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English Usage

Verbal Logic

Cloze Test

Directions for questions 1 to 5: Given below is a paragraph with five blanks numbered 1 to 5. Options for the blanks are given against corresponding numbers below the passage. Fill in the blanks with the most appropriate word from the options given.

These moral ___1___, of course, came to the fore in Ray's last three films, which Roberge loves for their humanity and directness. I am not sure I can agree. "I have no wish to ___2___ content," Ray himself declared in his hard-hitting Amal Bhattacharjee Memorial Lecture in 1982, "but we must remember that the ___3___ of films have been made on the loftiest of themes. That a director says all the right things is in itself no guarantee of ___4___. At best it is a reflection of his attitude, or ideology ... it is the ___5___ of saying which indicates the artist."

1. (1) preoccupations (2) mutterings
(3) chattering (4) debates
2. (1) praise (2) belittle
(3) uphold (4) plagiarize
3. (1) scariest (2) pathetic
(3) silly (4) lousiest

4. (1) truthful (2) verify
(3) authentic (4) artistry
5. (1) manner (2) mastery
(3) pedagogy (4) peculiarity

Spelling

Directions for questions 6 to 15: Choose the correct spelling of each word and mark the appropriate option.

6. (1) Questionaire (2) Questionnaire
(3) Questionnaire (4) Questionnare
7. (1) Embarassment (2) Embarrassment
(3) Embarrasment (4) Embarressment
8. (1) Millennium (2) Milennium
(3) Milenium (4) Millinneum
9. (1) Convelesce (2) Convalensce
(3) Convalece (4) Convalesce
10. (1) Deductaeble (2) Deductible
(3) Diductible (4) Deducteble
11. (1) Annhilation (2) Annhiliation
(3) Annihilation (4) Anihiliation
12. (1) Beserk (2) Berzerk
(3) Bersek (4) Berserk
13. (1) Coroborate (2) Corroborate
(3) Corrobortate (4) Coroborrare

14. (1) Infiltration (2) Infilltration
(3) Infillitration (4) Infiltration
15. (1) Sillhoutte (2) Silhouette
(3) Silhoutte (4) Sillhoeutte

Fill in the Blank

Directions for questions 16 to 20: Fill in the blank with the correct word.

16. When democracy eludes a party, things like demagoguery, grandstanding, and one-upmanship take _____.
(1) up (2) over
(3) upon (4) on
17. The High Court directed the district authority to _____ the illegal constructions in the town.
(1) tear off (2) tear away
(3) tear apart (4) tear down
18. The old house looks so dilapidated that its structure can _____ anytime.
(1) melt away (2) give way
(3) give away (4) give up
19. Migrant labourers are _____ the most underprivileged and exploited people in India.
(1) within (2) in
(3) one of (4) among
20. The chandelier was suspended _____ the ceiling.
(1) of (2) into
(3) from (4) onto

Statement-Assumption

Directions for questions 21 to 26: Each of the following questions contains a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. Evaluate whether the assumption are implicit or not. Mark your answer as:

- (1) if only assumption I is implicit.
(2) if only assumption II is implicit.
(3) if neither assumption I nor assumption II is implicit.
(4) if both the assumptions are implicit.
21. **Statement:** Steve Bannon believes that President Donald Trump may have committed the greatest mistake in modern American political history when he fired FBI Director James Comey this May.
Assumptions:
I. Steve Bannon is an expert on modern American political history.
II. Steve Bannon is concerned for the future of Trump's presidency.
22. **Statement:** It is hard to respond to hate with love and tolerance.
Assumptions:
I. Love and tolerance don't go with racism.
II. Love and tolerance can be used to respond to hate.
23. **Statement:** "How can one man both commemorate a film documenting the fight against fascists in the early 20th Century, and then celebrate the modern day far-right?", wondered many people in England.
Assumptions:
I. It is difficult for these people to accept that the same person can do both the things mentioned in the statement.
II. According to these people there is at least one man on Earth who did the two things mentioned in the statement.
24. **Statement:** India's largest oil producer reported a 5.7 per cent drop in net profit during the second quarter which ended in September 2017, as against the second quarter of the previous year.
Assumptions:
I. The company gave its highest-ever discounts to state-owned refineries during the period.
II. The sales had increased during the corresponding quarter last year.

