

## VA - 5 : Verbal Logic - 2

## Workshop

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### Para Completion

**Directions for questions 1 to 12:** Each of the following questions has a paragraph from which a sentence has been deleted. From the given options, choose the one that completes the paragraph in the most appropriate way.

1. \_\_\_\_\_. While the drive for power has been altered with time—from land to resources—the idea that men were the only individuals that had control over such power has remained continuous. This idea is evident in Greek historical context from the Peloponnesian War, which emphasizes this idea. Throughout his play, *Lysistrata*, Aristophanes uses rhetorical language to appeal to the logic and ethics of the reader in order to convey Lysistrata overcoming the struggle of men's prevalence. He uses shift in order to illustrate this transfer of power from men to women. Additionally, Aristophanes' prominence with the strong characterization of Lysistrata emphasizes the idea that a power struggle cannot be solved by an individual alone.

- (1) Throughout history, a common goal among rising authoritative figures has been

apparent: obtaining more land was equivalent to gaining more power.

- (2) Both parties fought for the power over Greece.
- (3) Aristophanes highlights the rhetorical logic and ethical values throughout *Lysistrata* with the tactics of the Athenian and Spartan women.
- (4) The Peloponnesian War occurred between 431 B.C. and 404 B.C. as a power struggle between Athens and Sparta's Peloponnesian Federation.

2. On 5th February, 62 A.D, some seventeen years prior to the 79 A.D volcanic eruption that finally suffocated Pompeii, an enormous earthquake occurred. In hindsight, this was an ominous sign, foretelling the seismic activity to come nearly two decades later. For seventeen years Pompeii concentrated on restoring the damages that the earthquake had caused. \_\_\_\_\_. At last, on the morning of 24th August, 79 A.D, the volcano Mt. Vesuvius exploded with its thick, heavy volcanic ash as it descended in enormous amounts by the side of hot embers and rocks heading towards the cities of Pompeii and nearby Herculaneum.

- (1) The city of Pompeii, in Italy, which was home to more than 20,000 people over 2000 years ago, is one of the most fascinating archaeological sites to be investigated in modern times.

- (2) Suddenly, without warning on 20th August, 79 A.D the earth began to crack and thunder as all the living things became restless and anxious for the awaiting disaster.
  - (3) In first century A.D much off the Pompeiians amusement and leisure time was spent in the amphitheatre, watching gladiatorial battles.
  - (4) More than 2000 years later, the world is learning more and more about Pompeii, where a treasure of information about Pompeiiian's life has been preserved.
3. Interracial marriage has reached an all-time high in the United States, with couples of different racial backgrounds now making up 8.4% of all marriages. For comparison purposes, this is nearly triple the rate from 1980. Despite the fact that interracial relationships are increasingly common, a large segment of the population still opposes them. For instance, a recent, nationally representative survey found that approximately two out of every five Americans reported that they would not be comfortable with a family member marrying someone of another race. Consistent with this, members of interracial couples frequently report high levels of perceived disapproval from family, friends, and society at large as a result of their relationship and, importantly, this disapproval predicts future breakup. \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) And all these result to a disastrous prediction for the future generation.
  - (2) Although many factors may contribute to disapproval of interracial dating, political variables appear to play a prominent role.
  - (3) These findings suggest that social influence can affect perceptions of attractiveness even in very different political climates.
  - (4) To date, most of the research examining interracial relationships has focused on people's attitudes toward them and the outcomes associated with such involvements.
4. But the tests that seemed to support this thesis were biased in favour of the young, say Ramscar and his colleagues."Many of the assumptions scientists currently make about 'cognitive decline' are seriously flawed and, for the most part, formally invalid." So flawed, explains Ramscar in his blog, that in a meta-analysis of 134 studies some of the alleged effects depend less on the age of the subjects, than on the size of the sample. In a commentary on the paper by Ramscar's team, Wayne Gray, executive editor of Topics, and Thomas Hills of the University of Basel compared the situation to a pair of jugglers. The younger one can keep three balls in the air, 95 per cent of the time. The older one has five balls airborne, but drops one in 10 per cent of the trials. Which is more accomplished? \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Conventional wisdom has it that we reach our mental peak in our mid-twenties and that it's all downhill from there.
  - (2) It's a pattern that dates back at least as far as the ancient Greeks.
  - (3) It depends on how you ask the question.
  - (4) The idea that we get dumber as we grow older is just a myth.
5. The homicide rate in Canada has moved in virtual lockstep with the rate in the United States, while approaches to the death penalty have diverged sharply. Both countries employed the death penalty in the 1950s, and the homicide trends were largely similar. However, in 1961, Canada severely restricted its application of the death penalty (to those who committed premeditated murder and murder of a police officer only); in 1967, capital punishment was further restricted to apply only to the murder of on-duty law enforcement personnel. As a result of these restrictions, no executions have occurred in Canada since 1962. \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Within the United States, studies have consistently shown that proportionately fewer murders occur in states that do not have the death penalty than in states that do.

