

VIJETA CHECKLIST MAINS



CHECKLIST 122

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Direction (1-10): Read the following three sentences labelled a, b and c. Identify the sentence(s) that is/are grammatically/ contextually incorrect.

Question 1:

- a. But when Earthquake Zanta had struck the region, near Kutch, on January 26, neither Gujarat nor Rajasthan anticipated the extent of destruction that followed.
- b. In a letter to the Union Health Minister, the Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan stated that over 10,000 health workers and two million residents had been vaccinated.
- c. Exceptionally strong winds (80 km/h–90 km/h) were reported in many parts in Mumbai during the early hours of Monday.

- (A) Only c
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only a
- (D) Both b and c
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 2:

- a. It is high time the local authorities invest in flood control measures to combat raising sea levels.
- b. Both countries control parts of Kashmir but claim it in full, having fought three wars over the region.
- c. What intensified the hardship for residents in some neighborhoods were the unpredicted rise in temperatures, soaring to 45°C last week.

- (A) Only b
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only c
- (D) Both a and c
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 3:

- a. Relations between India and Pakistan have worsened after a deadly militant attack in Kashmir, raising fears of military escalation.
- b. Authorities were taken by surprise when the floodwaters surged to 2.4 lakhs cusec, leaving no time for evacuation.
- c. Eyewitnesses reported that the gunmen singled out men and accused some victims of supporting Modi.

- (A) Only c
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only b
- (D) Both b and c
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 4:

- a. India's navy conducted missile strikes to demonstrate strength amid rising tensions.
- b. Although several northern regions experienced snowfall, Himachal Pradesh and parts of Jammu and Kashmir bear the brunt of the storm.
- c. The tropical storm weakened over time and moved across the western coast of Maharashtra, entering the Arabian Sea.

- (A) Only c
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only a
- (D) Both b and c
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 5:

- a. A first estimate suggested that about 1.9 lakh hectare of farmland, including 9,000 hectare in Cuddalore district, were below water after the downpour.
- b. The public was seeking a fair inquiry and the dismiss of several senior bureaucrats.
- c. The implementation of the new system has reduced paperwork significantly, and thus improve overall efficiency.

- (A) Only c
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only a
- (D) Both b and c
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 6:

- a. Prime Minister Modi vowed to pursue the attackers, while the UN urged restraint from both nations.
- b. The last documented phone call between the two leaders took place on January 17, just before Trump's second-term inauguration.
- c. The adoption of digital tools has streamlined communication channels, and thus boasted team productivity.

- (A) Only c
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only a
- (D) Both b and c
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 7:

- a. Following a brief spell of showers, the city was lashed by intense rainfall on the next two days.
- b. Since last week, Trump has claimed that the US administration is in talks with Chinese officials to strike a trade deal, but Beijing has consistently denied this.
- c. More people are utilizing automated services in the belief for these technologies will improve their daily operations.

- (A) Only a
- (B) Both a and c
- (C) Only c
- (D) Both a and b
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 8:

- a. Trump has imposed tariffs of 145% on Chinese goods since returning to office, although electronics such as smartphones and computers have been exempted
- b. Numerous universities aim to ensure that researchers are acknowledged for the value and the extend of their contributions to their fields.
- c. Several research centers aim to ensure that scholars are rewarded based on the caliber of their work and the scopes of new ideas they produce.

- (A) Only c
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only a
- (D) Both b and c
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 9:

- a. Participants were mandated to respect the event's safety protocols to ensure a secured environment.

- b. Through the government's website, citizens can easily excess detailed and precise information about the current policies.
- c. Frequent mood swings can sometimes suggest an imbalance in hormones, which may lead to heightened stress and anxiety.

- (A) Only c
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only a
- (D) Both b and c
- (E) All a, b and c

Question 10:

- a. As an officially atheist state, China has millions of Catholics, but its government has historically had a difficult relationship with the Vatican.
- b. Persistent fatigue can occasionally point to an underlying nutritional deficiency, which might effect overall energy levels.
- c. Survivors described horror as the attack unfolded and a bloody scene wrought by the gunmen.

- (A) Only a
- (B) Both a and b
- (C) Only b
- (D) Both b and c
- (E) All a, b and c

ANSWER

1.Ans: E

Explanation:

- a. Since the event (the earthquake) occurred **in the past** and the **sequence of events is clear**, we should use the **simple past** tense rather than the **past perfect**. So, "Zanta had struck" should be "Zanta struck".
- b. When using a **title + name**, we typically **do not** use "the" before it unless the name is **not included**. It should simply be "Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan."
- c. The preposition **"in"** is unnecessary in the phrase "many parts in Mumbai." It should be simply **"many parts of Mumbai."**

2.Ans: D

Explanation:

- a. When using **"It is high time,"** the verb should be in the **past tense** (subjunctive form), which in this case would be **"invested."** Also, **"raising"** should be changed to **"rising"** to correctly describe sea levels that are increasing over time.
- c. The subject **"What intensified the hardship"** is singular, so the verb should also be singular. Therefore, **"were"** should be changed to **"was."**

3.Ans: C

Explanation:

- b. "lakh" should be corrected to singular, and "cusec" becomes plural as it is referring to the measurement of flow (cubic feet per second).

4.Ans: D

Explanation:

- b. The error in this sentence lies in the use of "bear" instead of **"bore."** The correct verb tense to use here is the past tense ("bore") because the sentence is referring to an event that has already occurred.
- c. The correct form of the verb is **"weakened,"** which is the past tense of "weaken."

5.Ans: E

Explanation:

- a. **"hectare"** should be plural (**"hectares"**) because the quantities (1.9 lakh and 9,000) refer to multiple units. **"were below water"** should be **"were under water"**, which is idiomatic in this context.
- b. The word **"dismiss"** is incorrect here. It is a **verb**, but the sentence requires a **noun** to match the structure. The correct noun form is **"dismissal."**
- c. The verb "improve" is in the base form, but it should match the tense and structure of the earlier verb "has reduced", which is in the present perfect tense. So, it should be changed to **"improved."**

6.Ans: A

Explanation:

- c. **"Boasted"** is incorrect. It means "to brag" or "speak with pride," which does not fit the context. The intended word is **"boosted"**, which means **"increased or improved"** — the correct meaning for the context of team productivity.

7.Ans: B

Explanation:

- a. The preposition **"on"** is incorrect when referring to a span of time like **"the next two days."** The correct preposition is **"over"** (or **"during"**) when referring to something happening across multiple days.
- c. The preposition **"for"** is incorrect. The correct preposition in this context is **"that"** to introduce the clause expressing belief.

8.Ans: D

Explanation:

- b. **"Extend"** is a verb, meaning to stretch out or increase, while **"extent"** is the noun form referring to the degree or scope of something. **"Extent"** should be used in this context.
- c. **"Scope"** is typically used as a singular noun in this context. It refers to the extent or range of something, and it doesn't need to be pluralized here.

9.Ans: E

Explanation:

a. **"Secured"** is generally used as the past tense of the verb "secure." The correct adjective form should be **"secure"** (not "secured").

b. **"Excess"** is a noun meaning an amount that is more than necessary. The correct word here should be **"access,"** which is a verb meaning to obtain or make use of something.

c. **"Heighted"** is incorrect in this context. The correct word is **"heightened,"** which means increased or intensified.

10. Ans: C

Explanation:

b. **"Effect"** is a noun, but the sentence requires a verb. The correct verb form is **"affect,"** which means to influence or have an impact on something.



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