25. **Statement:** Government is reinforcing the ban on advertisements of alcoholic drinks in media.

Assumptions:

- I. Alcoholic drinks are considered harmful for the society.
- II. The advertisements of alcoholic drinks are still present in the media.

26. **Statement:** Recent observations suggest global warming and other changes in the climate system.

Assumptions:

- I. Periods of unusually warm weather were experienced.
- II. Rise in sea-levels had not been observed earlier.

Statement-Conclusion

Directions for questions 27 to 32: Each of the following questions contains (a) statement(s) followed by two conclusions numbered I and II. Select whether the conclusions are valid or not. Mark your answer as:

- (1) if only conclusion I follows.
- (2) if only conclusion II follows.
- (3) if both the conclusions follow.
- (4) if neither conclusion I nor conclusion II follows.

27. **Statement:** One can't receive respect unless one gives respect. One can't be successful unless one receives respect.

Conclusions:

- I. One can't be successful unless one gives respect.
- II. One can be successful if one gives respect.

28. **Statement:** Experiencing sensations like goose bumps or a lump in the throat when listening to music is quite rare and unique.

Conclusions:

- I. If you do get chills from music you are more likely to have stronger and more intense emotions.
- II. People who experience goose bumps of lump in the throat while listening to music are emotionally sensitive.

29. **Statement:** "Honestly I don't have the energy to talk about the racial violence of white people any more. Yes ALL white people", said transgender model Munroe Bergdorf in a lengthy Facebook post.

Conclusions:

- I. Munroe Bergdorf is not white.
- II. Munroe Bergdorf was reacting to the events at Charlottesville.

30. **Statement:** Farmers in village 'X' are selling their kidneys to repay their loans.

Conclusions:

- I. Poverty has forced farmers in village 'X' to take such a drastic step.
- II. There is no harm in selling one's kidneys.

31. **Statement:** The Indian stock market is currently passing through an extremely volatile phase.

Conclusions:

- I. The Indian stock market is expected to revive in a few days time.
- II. Under present conditions, it is risky to invest in the stock market.

32. **Statement:** A food products company has a goal to achieve production of waste-free products in waste-free factories, in order to enable its customers to work in waste-free offices, by 2020.

Conclusions:

- I. The company management has chalked out a plan to protect the environment.
- II. The company plans to produce only those products that are recyclable on or after 2020.

Statement-Course of Action

Directions for questions 33 to 38: Each of the following questions contains a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. Evaluate the situation and mark your answer as:

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

33. **Statement:** At least three people were killed as the category four hurricane Irma made landfall in the Florida Keys and worked its way up the southwest coast, leaving more than three million properties and businesses without power and millions of people hunkering down in their homes or emergency shelters.

Course of action:

- I. The government must take active steps to fight climate change.
- II. The Churches in Florida must give shelter to people who have lost their homes.

34. **Statement:** Despite repeated warnings, Jasmeet has not stopped posting abusive posts about Meetal on different social media pages.

Course of action:

- I. Meetal should file a police complaint against Jasmeet.
- II. Meetal must block Jasmeet on her social media page.

35. **Statement:** A leading newspaper survey reveals that 'Women find it unsafe to work in company X'.

Courses of Action:

- I. Company X should take measures to create a safe working environment for women.
- II. Company X should stop hiring women.

36. **Statement:** Company X called back all its cars manufactured after 2013 on account of defective parts.

Courses of action:

- I. Company X should sue the supplier of the defective parts.
- II. Company X should fire its entire Quality control department.

37. **Statement:** Customers now prefer product X of company A to product Y of company B.