- (2) When the death penalty is subjected to a cost-benefit analysis, the ledger is one-sided.
- (3) A comparison of United States and Canadian murder rates is telling.
- (4) Nonetheless, homicide rates in both the United States and Canada continued to move in lockstep.
6. During the years 1945-1965 (I am referring to Europe), there was a certain way of writing correctly, a certain style of political discourse, a certain ethics of the intellectual. One had to be on familiar terms with Marx, not let one's dreams stray too far from Freud. And one had to treat sign-systems — the signifier — with the greatest respect. These were the three requirements that made the strange occupation of writing and speaking a measure of truth about oneself and one's time acceptable. \_\_\_\_\_
- (1) Then came the five brief, impassioned, jubilant, enigmatic years.
- (2) But here, inside our walls, what exactly was taking place?
- (3) At any rate, it is this familiar, dualistic interpretation that has laid claim to the events of those years.
- (4) It wastes no time in discrediting the old idols. Even though it does have a great deal of fun with Freud. Most important, it motivates us to go further.
7. When we think of God as the creator, we are thinking of him, most of the time, as a supernal artisan. Whatever doctrine we may be considering, whether it be a doctrine like that of Descartes, or of Leibnitz himself, we always imply that 'the will follows, more or less, from the understanding or at least accompanies it, so that when God creates he knows precisely what he is creating'. Thus, the conception of man in the mind of God is comparable to that of the paper-knife in the mind of the artisan: God makes man according to a procedure and a conception, exactly as the artisan manufactures a paper-

- knife, following a definition and a formula.  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Thus, the paper-knife is at the same time an article producible in a certain manner and one which, on the other hand, serves a definite purpose.
- (2) Thus, each individual man is the realization of a certain conception which dwells in the divine understanding.
- (3) Thus, the essence of man precedes the historic existence which we confront in experience.
- (4) Thus, the first effect of existentialism is that it puts every man in possession of himself as he is, and places the entire responsibility for his existence squarely upon his own shoulders.
8. I have tried to show that in the 1990s a wave of books and essays by malcontent feminists and ex-feminists, or women with various ideas show how to change feminism, furthered the conservative feminist-bashing agenda. Some did it consciously; others simply played into antifeminist hands. The result is the situation we see today: feminism has been turned into the unspeakable F-word, not just among students but in the media too. It is no coincidence that the stream of more or less popular books trying to reform feminism has ceased to flow. Nor have I read much about feminism in newspapers and magazines lately: it is as if the issue is so dead that it is no longer worth mentioning. \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) What they all see is a woman who cannot hope to be loved, not so much because she is assumed to be unattractive (although there is that too) as because she doesn't seem to know what love is.
- (2) Instead I see an ever-escalating number of articles on how hard it is for women to combine work and motherhood and how young women today feel free to forget the "strident" or "dogmatic" feminism of their mothers' generation.

- (3) If such ideas had been promoted only by extreme conservatives, they would never have gained widespread acceptance.
- (4) We need to show that good feminist writing can make more sense than self-help books when it comes to understanding love and relationships, for example.

9. There is a quite difference between impulsive and compulsive shopping. Experts who have looked into this issue assumed that the difference between both aspects rests with the internal motivation or reason for making the purchase. Impulse buying is typically unplanned. And it happens in the moment in reaction to an external trigger such as seeing the desired item in the shop which is considered a normal shopper. While compulsive shopping is more inwardly motivated.\_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) A person might feel very pleased once purchasing, and continuously wants to repeat the feeling.
- (2) A compulsive shopper will plan the shopping experience as a way to avoid or relieve uncomfortable internal feelings, such as anxiety.
- (3) It has been linked (genetically) to other impulse disorders like gambling, alcoholism and binge eating.
- (4) Shopping addiction not only affects women as it was long known, it also affects men in the same way it does to women, what differs only is the type of things they buy.

10. Death is merely the ceasing of life, and with implications to life, exile is nothing but death. Exile is a purposeful way of ending one's life in advance and in the end not being held accountable. Responsibility for one's eventual death is very frightening; therefore the exile ploy is used, ensuring death and security at the same time. For a young child this

abandonment is difficult to overcome and will change the hero in many ways, the reason for probability is because predicting how a person may turn out if not exiled is difficult. To reiterate the Greek culture, they despised the idea of exile, because of the psychological death that it causes the hero or character.

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- (1) If the hero is lucky enough to be safe, exile will influence the character's behavior in some form or another.
- (2) The basis of many myths and stories revolve around the Hero, who through his actions determines the outcome and reception of the myth, therefore playing a very important role.
- (3) Many of the exiles who were brought to Babylon were craftsmen and artisans.
- (4) He is exiled by his clansmen when he commits a female crime, killing another clansman by accident.

11. The whole course of things being thus entirely changed between us and the ancients, and the moderns wisely sensible of it, we of this age have discovered a shorter and more prudent method to become scholars and wits, without the fatigue of reading or of thinking. The most accomplished way of using books at present is twofold: either first to serve them as some men do lords, learn their titles exactly, and then brag of their acquaintance; or, secondly, which is indeed the choicer, the profounder, and politer method, to get a thorough insight into the index by which the whole book is governed and turned, like fishes by the tail. For to enter the palace of learning at the great gate requires an expense of time and forms. \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) To this end, though authors need be little consulted, yet critics, and commentators, and lexicons carefully must.

