

# Verbal Logic-10



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# VA - 29

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Number of Questions : **35**

## Test Drive

Time Limit

5 Minutes

**Directions for questions 1-5:** In each of the questions below, four pairs of words are given. Choose the option that gives the correct combination of words that are synonyms/antonyms. Mark your answer by selecting the appropriate option.

- A. Virulent  
B. Tangential  
C. Supercilious  
D. Rancorous

(1) Both A and B      (2) Both C and D  
(3) Both A and C      (4) Both A and D
- A. Vicissitude  
B. Spavined  
C. Nonchalance  
D. Vigorous

(1) A and C      (2) B and C  
(3) B and D      (4) A and D
- A. Fawner  
B. Punctilious  
C. Ungracious  
D. Vacuous

(1) A and B      (2) B and C  
(3) C and D      (4) A and D

- A. Purism  
B. Conch  
C. Stentorian  
D. Muffled

(1) A and C      (2) B and C  
(3) A and D      (4) C and D
- A. Vituperative  
B. Disbursement  
C. Plaintive  
D. Bestowal

(1) B and D      (2) A and B  
(3) C and D      (4) A and D

## CAUSE-EFFECT

Such questions sometimes appear in MICAT, TISSNET, and NMAT.

**Directions for questions 6-15:** In the following questions, two statements numbered I and II are given. These statements may or may not share a cause-effect relationship. Mark your answer as:

- (1) If statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect.
- (2) If statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect.
- (3) If both the statements I and II are independent causes.
- (4) If both the statements I and II are independent effects.

6.
  - I. People in Delhi have started using bicycles for shorter distances.
  - II. Level of pollution in Delhi is constantly on a rise.
7.
  - I. The teacher did not take the class on syllogism.
  - II. There was no question on syllogism in the exam.
8.
  - I. Roy's boss did not have the content ready on time for the meeting.
  - II. Roy's laptop suddenly crashed and the work assigned by his boss got interrupted.
9.
  - I. The youth of the country is becoming progressively lazy in pursuing fitness regime despite being aware of its importance.
  - II. Nike, a popular, contemporary brand, has come up with a range of innovative marketing strategies to lure the youth to exercise.
10.
  - I. India has the largest untapped labour force in the world.
  - II. The government of India has introduced a skill development initiative to increase the employment rate in the country.
11.
  - I. The new season of Veep, an American hit TV show, will consist of only 8 episodes, not its usual 12 episodes.
  - II. There is a writers' strike in Hollywood.
12.
  - I. A statement by the Indian Army chief has caused a nationwide uproar.
  - II. Army in India has typically stayed away from politics.
13.
  - I. The refugee situation in Syria is getting more and more hopeless with each passing day.
  - II. The UN administration has declared a 5 year plan for the rehabilitation of refugees across the Syrian border.

14.
  - I. Recently pug marks belonging to a tiger has been spotted near the fringes of the city too.
  - II. This act has been hailed as an instance whereby increase in tiger population has been officially documented and presented.
15.
  - I. People should avoid wearing headphones while crossing the streets.
  - II. According to a traffic surgeon, the incidents of jaywalking cases have increased by 50% in last one year.

### **COURSE OF ACTION:**

The understanding of the basic fundamentals of course of action makes one be better prepared to tackle the Decision Making (DM) section of XAT. A few CR questions in NMAT also deal with this chapter.

**Directions for questions 16-25:** Each of the following questions has a statement followed by two course of action numbered I and II. Mark your answer as:

- (1) If only I follows.
- (2) If only II follows.
- (3) If neither I nor II follows.
- (4) If both I and II follow.

16. **Statement:** Rahul, son of one of the sponsors, has been adjudged player of the match in spite of the fact that he didn't score a single run.

### **Courses of Action:**

- I. The captain of Rahul's team should complain against this issue as he was the top scorer of the match.
- II. The captain of Rahul's team should just let it go because in any case his team won.

17. **Statement:** Financial crunch prevented the company from paying wages to its staff.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. The company should curtail unnecessary expenses and make necessary arrangements to pay the salaries.
- II. The company should raise funds to pay the salaries due.

18. **Statement:** Movie theatres across the country are not making enough profits as people nowadays prefer to watch movies at home.

**Courses of action:**

- I. Movie theatre owners should revise the marketing strategy.
- II. The prices of movie tickets should be dropped.

19. **Statement:** Ravi was sacked from his job on the ground of alleged unprofessional conduct.

**Courses of Action:**

- I. He should sue the company as they can't sack any one based on one's behaviour.
- II. He should go through the company policies and consult a lawyer.