Courses of action:

- I. Company B should immediately launch another product to rival X.
- II. Company B should investigate the causes for this preference.

38. **Statement:** Employees working on computers suffer from spinal injuries.

Courses of action:

- I. Directives should be issued regarding the correct posture while working on computers.
- II. Employers should not hire people not used to working on computers.

Cause-Effect

Directions for questions 39 to 44: Each of the following questions contains two statements which may or may not have 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 are independent causes.
- (4) if both the statements are independent effects.

39. **Statements:**

- I. There has been an increase in the number of road accidents in Delhi in the past few months.
- II. The government has ordered 1100 private buses, whose drivers have been booked for rash driving, to temporarily stay off the roads.

40. **Statements:**

- I. The CAT Exam is now being conducted online.
- II. IIMs wanted to reduce the administrative burden of conducting the test offline across the country.

41. **Statements:**

- I. India lost the cricket match against Australia.
- II. Australians are very aggressive in the field and use foul language many times.

42. **Statements:**

- I. The Prime Minister recently announced the abolition of interviews for bottom level government jobs.
- II. Bribery has been the bane of our bureaucracy.

43. **Statements:**

- I. Newton introduced his theory of gravity in 1666.
- II. Einstein introduced his theory of relativity in 1915.

44. **Statements:**

- I. The declining reading habit of our youngsters is a matter of concern.
- II. CBSE has decided to introduce more reading assignments for the school going children.

Strong / Weak Arguments

Directions for questions 45 to 50: Each of the following questions contains a statement followed by two arguments numbered I and II. Assume the statement to be true and choose the correct answer as:

- (1) if only argument I is strong.
- (2) if only argument II is strong.
- (3) if both arguments I and II are strong.
- (4) if neither argument I nor II is strong.

45. **Statement:**

Do technical gadgets improve the quality of human life?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, life would be unimaginable without these technical aids in present times.
- II. No, technical gizmos have taken the drive and initiative away from the modern man.

46. **Statement:**

Should there be a complete ban on the manufacturing of firecrackers in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, the firecracker manufacturers use child labour to a large extent.
- II. No, this will render thousands of workers jobless.

47. **Statement:**

Should India make efforts to harness solar energy to fulfill its energy requirements?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, solar energy is the cheapest form of renewable energy.
- II. No, the energy sources available at present will last for decades.

48. **Statement:** Should the Indian government change its obsolete tax laws?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, the much required changes will strengthen the government's tax collection and revenue generation.
- II. No, the tax payers have been taking advantage of the system and they should be punished.