- (2) Therefore we may affirm, to our own honour, that it has in some sort been both invented and brought to perfection by the same hands.
- (3) Therefore men of much haste and little ceremony are content to get in by the back-door.
- (4) Thus are old sciences unravelled like old stockings, by beginning at the foot.

12. Nature is always deeply embedded in Malick's films. It occupies the stage and then humans edge tentatively onto it, uncertain of their roles. There is always much detail, of birds and small animals, of trees and skies, of empty fields or dense forests, of leaves and grain, and always of too much space for the characters to fill. They are nudged here and there by events which they confuse with their destinies. In his "Days of Heaven" (1978), his characters ride the rails into a Texas prairie. His "The Thin Red Line" (1998), a war movie, his characters are embedded in the jungles of Guadalcanal. His "The New World" (2005), shows Native Americans at home in primeval forests while British explorers build forts to hide in. \_\_\_\_\_.

- (1) That is a form which breaks filmmakers free of tight plotting and opens them to whatever happens along the way.
- (2) They can introduce and dispose of characters and subplots at will. The travelers are all that is constant.
- (3) She seems to regard her father's death only as a convenience.
- (4) There is a strong sense of humans uneasily accommodated by the land.

**Directions for question 13:** Read the question below and answer the following.

13. Pakistan harboured the fundamentalists to receive largesse from western countries on the pretext of fighting the Soviets in its neighbourhood. It nurtured them, provided

breeding ground and used them to trouble other countries. But finally these fundamentalists turned into dreaded terrorists and became a menace at the home turf. Which of the following provides an analogous argument as the above?

- (1) To try and completely eliminate corrupt practices across our land, the initiative has to come from the hearts of the citizens. Evidently, we fail to realize that it is us, the citizens, who are equal partners in encouraging corruption.
- (2) Economic development and security are inextricably linked. The security of a nation is no longer guaranteed by a large military; the biggest threat to national security is no longer the military of another country, but rather unpredictable networks of extremists.
- (3) Suleiman Singh kept a pair of tigers in his home primarily to earn money by selling their cubs. He provided breeding ground, reared their cubs, and also used them to attack his neighbours. However, in the process they became man eaters and finally killed one of his children.
- (4) The United States is not a signatory of the Kyoto Protocol and therefore not required to offset carbon emissions, however it still funds renewable energy projects in developing countries.

### **Summary**

**Directions for questions 14 to 24:** Each paragraph below is followed by four summaries. Choose the one that best captures the essence of the paragraph.

14. The hesitation shown by the Central government in deciding upon full legal protection for one of its most prized natural assets, the Western Ghats in their totality, is a major disappointment. The idea that whatever is left of these fragile mountainous forests should be protected from



unsustainable exploitation in the interests of present and future generations, while presenting sustainable ways of living to the communities that inhabit these landscapes, is being lost sight of. Quite unscientifically, the issue is being framed as one of development-versus-conservation. Given the weak effort at forging a consensus, there is little purpose in the Centre returning to the drawing board with another draft notification to identify ecologically sensitive areas. What it needs is a framework under which scientific evidence and public concerns are debated democratically and the baseline for ESAs arrived at. It is accepted, for instance, that the Ghats play an irreplaceable role in mediating the monsoon over the country and the forests harbour a rich biodiversity that has not even been fully studied. New species continue to emerge each year in an area that has endemic plants and animals, although, as the scientist Norman Myers wrote nearly two decades ago, only 6.8% of primary vegetation out of the original 182,500 sq km remains in the Western Ghats and Sri Lanka taken together.

- (1) The experts suggest that the Western Ghats must be conserved under the improved initiatives to be taken by the Central government, for these ecologically sensitive areas have been seminal in maintaining the biodiversity balance.
- (2) The experts opine that the Western Ghats do not get the deserved attention from the Central government and this is criticized by the ecologists and researchers.
- (3) The real biodiversity balance maintained in the Indian subcontinent is due to the mountainous forests of the Western Ghats, where due to unsustainable exploitation the communities are under the threat of becoming extinct.
- (4) The Central government seems hesitant to take actions regarding the conservation of the Western Ghats and this is highly

condemned by the inhabitants and the researchers who are concerned about the damage.

15. William Boyd in his 1998 novel, *Armadillo*, created an antonym for serendipity. He called it zemblanity. If serendipity implies pleasant discoveries by chance, zemblanity is “the faculty of making unhappy, unlucky and expected discoveries by design.” The novel revolves around these twin poles of serendipity and zemblanity, bringing out our daily life that oscillates between utopian dreams and a dystopian reality. Last week, I was torn between serendipity and zemblanity. I was asked to review a book for *Frontline* magazine, *Weapons of Math Destruction*, by Cathy O’Neil. Dr. O’Neil started the Lede Program in Data Journalism at Columbia. Her earlier book, in collaboration with Rachel Schutt, *Doing Data Science*, remains one of the finest textbooks in big number-crunching. However, her latest book explains the inherent problems in big data. She establishes the ironic relationship between the high assumptions behind mathematical models and the inequality they breed. The assumptions are that mathematical models would ensure greater fairness, eliminate bias, and judge by universal rules. But in reality, the book explains how these models become toxic by reinforcing stereotypes, by being opaque and incontestable, even when they are wrong. Reading Dr. O’Neil’s book was a moment of serendipity to learn about the tyranny of numbers.

