of trust between government and businesses.

(d) India's economic strategy prioritizes high tariffs to stimulate growth.

(e) India's economic strategy is irrelevant to global economic trends.

Question 17:

Which of the following is the “**FALSE**” statement based on the given passage?

- I. The Economic Survey stresses the need for greater trust among government, businesses, consumers, and citizens.
- II. Reducing corporate tax rates earlier significantly boosted growth.
- III. India's federal democracy has historically prioritized spending to attract specific interest groups or voter blocs.

- (a) Only II
- (b) Both II and III
- (c) Only I
- (d) Both I and III
- (e) All I, II and III

Question 18:

What does the passage suggest about India's approach to public sector disinvestment?

- (a) Public sector disinvestment has consistently met its targets.
- (b) Public sector disinvestment is a long-term solution to India's revenue challenges.
- (c) Public sector disinvestment is irrelevant to India's economic strategy.

(d) Public sector disinvestment has significantly boosted economic growth.

(e) Public sector disinvestment is a short-term revenue measure that has failed to meet targets.

Broadly, it means less regulation of businesses, a process that has been going on for decades, but not in an even manner: in some dimensions, regulations remain **cumbersome** and even irrational.

Question 19:

Which of the following options can be the appropriate **Synonym(s)** of the word '**Cumbersome**', as used in the above passage?

- I. burdensome
- II. trivial
- III. clumsy

- (a) Both I and II
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both I and III
- (d) Only I
- (e) All I, II and III

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Question 20:

Which of the following options can be the appropriate **Antonym(s)** of the word '**Eloquently**', as used in the above passage?

- I. mellifluently
- II. vacuously
- III. pleasantly

- (a) Only I
- (b) Only II
- (c) Both II and III
- (d) Both I and II
- (e) All I, II and III

Direction (21-25): The passage given below contains some blanks wherein the words have been removed. Find the word from the given options that is suitable for each blank and mark that as your answer.

Amid escalating global tensions and unprecedented climatic shifts, the leadership of the newly inaugurated summit embarked on an ambitious initiative to galvanize international cooperation. The initiative, characterized by its **___(A)___** measures and strategic foresight, aimed to recalibrate global energy policies. Despite the administration's **___(B)___** intent to mitigate environmental degradation, dissenting voices warned that the rapid pace of reforms might inadvertently **___(C)___** socioeconomic disparities. Critics argued that such transformative policies, though ostensibly beneficial, could render local communities **___(D)___**, further marginalizing vulnerable populations. Nevertheless, the summit underscored the imperative to **___(E)___**

sustainable development through a multifaceted approach that balanced ecological imperatives with economic stability.

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Question 21:

Which of the following best fits in **Option A**?

- (a) dissipate
- (b) audacious
- (c) obsolete
- (d) tenuous
- (e) perfunctory

Despite the administration's __**(B)**__ intent to mitigate environmental degradation, dissenting voices warned that the rapid pace of reforms might inadvertently __**(C)**__ socioeconomic disparities.

Question 22:

Which of the following best fits in **Option B**?

- (a) ambiguous
- (b) capricious
- (c) unwavering
- (d) overhaul
- (e) allured

Despite the administration's ____(B)____ intent to mitigate environmental degradation, dissenting voices warned that the rapid pace of reforms might inadvertently ____ (C) ____ socioeconomic disparities.

Question 23:

Which of the following best fits in **Option C**?

- (a) tranquil
- (b) amplify
- (c) abstain
- (d) alleviate
- (e) mitigate

Critics argued that such transformative policies, though ostensibly beneficial, could render local communities ____**(D)**____, further marginalizing vulnerable populations.

Question 24:

Which of the following best fits in **Option D**?

- (a) disempowered
- (b) invigorated
- (c) mendacious
- (d) frivolous
- (e) resilient

Nevertheless, the summit underscored the imperative to ____**(E)**____ sustainable development through a multifaceted approach that balanced ecological imperatives with economic stability.

Question 25:

Which of the following best fits in **Option E**?

- (a) champion
- (b) undermine
- (c) overthrow
- (d) obstruct
- (e) arbitrate

Direction (26-27): In each of the following questions a word has been given and its meanings have been used in different sentences. You have to identify the sentence/(s) in which the synonym of the related word/words has/have been used.

Question 26:

Tangible

I. From the smell it was **evident** that the drains had been blocked for several days.

II. Official policy has changed, for reasons that remain **obscure**.

III. The excitement among the fans became **palpable** as the team scored the winning goal in the final minutes of the game.

(a) Both I and III

(b) Only II

(c) Both I and II

(d) Only III

(e) All I, II and III

Question 27:

Burgeoning

I. At this time Boston was the most **flourishing** town of North America.

II. Over the past century, the town has developed into a **thriving** commercial centre.

III. An **ailing** economy has left many families struggling to make ends meet.

(a) Both I and III

(b) Only II

(c) Both I and II

(d) Only III

(e) All I, II and III

Direction (28-30) Each question consists of two columns, A and B. Column A and Column B each contain three sentences, which can be connected using the connectors/words/phrases provided below this table to form a contextually and grammatically correct sentence (s). You must select the pairs that result in meaningful phrases.

Question 28:

- 1. when
- 2. after
- 3. but

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
P) Universal Music is set to pull its millions of songs from TikTok	S) their songs are played on streaming and social media platforms.
Q) Music companies earn royalty payments	T) it accounts for just 1% of Universal's total revenue, the label said.
R) TikTok - which is owned by Chinese company ByteDance - has more than one billion users	U) a breakdown in talks over payments.

- (a) P2U
- (b) Q1S
- (c) R3T
- (d) All of the above
- (e) Both a and b

Question 29:

- 1. But
- 2. Since
- 3. And

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
P) Bopanna notched his 500th doubles win in the third round of the Australian Open,	S) at 43 years and 329 days became the oldest man to win a Grand Slam doubles title.
Q) It took 61 attempts, with 19 different partners,	T) Matthew Ebden beat Italians Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori 7-6 (7-0) 7-5 in Saturday's final.
R) The 43-year-old Indian, already set to become the oldest men's doubles number one	U) Rohan Bopanna finally won his first men's doubles Grand Slam title to set yet more records.

- (a) P3S
- (b) Q1U
- (c) R3T
- (d) Both b and c
- (e) Both a and b

Question 30:

1. But
2. As
3. Moreover

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
P) Indian naval forces have rescued two hijacked vessels off Somalia's coast	S) a photo posted on X showed armed navy personnel guarding men who had their hands tied behind their backs.
Q) The status of the pirates was not mentioned again	T) fears grow over a possible resurgence in piracy in the area.
R) The waters off the Somali coast were previously a hotbed for piracy	U) it had all but stopped after international forces stepped up patrols.

- (a) All P2S; Q2T and R2U
- (b) All P2T; Q1S and R1U
- (c) All P2U; Q1S and R1T
- (d) All P3T; Q3U and R1S
- (e) no combinations can make meaningful sentences