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| <p>49. Statement: Should India declare itself a Hindu nation?</p> <p>Arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Yes, it is the only way to eradicate the vote bank politics.II. Yes, the uniform civil code can then be enforced in a legal manner. | <p>50. Statement: Should sterilization after one or two children be made compulsory.</p> <p>Arguments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Yes. Because that is the only way to stabilize or reduce population.II. No. It is not a sure thing because of possibilities of multiplets and infant deaths. |
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| <p>1. 1 The correct word to fill the blank is "preoccupations or concerns". Only that goes with the expression "came to the fore". "Debates" doesn't go with this expression. "Mutterings" or "whispers" can't fit after the word "moral". Similarly, chattering is irrelevant.</p> <p>2. 2 The clue for this blank is the word "but" that follows in the next line. Even the author says "I am not sure I can agree". Praise or uphold doesn't go with the theme. Ray is trying to make a point without offending anyone. Hence, "belittle" best suits the context. Option 4 is out of context.</p> <p>3. 4 The key word in this sentence is 'but'. Ray doesn't want to belittle any movie. But he wants to point out that bad movies have been made on grand themes. Thematically, options 2, 3, and 4 fit. However, the article "the" before the blank suggests that one needs the superlative degree of the adjective. Hence, option 4 is the answer.</p> <p>4. 4 The blank needs a noun. Options 1 and 3 are adjectives. Option 2 is a verb. Hence, option 4 is the answer.</p> <p>5. 1 The previous blank has the word artistry. The paragraph is about film making. Words like 'attitude' and 'ideology' suggest that this blank needs a similar word. '...of saying' after the blank suggests that only option 1 can fit the blank.</p> <p>6. 3 This is the correct spelling.</p> <p>7. 2 This is the correct spelling. Embarrassment is spelt with 2 "r" and 2 s".</p> <p>8. 1 This is the correct spelling.</p> <p>9. 4 This is the correct spelling. Convalesce refers to the period of rest or recovery after a bout of sickness.</p> | <p>10. 2 This is the correct spelling. Deductible is often confused with deductable which is a different word.</p> <p>11. 3 This is the correct spelling. Annihilation means complete destruction.</p> <p>12. 4 This is the correct spelling. It is used as a verb and the normal expression is "to go berserk" which means to "go out of control/mad/crazy/bonkers".</p> <p>13. 2 This is the correct spelling. Corroborate means "to confirm or back up with evidence".</p> <p>14. 4 This is the correct spelling. Infiltration is often wrongly spelt with an additional "l" after "l".</p> <p>15. 2 This is the correct spelling. Silhouette means "shadow or outline".</p> <p>16. 2 The correct option is take over, because a vacant place, space or position is taken over in the absence of the earlier occupant. In this case, the taking over of demagoguery, grandstanding, and one-upmanship is symbolic. They take the place of democracy.</p> <p>17. 4 To tear off is to perform or do something in a hurry. To tear away is to remove reluctantly. To tear apart is to express a totally negative opinion or to rip something/somebody apart. To tear down is to demolish.</p> <p>18. 2 To melt away is to dissipate or fade away. To give up means to renounce. Hence, (2) is the correct answer. To give away means to reveal a secret or divulge information. Give way means to collapse or crumble.</p> <p>19. 4 No other option fits. "One of" is grammatically incorrect as "people" is used as a plural noun.</p> |
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20. 3 The correct word is "from". The other words don't make sense in this context.
21. 3 Neither of the assumptions is implicit. We don't know the context of Bannon's statement. Hence, neither of the assumptions is surely implicit.
22. 2 Only the second assumption is relevant to the statement and its negation weakens the statement. Hence, only assumption II is implicit.
23. 4 Both the assumptions are implicit. If they are not valid, then the statement doesn't remain valid. If it is not a difficult to accept situation then it doesn't make sense as to why many people wondered about it in the first place.
24. 3 The statement does not suggest why the company has reported a drop in net profit and hence, we cannot assume a particular reason. Similarly, we cannot assume that sales had increased in the second quarter last year and this is the reason behind the higher net profit of that quarter.
25. 2 We cannot assume that there is only one reason behind the ban of an advertisement. It is also possible that a particular government does not favor the growth of the alcohol industry due to economic reasons. Reinforcing a ban assumes that the government feels that the prohibited action is still being continued, despite the ban.
26. 1 Global warming refers to the increase in Earth's average surface temperature. The statement suggests that there must have been recent observations of the weather being unusually warm. The other effects of global warming are due to the increase in the temperature. Assumption II is wrong because it is possible that Earth has been experiencing global warming since a very long time.
27. 1 By clear deduction, conclusion I follows. Conclusion II is invalid as there is a possibility that one is not successful even after giving and receiving respect.
28. 4 Neither of the conclusions can be inferred from the given statement only. We need additional information on the definition of "stronger and more intense emotions" and "emotionally sensitive".
29. 4 Conclusion 1 looks correct but it is not logically valid. The model under discussion might be white herself and she might have committed racial crime before. The other conclusion is far-fetched.
30. 1 The statement suggests that farmers do not have enough money to repay their loans and hence, their poverty is making them resort to taking such a drastic step. Conclusion II does not follow because the statement does not talk of lack of risks involved in selling one's kidneys.
31. 2 The statement is silent on how long the market will take to revive itself. The market being in an extremely volatile phase suggests that market is subject to rapid or unexpected changes. This makes it risky to invest in the stock market during the particular phase.
32. 2 We cannot definitely conclude that the company management is concerned about the environment. It is possible that they might be trying to build a corporate image or that they are complying with certain standards that have been established by regulatory bodies. Conclusion II follows, because if the company plans to produce waste-free products, these products have to be recyclable. If the products are not made recyclable, they will not be waste-free products.
33. 4 The first action would have followed if we knew whether climate change had played a role in the formation or intensity of the hurricane. The second course of action is something which is desirable under any circumstance. However, the churches might not be in a position to help. So, it might not be practically feasible.
34. 1 Only the first course of action follows. Posting abusive comments about someone despite repeated warnings might be a criminal offence. The second course of action is irrelevant as we don't know if Jasmeet posted those comments on Meetal's personal page. She might have already blocked him as she had given him repeated warnings.
35. 1 Course of Action I follows because if the company's work environment improves, it will improve the company's image. Course of action II does not follow because it is impractical and the company has a lot to lose if its recruitment is only limited to men. Therefore, option (1) is correct.
36. 4 Course of action I does not follow because the company may not be able to sue. It might be impractical or impossible. Course of action II is not right since there is no information indicating whether the entire Quality Control department is at fault. Thus, option (4) is correct.
37. 2 Course of action I does not follow since it may be possible (and more profitable/less costly) to modify Y and make it more competitive. Course of action II follows because only if company B realizes the reasons for this preference will it be able to work on those. Hence, option (2) is correct.