- (1) The ethical dilemma between ‘serendipity’ and its antonym ‘zemblanity’ was experienced by the author when he reviewed a book by Cathy O’Neil, who is a renowned writer of big data topics, writing exactly the opposite where she explains the drawbacks of number crunching.

- (2) The author experiences the serenity between 'serendipity' which is a pleasant discovery, a term he learnt from the novel 'Armadillo'; when he reviewed a book by Cathy O'Neil, who is a renowned writer of big data topics, writing exactly the opposite where she explains the drawbacks of number crunching.
- (3) The author experiences the real tussle between 'serendipity' which means a pleasant discovery and its antonym 'zemblanity', a term he learnt from the novel 'Armadillo'; when he reviewed a book by Cathy O'Neil, who is a renowned writer of big data topics, writing exactly the opposite where she explains the drawbacks of number crunching.
- (4) The author learns to differentiate between 'serendipity' which means a pleasant discovery and its antonym 'zemblanity', a term he learnt from the novel 'Armadillo'; when he reviewed a book by Cathy O'Neil, who is a renowned writer of big data topics, writing exactly the opposite where she explains the drawbacks of number crunching.

16. As a lonely teenager growing up in Virginia, I fed off any pop culture that could show me different ways of being from what I saw on "The Cosby Show" reruns or read about in an Ann M. Martin book. This was the early 2000s, before social platforms had taken off: LiveJournal was still in its infancy; Tumblr had not yet been created. Friendster and Myspace, the most popular of the networks that did exist, were more about sharing perfectly angled photos than having conversations or bouncing ideas off someone. When, in college, a spirited English teaching assistant (who once canceled class for the week to attend a riot-grrrl punk reunion show in Washington) introduced me to zines and the early feminist publishing movement of the 1990s, I felt as if I had been given a lifeline to

the outside world. Those self-published, unofficial magazines offered tangible glimpses of radical feminism, social-justice movements, queer history and subcultures that I always knew existed but had little access to. The world seemed to open up for me. In theory, the maturation of the internet should have killed off the desire for zines entirely. The web is a Gutenberg press on steroids, predicated on free software platforms created by companies that invest considerable sums to lure people to their sites and make exactly the kind of content I craved growing up.

- (1) In a not so Internet savvy era, the author was introduced to 'zines', which nourished her deep rooted desire to read blogs on the Internet and the popularity of such an informal writing was not impeded by the swarming web content all around.
- (2) In a not so Internet savvy era, the author was introduced to 'zines', which ignited her deep rooted desire to read about socially relevant issues on the Internet and such an informal writing was unpopular among the web savvy crowds who were used to reading below standard web content.
- (3) In a not so Internet savvy era, the author was introduced to 'zines', which ignited her deep rooted desire to read about socially relevant issues on the Internet and the popularity of such an informal writing was not impeded by the swarming web content all around.
- (4) In an Internet savvy era, the author was introduced to online web content, which ignited her deep rooted desire to read about socially relevant issues on the Internet and the popularity of such an informal writing was not impeded by the swarming web content all around.

17. From about 1860-65, John Stuart Mill ruled England in the region of thought as very few men ever did. His substantial corpus of works includes texts in logic, epistemology, economics, social and political philosophy, ethics, metaphysics, religion, and current affairs. Mill's education at the hands of his imposing father, James Mill, fostered both intellectual development and a propensity towards reform.
- (1) One can say with relative surety that Mill's rule in the region of thought did not come about accidentally.
  - (2) His father James Mill from the younger Mill's birth had planned the role.
  - (3) Mill trained for the role under the auspices of admired teachers.
  - (4) Looking at the breadth and complexity of his work, Mill was the greatest nineteenth century philosopher.
18. The changes I was so conscious of had actually begun some time before I went away. I had dismissed them as passing fads. I returned, however, to what had become a revolution in public language. The likes of my colleagues no longer thought of this new tongue as an alien one, into which they translated thoughts originally composed in a more familiar idiom. They had become native speakers. Today, this language pervades both the public and private sectors, and much of the working population is fluent in it. We may joke about the clichéd absurdity of mission statements and standardised phone greetings, but we find it hard to remember a time when these were not clichés - when we reacted to them with genuine incomprehension, and sometimes with genuine outrage.
- (1) The language of mission statements and standardized phone greetings has spread widely. People are so inured of it that they don't recall the time when it sounded out of place.
  - (2) The language of mission statements and standardized phone greetings has spread fast. People are now making their additions to the language and pretend to forget the time when all this seemed alien.
  - (3) Mission statements and standardized phone greetings were initiated so as to make people feel comfortable. Ironically, they have descended into becoming a cliché.
  - (4) The changes sweeping the world are fast as revealed with the example of mission statements and how fast this idiotic idea swept across the world.
19. Return of Hanuman had been written and directed by Bollywood director Anurag Kashyap. The 90-minute movie was a co-production between Toonz Animation and Percept Picture. The quality of the film set a benchmark in the domestic animation industry. Apart from companies such as Pantaloon and Big Bazaar for brand building, Toonz and Percept Picture roped in Jump Games for mobile gaming, Future Group for toys, D'damas for jewellery and Junior Diamond for Comics.
- (1) The ninety-minute movie, Return of Hanuman, by virtue of its quality, has established new standards in the animation industry, including for branding initiatives.
  - (2) Return of Hanuman, a ninety-minute movie, set the benchmark for animation movies in India. This resulted in a major branding initiative by Toonz Animation and Percept Picture for popularizing jewellery and toys.