20. **Statement:** A petition was filed against the local MLA for allowing goons to collect money for the Durga Puja.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The MLA should come clean and defend himself.
- II. The MLA should opt for more men to handle the situation.

21. **Statement:** Donald Trump has taunted North Korea's leader about the size of his nuclear arsenal after his UN envoy, Nikki Haley, dismissed the value of proposed high-level talks between Pyongyang and Seoul.

**Courses of action:**

- I. Pyongyang and Seoul must gang up against Trump.
- II. Nuclear arsenals should be banned outright after this.

22. **Statement:** Britain is in talks to join a trans-Pacific trade group to boost exports after the UK leaves the European Union according to reports.

**Courses of action:**

- I. South-East Asia should brace itself to face a powerful business nemesis.
- II. European Union should stop the move as it would seriously weaken their existence.

23. **Statement:** A former advertising executive who spent two decades working with "big food" corporations has revealed how they are still working to persuade us to eat more sugar and junk food in spite of the obesity epidemic.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The corporations should be banned on humanitarian grounds.
- II. The report must further unite crusaders battling to stop corporations from spreading junk.

24. **Statement:** The London mayor's knife crime campaign and slick words will have no impact on teenagers who fear losing their life every time they leave the house after four fatal stabbings in one night.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The state and community should start working together and the role of civil society will be crucial.
- II. The long-term way to reduce crime and violence is to address the root causes, i.e. inequality, lack of opportunity, unstable family backgrounds.

25. **Statement:** Indian doctors have accused the government of seeking to “sanction quackery” by proposing a bill that will allow homeopaths and others trained in alternative remedies to practise conventional medicine after taking a bridge course.

**Courses of action:**

- I. The doctors must sit in and refuse to treat patients as long as the bill is in existence.
- II. Allopathic doctors should force patients against seeking modern remedies from non-practitioners of modern medicine.

**DECISION MAKING:**

It is known as the XAT special section. More often than not, one’s performance in this section decides one’s fate in XAT.

**Directions for questions 26-30:** Read the given paragraph and answer the questions that follow. (XAT, 2018)

Madhuri Apte, a busy professional, rents out her studio apartment located in South Mumbai. Since she stays three hours away from the studio apartment, she uses a networked digital lock to monitor the property remotely. Each customer gets a temporary and unique access code for the digital lock that enables them to enter the studio apartment for the duration of stay. The apartment’s entrance door can also be opened with physical keys and Madhuri Apte has two such keys in her possession.

Madhuri Apte has employed a cleaner who has a permanent access code to enter the apartment for cleaning every day. She is available only between 15:00 hrs and 17:00 hrs. Madhuri Apte’s apartment caters largely to international customers. A customer typically stays for 3 days, paying an average rent of \$125 per day.

26. While Madhuri Apte’s studio apartment gets good feedback on other aspects, many seem unhappy as they found the operation of the digital lock complicated.

Which of the following options is the best for Madhuri Apte in this context?

- (1) Madhuri should switch to a physical lock.
- (2) Madhuri, on request, should send one of the physical keys five days ahead of customer’s arrival at an extra charge of \$75.
- (3) Madhuri should request the cleaner to explain the working of the digital access code to customers for an extra charge.
- (4) Madhuri should create a video manual on “how to use the digital access code” and e-mail it to the customers before their arrival.

27. Madhuri’s apartment received good feedback from the guests, except with respect to the operation of the digital lock. She decided to leave a spare physical key in the house for her guests. Recently some of the guests had forgotten to leave the key behind during checkout. Making a spare key will cost \$500 and will take about 10 days to arrive. She was confused if she should continue leaving the spare key and was looking for a way out.

Which of the following would be the best way out for her?

- (1) Be present during checkout to ensure the key is returned.
- (2) Request the cleaner to be present during checkout.
- (3) Send polite reminders to guests before checkout date and on the day of checkout to leave the key behind.
- (4) Charge security deposit of \$100 which will be forfeited if the keys are not left behind.

28. Saeed works in XYZ Pvt. Ltd. as the manager of a team. The company is going through a severe cash crunch. So, Saeed is under tremendous pressure from the upper management to cut cost. One of the ways is to let people go. Saeed’s team is already short staffed and he is not able to think of firing even one person as the work of the team will suffer. Saeed shares a great relationship with his team members. He is aware that it will be

really difficult for any one of them to find a new job and the team members belong to lower middle class households.

Which of the following is the best decision Saeed can take?

- (1) Saeed must help the to-be-fired team member in finding a better job.
- (2) Saeed must negotiate with the upper management regarding the staff crunch.
- (3) Saeed must hide the truth from the team members for as long as it is possible.
- (4) Saeed must frankly apprise the team members of the situation and leave it up to them to search for other options.