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| <p>38. 1 Course of action I follows because the directives will make employees improve their posture and this will save them from spinal injuries. Course of action II does not follow because spinal injuries can happen to anyone if he/she does not work with the right posture. Hence, option (1) is correct.</p> <p>39. 1 It is clear that the drivers who have been booked for rash driving must have been involved in accidents and the increase in the number of accidents must have forced the government to temporarily suspend the services of the buses driven by these drivers, till a further course of action is decided.</p> <p>40. 2 One of the reasons for an exam, that initially used to be conducted offline, to be conducted online could be that the authorities want to reduce their administrative burden.</p> <p>41. 4 Both statements do not have a cause-effect relationship with each other. Also, the nature of Australians cannot have the same cause as the result of a cricket match played by Australia.</p> <p>42. 2 The PM announced the change to curtail bribery. Hence II is the cause and I is the effect.</p> <p>43. 4 The two statements are independent effects or results.</p> <p>44. 1 To improve the reading habit among children, CBSE has taken the step. Hence (1) is the answer.</p> <p>45. 4 Argument I merely states that people cannot think of doing away with technical gadgets. Argument II is also weak because even if the gadgets are taking away the drive and initiative, we cannot conclude that they are not benefitting human beings in other ways, which contribute to their quality of life.</p> | <p>46. 2 If child labour is rampant in an industry, steps should be taken to address the particular issue rather than putting a complete ban on that industry. A complete ban on an industry would result in loss of livelihoods of all the people working in that industry.</p> <p>47. 1 Argument I is strong because solar energy is not just any source of renewable energy but the cheapest one. We cannot discount the need for alternate sources of energy just because it is not an immediate need, making argument II weak.</p> <p>48. 1 Only the first argument is strong as the government should reform its tax collection process. The second argument is misleading. It is in fact a reason to support the statement.</p> <p>49. 4 Neither of the arguments is strong. Changing the secular status of the country might be illegal or constitutionally impossible. If there is problem with the political system, that system has to be reformed. Changing the constitutional norms might be counter-productive. The second statement is irrelevant as uniform civil code might not be dependent upon India becoming a Hindu nation.</p> <p>50. 4 Compulsory sterilization is surely not the only method for population control in these days of proliferating methods of birth control which are reversible. But possibility of triplets is not a strong argument since it can be dealt with administratively. Infant mortality is in any case a disgrace and efforts should be made to reduce it to zero.</p> |
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