- (3) Toonz Animation and Percept Picture, the co-producers of the animated movie Return of Hanuman had been approached by big brands like Pantaloon and D'damas for promoting the costumes and jewellery used in the movie.
- (4) Return of Hanuman, a ninety-minute movie, directed by Anurag Kashyap, set the trend for animation movies in India by tying up with Jump Games for mobile gaming.
20. Science apart, the major division in Western thought today, which affects philosophy, literature, religion, architecture, even history, is between the post-modernists who are happy with the fragmented disparate, 'carnival' of culture and those traditionalists who genuinely feel this sells us short, that this approach involves an ethical betrayal, avoids judging what is better and what is less good in human achievement and, in so doing, hinders people in raising their game. Postmodernism and relativism are still in the ascendant, but for how much longer? While the cultures of Africa, Bali and other third world countries have been recovered to an extent, and given a much needed boost, none has so far found the widespread resonance that the classical civilizations of the Middle East once enjoyed. No one doubts that jewels of art, learning and science have occurred in all places and at all times, and the identification and extension of this wide range has been a major achievement of twentieth century scholarship.
- (1) Science is the cause of a major schism in Western thought as it is supplementing literature, religion, architecture and even history. Post modernists and traditionalists are divided on the impact of science on culture.
- (2) The revival of the cultures of various third world countries has given a new lease of life to the traditionalists who were losing out to the post-modernists.
- (3) While postmodernism is on the rise and has favoured the revival of fragmented, disparate cultures, major achievements in art and science have occurred at all times, especially in classical civilizations.
- (4) The culture today is fragmented unlike the culture of yesteryear and old civilizations. The older cultures were far-reaching and richer. But post modernism and relativism are the cultures most likely to survive in the coming years.
21. When words fail, pictures speak. With the emergence of photo and video sharing social platforms such as Instagram and Snapchat, brands are increasingly harnessing the power of pixels. If you are a food, fashion or lifestyle brand, these platforms are the best bet for seeking young and creative audiences, unlike Facebook and Twitter, which work well for brands with mass appeal. Nestlé, KitKat, Grofers, Sportskeeda, Haptik, and Inshorts are some of the brands present on the platform in India. Apart from wanting to create awareness, companies are also using these networks to drive app installs.
- (1) Brands are now using image sharing platforms to woo consumers.
- (2) Facebook and Twitter is a good platform for brands with mass appeal.
- (3) Snapchat and Instagram are using power of pixels to woo consumers and drive app installs.
- (4) Brands are now using social platforms to woo consumers in India.

22. One of the crucial features of the love story as it has been interpreted by both women as writers and by women as readers is its ability to redefine the female subject position. The transformation theme is a central element in many romances. The transfiguration of Cinderella, for example, from her lowly, undistinguished ashes into a glorious princess with access to power, achieved through the magical effects of true love, is a case in point. Rosamond Lehmann is one of a number of women writers of her generation who address themselves to the problems posed by such idealized analogues of the self and to the consequent revision of traditional romantic models.
- (1) Traditional romances have posed a problem for the analogues self as observed by Rosamond Lehmann.
  - (2) The transfiguration of Cinderella is an example of the problems posed by traditional romantic novels.
  - (3) Rosamond Lehman and some others have analyzed the problematic representation of the transformation of the female subject in traditional romances.
  - (4) Rosamond Lehman and others have interpreted the transformation theme as being an analogy to the female position.
23. Problems associated with gait can predict a significant decline in memory and thinking, a new study has found. Using computerised analyses, researchers at mayo clinic in the US measured gait parameters such as stride length, ambulatory time gait speed, step count, cadence, stance time, and arm swing. They examined medical records of residents from Olmsted County in the US, who were between ages 70 - 89 as of October 1, 2004 using the Rochester Epidemiology Project. The analysis included 3,426 cognitively normal participants enrolled in the Mayo Clinic study of aging who had a complete gait and neuropsychological assessment. Alterations in several gait parameters were associated with decline in memory, thinking and language skills, and visual perception of the spatial relationships of objects.
- (1) Research has shown that in aging people, there is a predictable walking style which leads to a decline in memory, thinking and language skills.
  - (2) Research has shown that if there is a significant decline in memory and thinking, especially in aged people, it is reflected in one's gait.
  - (3) Research has shown that a person's memory, thinking and language skills are reflected in his / her gait.
  - (4) Research has shown that as we age there is a decline in memory and thinking and language skills and this can be predicted by gait assessment.
24. Former Indian cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu always says, "Pitches are like wives – most unpredictable!" However, the crumbling pitch at Pune was designed to be poor and hence unpredictable. India suffered a harrowing defeat against Australia and the only plausible cause for its downfall was the over-confidence of the Indian team management. The BCCI is trying to accommodate all and sundry who in turn, increase the number of committees. By this, the mess just seems to be multiplying. One such panel is the Pitch & Grounds committee. For decades, it was the ground staff who prepared the pitches. Without any bookish knowledge, they made pitches that are conducive to cricket with experience. However, the formation of a separate committee caused total mayhem. The continuous interference in the process by the newly-appointed members led to mess in organising Ranji Trophy matches at neutral venues. Alas, nothing changed. The hindrance continued with pitch preparation. Now, what could be a possible solution for this sticky situation then? Of course, the obvious answer is disbanding the Pitch & Grounds committee. The committee members reach the venue a few days prior to the match. This is of no use and is insufficient anyway.