29. Rajeev is a senior pilot with a leading aviation company in India. Rajeev enjoys a stellar reputation as a professional. However, in the last few months, Rajeev has started showing symptoms of fatigue and emotional distress. He is going through turmoil in his personal life. He has started drinking heavily. Yesterday, Rajeev didn't report to duty on time and the flight had to be rescheduled. He said that he overslept as he had been partying late the night before.

What should the aviation company do? (Similar to NMAT, 2018, MB)

- (1) Include lessons on the importance of punctuality in the training programme for pilots.
- (2) Include stricter punishment for truancy.
- (3) Fire Rajeev and make an example out of his case.
- (4) Serve Rajeev a show cause notice and conduct a refresher course for the pilots regarding lifestyle choices.

30. In yet another horrific train mishap, 35 people have been killed in the Chemslink district of North London. The railway track was already under scrutiny for lack of maintenance. A lot of red flags had been raised. However, the authority had turned a deaf ear to all these complaints.

What should the survivors and the families of the victims do?

- (1) Demand for the termination of all the employees responsible.
- (2) Demand for adequate compensation.
- (3) Demand for justice and threaten to file a law suit.
- (4) Demand for action against the railway authorities.

### WORD ASSOCIATION:

It is exclusive to MICAT. Every year, one gets 15 word association questions in the 'Logical Ability and Divergent Thinking' section. These questions are normally very interesting.

**Directions for questions 31-35:** In the following questions, there are 9 words: 4 in Column A (called Clues) and 5 in Column B (called Alternative Options). One word in Column B goes with all the clue words. Find that word from column B and mark it as your answer.

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|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 31. | Clues (A)<br>I. Girl<br>II. Master<br>III. Long<br>IV. Hit     | Alternative Options(B)<br>(1) Boy<br>(2) Miss<br>(3) Servant<br>(4) Short<br>(5) Run<br><b>(MICAT, Feb, 2017, MB)</b> |
| 32. | Clues (A)<br>I. Evil<br>II. Hospital<br>III. Parent<br>IV. Off | Alternative Options(B)<br>(1) Ward<br>(2) Mark<br>(3) Vote<br>(4) Child<br>(5) Quack<br><b>(MICAT, Feb, 2017, MB)</b> |
| 33. | Clues (A)<br>I. Hair<br>II. Down<br>III. Up<br>IV. Ball        | Alternative Options(B)<br>(1) Call<br>(2) Use<br>(3) Pin<br>(4) Cap<br>(5) Do<br><b>(MICAT, Feb, 2017, MB)</b>        |

34. Clues (A)                      Alternative Options(B)  
I. Point                      (1) Score  
II. Record                      (2) Break  
III. Laced                      (3) Drug  
IV. Forward                      (4) Straight  
                                            (5) Centre  
                                            **(MICAT, Feb, 2018, MB)**

35. Clues (A)                      Alternative Options(B)  
I. Ready                      (1) Pointed  
II. Twist                      (2) Muscle  
III. Cheek                      (3) Joints  
IV. Sharp                      (4) Tongue  
                                            (5) Humour  
                                            **(MICAT, Feb, 2018, MB)**

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# VA - 29 : Verbal Logic-10

## Answers and Explanations

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| 11 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 13 | 1 | 14 | 4 | 15 | 2 | 16 | 3 | 17 | 4 | 18 | 1 | 19 | 2 | 20 | 1 |
| 21 | 3 | 22 | 3 | 23 | 2 | 24 | 4 | 25 | 3 | 26 | 4 | 27 | 3 | 28 | 2 | 29 | 4 | 30 | 2 |
| 31 | 2 | 32 | 1 | 33 | 3 | 34 | 4 | 35 | 4 |    |   |    |   |    |   |    |   |    |   |

### Test Drive

1. 4 Virulent and Rancorous are synonyms; they mean 'dangerous or malicious.' Tangential means peripheral. Supercilious means haughty or arrogant.
2. 3 Spavined means really old and weak. Vigorous is its antonym. Vicissitude means 'changeable or not constant.'
3. 2 Punctilious refers to someone who is meticulous and adheres to rules. Ungracious is someone who is impolite. They are near antonyms. Fawner refers to a sycophant. Vacuous means stupid or unintelligent.
4. 4 Stentorian denotes a loud and a powerful voice. Muffled means a muted voice or a very weak voice. So C and D are antonyms of each other. Purism means strict observance of or insistence on traditional correctness. Conch means a large sea shell.
5. 1 'Disbursement' means a payment, especially one made by a lawyer to a third party and then charged to the client. 'Bestowal' means an act of conferring a gift or present to someone. They form a synonymous relationship with each other.