- (1) The Pitch and Grounds committee is a formal body that takes care of the quality of pitches in the cricket ground, but the experiential learning of the general ground staff cannot be undermined.
- (2) The Pitch and Grounds committee is a renowned body that takes care of the quality of pitches in the cricket ground, but the experiential learning of the general ground staff cannot be undermined as proven at different matches this year.
- (3) The chaos at the Pune ground proved detrimental for the ground staff who help manage the quality of the cricket pitches better than the formally paneled experts in the newly formed Pitch and Grounds committee.
- (4) The chaos at the Pune ground proved that the experiential learning of the ground staff helps manage the quality of the cricket pitches better than the formally paneled experts in the newly formed Pitch and Grounds committee.

**Directions for questions 25 to 32:** Each question has a set of four sequentially ordered statements. Each statement can be classified as one of the following:

- Facts, which deal with pieces of information that one has heard, seen or read, and which are open to discovery or verification (the answer option indicates such a statement with an 'F').
  - Inferences, which are conclusions drawn about the unknown, on the basis of the known (the answer option indicates such a statement with an 'I').
  - Judgements, which are opinions that imply approval or disapproval of persons, objects, situations and occurrences in the past, the present or the future (the answer option indicates such a statement with a 'J')
- Select the answer option that best describes the set of four statements.

25. (A) There have been various studies conducted on the human mind by the Tata Research Institute.  
(B) The mind is nothing but a flow of thoughts.  
(C) The human mind cannot be seen but its wonderful effects are clearly experienced by each one of us living in this world  
(D) In the scriptures, the mind has been compared to a lake.

(1) FJFF                      (2) JFIJ  
(3) JFIF                      (4) FJJF

26. (A) Hindustani classical music has a style of singing called Vilambit, in which the tempo of singing is very slow.  
(B) Dhrut, another important part of Hindustani classical music, is more melodious to listen to than even Vilambit.  
(C) The conference on Raga Therapy in Chennai will create more awareness on the therapeutic effects of Ragas on the human body and mind.  
(D) The great Ustad Bade Ghulam Ali Khan Saheb had once said that if every child in pre-Independence India had studied classical music, the partition of India and Pakistan would not have occurred.

(1) FJJI                      (2) JJJF  
(3) IIIJ                      (4) FJJF

27. (A) The South Indian Superstar Rajnikant has signed the movie 'Shivaji'.  
(B) Rajnikant is a much better actor than Amitabh Bachchan when it comes to action movies.  
(C) 'Shivaji' is dubbed in English, so as to cater to the UK audience as well.  
(D) Rajnikant has said that he feels disturbed on being compared to Amitabh Bachchan.

(1) JJJF                      (2) FJIJ  
(3) FJIF                      (4) JJIF

28. (A) Roger Federer plays the backhand better than any other player in the current circuit.  
 (B) Federer's coach said on Monday, "I have always told Roger that the best form of defense is attack."  
 (C) Federer defeated Murray for the fifth consecutive time in yesterday's match.  
 (D) Federer is a committed family man too who also is a hands-on father.

(1) FFFI (2) JFFI  
 (3) JFFJ (4) IFFJ

29. (A) Clearly Ricky is a better student than Amish is as Ricky is hardworking and punctual, qualities which Amish, unfortunately, can never possess.  
 (B) CBSE must be commended on a job well done as the passing rate of tenth board students was the highest ever in CBSE's history in the recently concluded academic year.  
 (C) Surjeet believes in the theory of optimum resource utilization.  
 (D) His choice of horse for the Derby day is a clear winner.

(1) IIJI (2) JJJJ  
 (3) JIJI (4) JIFJ

30. (A) Restricting glucose first spurred the worms to generate more free radicals, but then they quickly built up long-lasting defences against them, said Michael Ristow, an endocrinologist at the University of Jena and the German Institute of Human Nutrition, who led the study.  
 (B) The couple had married under the Special Marriage Act and on August 30 sought police protection in writing.  
 (C) The assumption of the police and parents is that an adult woman is incapable of choosing her own partner — even though she can vote and decide the future of the

country — and must therefore be coaxed, coerced or emotionally blackmailed to do her father's bidding.

- (D) Negative emotions like lust, pride, attachment, anger, ego, greed and jealousy are distortions of love.

(1) IIIJ (2) FFIJ  
 (3) FFJJ (4) JIJJ

31. (A) Our life is a struggle involving pretensions of what we are not and in the process we do not feel good.  
 (B) Politics is unlike any other career, in the sense that it needs more passion and commitment and care for people.  
 (C) The reduction in the interest rates of loans for new borrowers is likely to create an incentive for the buyer who is thinking of a new house.  
 (D) We cannot thank our teachers enough for what they have given us.

(1) FFJI (2) FIJI  
 (3) JJIJ (4) IIJJ

32. (A) A recent trend in capital punishment has been the reduction in the number of offences statutorily punishable by the death penalty.  
 (B) The traffic control drive, which began in this week, is expected to inspire drivers to obey traffic rules.  
 (C) The government has decided to maintain the United Kingdom's independent nuclear deterrent.  
 (D) In 1993, the Booker Prize was awarded to Salman Rushdie for Midnight's children.

(1) FIJJ (2) FIFF  
 (3) JFIJ (4) IJIF

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1. 1 The passage starts with the idea of power in particular. Option (2) is incorrect because it refers to power politics between two parties. Option (3) is incorrect because the passage is not about logic and values. Option (4) is incorrect as it dates 'Peloponnesian War' and becomes unrelated with passage. Option (1) is correct because it is about obtaining power and is hence related to the passage.
2. 2 Option (2) is the right answer. The passage talks about the earthquake and volcanic eruption in Pompeii, while option (1) talks about Pompeii being an archaeological site and hence it is incorrect. Option (3) is incorrect as the leisure time of Pompeians is of no importance to us and option (4) is a misfit because extracting information about the life of Pompeians is irrelevant to the passage. Option (2) rightly fits as it explains what happened prior to the occurrence volcanic eruption in Pompeii.
3. 2 The correct answer is option (2). This paragraph starts with some statistics about the trend of interracial marriage in America. It then goes on to say that despite this increase in number, there are drawbacks. Option (1) is too vague and extreme to relate to this paragraph. Option (3) introduces a new idea in the form of "different political climate". It needs precedence in the paragraph. Option (4) will not complete the paragraph. It introduces a new idea. Option (2) logically extends the idea mentioned in this paragraph.
4. 3 This paragraph has a very specific premise. It talks about a particular study. Option (1) is incorrect because it is too generic and it looks more like an opening sentence. Option (2) is incorrect because of "it" which doesn't have any corresponding noun in the previous sentence. Option (4) can't follow the penultimate sentence as it looks too random. Option 3 goes with the previous sentence as a question and answer. Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.
5. 4 This paragraph compares American and Canada in terms of one aspect of the death penalty rule. Option 1 only talks about America. Option (2) is too generic. Option (3) gives a random conclusion. Hence, option 4 best completes this paragraph.
6. 1 The paragraph focuses on writing and thinking and especially the fashionable intellectual mode of writing based on the theories of certain thinkers during a particular time period. The paragraph however has a hint of sarcasm and it is evident that the author is against the prevalent modes of that time. Option (2) seems out of sync with the paragraph. Option (3) talks about interpretations, but nowhere in the paragraph such notions are mentioned and hence it is beyond our scope. Option (4) similarly is beyond the paragraph's scope. Option (1) remains the most relevant and offers a closure to the ideas.
7. 2 Option (2) is the right answer. The last line of the passage talks about 'God making a man according to a procedure and a conception'. And option (2) clearly states that every individual is made according to a conception that has been there in 'divine understanding', it being stated as a conclusion. 'Divine understanding' means 'God's understanding'. Other options are redundant as they fail to convey the intended meaning.
8. 2 Option (2) is the right answer. The given passage is a first person narrative and none of the given options, other than option (2) is in the same form. Though all the options are somehow related to the given passage, they cannot be used as a concluding line.