### Class Exercise

6. 2 Because pollution level is increasing in Delhi, so people prefer to use bicycles for shorter distances, to not add to the growing level of pollution. Hence, II is the cause and I is its effect.
7. 4 Both the statements are independent effects. No relationship can be established between the two statements as we don't know if the teacher was the question setter.
8. 2 II can be the cause for I. The crashing of the laptop can affect the preparation of the content for the meeting.

9. 1 A brand will come up with innovative strategies to tap into customers who are not part of its current consumer base. So, I can be the cause and II its effect.
10. 1 Skill development will help the government in tapping the potential labour force. So, I is a cause for II.
11. 2 Statement II is the cause and I its effect. A writer's strike will affect the production of a TV show.
12. 4 Both are effects of independent causes. The history of army wouldn't have caused the uproar. It must have been due to the content of the speech.
13. 1 Statement I is the cause and statement II its effect. If a situation is getting worse, the UN has to come up with some alternatives.
14. 4 Both the statements are effects of independent causes. In I, the use of 'too' implies the presence of some prior cause, and similarly in II, 'this act' implies the presence of some prior cause.
15. 2 Statement II is the cause and I is its effect. As numbers of jaywalking cases (i.e., crossing or walking in the street or road unlawfully or without regard for approaching traffic) have increased, wearing headphones and crossing the streets can be considered as a major reason behind this increase.
16. 3 We don't know anything about the bowling performance of Rahul's team. Rahul might have taken wickets for which he was adjudged the player of the match. Since the information is inconclusive, we can say that neither I nor II follows.
17. 4 The most important priority for the company now is to avoid further delay in disbursement of salary. Both the actions can be taken to avoid further deferral.

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| 18. 1 | Clearly, marketing strategy should be taken into account by the movie owners to avoid further loss. We don't know anything about the price of the tickets, so action II can be avoided.                                                                          | 27. 3 | This is the only possible choice for Madhuri. All other actions have already shown no result. So, option 3 is the correct choice. Option 2 is practically not feasible.                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 19. 2 | Action I is wrong as it is a rash and an illogical decision. He should consult a lawyer first before taking any legal action.                                                                                                                                    | 28. 2 | There are two issues here: cash crunch and staff shortage. If the work of the team suffers, then the entire cost cutting measure will be nullified as the company will need to perform better to help the business grow. So, option 2 is the first course of action for Saeed.                                                                                                 |
| 20. 1 | Action I is the appropriate choice. Action II is unethical and may cause more problems for the minister.                                                                                                                                                         | 29. 4 | It is the clear answer. Firing Rajeev may not be feasible as he has been a proven performer. His issues might be temporary. However, he must be disciplined. So, 4 is the correct choice for the aviation company.                                                                                                                                                             |
| 21. 3 | Neither of the two actions will follow the statement logically. None of the actions will result in any quantifiable substance.                                                                                                                                   | 30. 2 | Both options 2 and 4 look correct. Option 1 is too extreme and may not be practically feasible. Option 3 is vague as the meaning of justice can be subjective. Between options 2 and 4, 2 is a more practical choice. If one gets compensated, the authorities invariably act against anyone responsible for any act of negligence. So, option 2 will anyway lead to option 4. |
| 22. 3 | The statement talks about an action of Britain. No other country can force Britain to act against the latter's wishes. There is nothing specific mentioned about South-East Asia. Trans-Pacific is a large region. So, none of the course of action are logical. | 31. 2 | A girl is called Miss. Miss is the opposite of Master. Longing for someone is missing that person. Miss hit is a commonly used phrase.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 23. 2 | Only action II follows the statement logically. Action I is both extreme and practically unfeasible.                                                                                                                                                             | 32. 1 | We 'ward off' evil. A hospital has a ward. Parents or legal guardians are in charge of their wards (children).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 24. 4 | Both the actions logically follow the given statement. It is a situation which requires both short term and long term actions.                                                                                                                                   | 33. 3 | The phrases are 'hair pin', 'pin down', 'pin up', and 'ball'.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 25. 3 | Action II is close but the doctors cannot make the choice for every patient nor assume that everyone will be conscious enough to realise the problem. Action I is ethically incorrect.                                                                           | 34. 4 | The phrases / expressions are 'Straight to the point', 'set / put the record straight', 'strait-laced or straight-laced (Adjective, showing strict moral attitude), and 'straight forward'.                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 26. 4 | The guests have a problem as they can't use this lock. Option 2 is not a choice as the lock costs much higher than the caution money. So, option 4 is the best choice.                                                                                           | 35. 4 | The expressions are 'ready tongue', 'tongue twister', 'tongue in cheek', and 'sharp tongue'. Humour comes close but there is no expression called sharp humour.                                                                                                                                                                                                                |