9. 2 Option (2) is the right answer. The last sentence of the passage introduces the idea of 'compulsive shopping'. Option (1) mentions 'a person'. The sentence should very specifically talk about a 'compulsive shopper'. Option (3) is incorrect because in this option 'it' refers to 'impulsive shopping', which disconnects it from the last sentence of the passage. Option (4) is incorrect because it goes beyond the content of the passage. Option (2) is correct because it extends on the idea left in the last sentence.
10. 1 Option (1) is the right answer. Option (2) is incorrect because it talks about 'the Hero'. It focuses on the role and importance of a hero. Options (3) and (4) are incorrect because they talk of some particular incidents; however, no such incident is presented in the given passage. Option (1) is the correct answer because the given passage ends on a statement which states that Greeks disliked the idea of exile as it caused the 'psychological death' of the hero and option (1) presents a contrast that what happens to a hero if he is not affected by exile. And there forms a logical sequence between the two.
11. 3 The last sentence of the given passage states that for one to acquire knowledge, it needs time. And hence follows option (3) where the author sarcastically comments that men who are in hurry, always 'get in by the back-door', meaning that they follow shortcuts. The other options are not related to the passage and should hence be rejected.
12. 4 The correct choice is Option (4). The paragraph talks about how in Malick's films, humans do not settle spontaneously into nature but move in tentatively. Option (4) speaks how humans are uneasily accommodated by the land and hence it is the correct option. Options (1), (2), and (3) all deal with plotting and features of the film and hence will be eliminated.
13. 3 Only Option (3) employs a mode of reasoning similar to the one employed in the argument given. Pakistan harbored fundamentalists and used them to cause trouble in other countries. But in the end these fundamentalists hurt Pakistan itself. Similarly, Suleiman Singh kept a pair of tigers in his home and used them to attack his neighbours but in the process they became man-eaters and killed one of his children.
14. 1 Option (1) is the best answer because it covers the essence of the passage. Option (2) is eliminated because it does not mention ecologically sensitive aspect of the Western Ghats. Option (3) is incorrect because it does not mention the negligence of the Central government. Option (4) is incorrect because it does not mention why the Western Ghats are an important part of the ecology.
15. 3 Option (c) is the best answer because it covers the essence of the passage. Option (a) is incorrect because it does not explain the meaning of the words. Option (b) is incorrect because he learnt the term 'zemblanity' and not 'serendipity' from the book. Option (d) is incorrect because the author learnt the term 'zemblanity' and not the differences between the terms.
16. 3 Option (c) is the best answer because it covers the essence of the passage. Option (a) is incorrect because the author's deep rooted desire was not to read blogs. Option (b) is incorrect because 'reading below standard web content' is not mentioned in the passage. Option (d) is incorrect because according to the passage the author was introduced to 'zines'.
17. 1 Mill was groomed by his father – towards intellectual development etc. Hence his rule in the later stage was not accidental. We do not know whether his father had planned the role. 'Admired teachers' is not given in the paragraph. Option (4) is too broad in scope - 'greatest' in 'England' would have been correct.
18. 1 The author says that there was a time when standardized greetings and mission statements appeared to be a passing fad, but now people have become used to them. We may make fun of the clichéd absurdity of these statements but we have forgotten the time when these were not considered clichéd. This is given in option (1), rendering it the correct answer.
19. 1 It is concise and covers all important points. The other options fail to do that.
20. 3 It summarizes the passage effectively. Option (4) talks about the years to come which is not said in the passage. Option (1) says Science has caused the major schism in Western thoughts which is not true. Option (2) only talks about revival of culture.
21. 1 The passage states that brands like Nestle and Kitkat are using social platforms like Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter to reach out to audiences. So this makes it the right option. (2) is incorrect since it mentions only Facebook and Twitter which are just used as examples and do not show the essence of the passage; same is the case with (3) which only mentions Snapchat and Instagram. The passage states that other brands are using Snapchat and Instagram platforms. So, (3) is a twisted option. (4) only mentions India which is not the central idea of the passage. Hence, (1) is the answer.

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| <p>22. 3 (1) is a vague option. (2) is too narrow and doesn't contain the central idea. (3) is the best option as it talks about the theme of the representation of the female self in romances. (4) is a twisted option as it doesn't mention the word "problem".</p> <p>23. 2 (1) is incorrect as it states that a walking style leads to the decline in memory which is not the only form of gait. (2) is the correct option which is the essence of the passage. This passage talks mostly about ageing people. (3) and (4) are too generic. Hence, (2) is the answer.</p> <p>24. 4 Option (4) is the best answer because it covers the essence of the passage. Option (a) is incorrect because it does not mention the Pune chaos. Option (2) is incorrect because the passage does not talk about different matches. Option (3) is incorrect because the passage does not mention the chaos being detrimental for the ground staff.</p> <p>25. 4 Statement (A) is something which is easily verifiable. Statement (B) is a judgment - an individual opinion as there may exist other definitions of the mind. Statement (C) is an individual opinion as the mind is intangible and opinions about it vary. Statement (D) is a fact. Whether the comparison is done in the scriptures can be checked. Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.</p> <p>26. 4 Statement (A) is a fact which can be verified. Statement (B) becomes a judgement because it draws an opinionated conclusion. The melodious nature of any musical instrument varies from person to person. Statement (C) again is a judgment. Statement (D) is a fact because it is a reported event and can be verified. Hence, option (4) is the correct answer.</p> <p>27. 3 Statement (A) is a fact as it can be verified. Statement (B) is an opinion as the statement is difficult to verify and can be easily countered by another opinion. Statement (C) is an inference - a conclusion about the unknown - 'reason for dubbing in English' - based on a fact - 'the dubbing'. Statement (D) is a reported fact. Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.</p> | <p>28. 3 The first statement is clearly someone's opinion. It is not based on any verifiable fact. The second and third statements can be easily verified. Quotations are facts as what is to be verified is whether the source actually said it or not. The last sentence is again a judgement as it is someone's opinion. Hence, the answer is option (3).</p> <p>29. 4 The first statement is a judgement. Though it is structured as a conclusion, the conclusion is not based on any verifiable fact. The second statement is an inference. The second part of the statement is a fact as its truth value can be verified. The third statement is a fact. The belief of a person is a personal choice and we can always ask a person for a yes/no answer. The last statement is again a judgement. So, the answer is option (4).</p> <p>30. 3 Statement (A) is a fact as it can be verified whether Michael stated it. Statement (B) is a fact too. Statements (C) and (D) are opinions expressing approval/disapproval and are hence judgments. Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.</p> <p>31. 3 Statements (A), (B) and (C) are judgments as they are individual opinions. Statement (C) is an inference as it is a conclusion about the unknown - the expected impact of the reduction in the interest rates based on the fact that reduction has occurred. Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.</p> <p>32. 2 (A) talks about a growing trend which has happened in reality. This is verifiable and hence is a fact. (B) is an inference because it is a conclusion based on the known - the traffic control drive. (C) is a fact because it can be verified whether that the government has taken this decision. (D) is also a fact because it can be verified whether Salman Rushdie has been awarded the Booker prize. Hence, option (2) is the correct answer.</p> |
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