

Crossover Drill - Practice Test - 2 (Verbal) (Self Assessment Test for Placement Drive - 2023 - 24)

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Verbal Practice Paper - 1 (Self Assessment Test for Placement Drive - 2023 - 24)



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Read the following passage and answer the questions.

For decades, Western culture has been reluctant to assign an inherent value or a purpose to art--even as it continues to hold art in high esteem. Though we no longer seem comfortable saying so, our reverence for art must be founded on a timeless premise; that art is good for us. If we don't believe this, then our commitment in money, time and study--makes little sense. In what way might art be good for us? The answer, I believe, is that art is a therapeutic instrument. Its value lies in its capacity to exhort, console and guide us toward better versions of ourselves and to help us live more flourishing lives individually and collectively.

Resistance to such a notion is understandable today, since 'therapy' has become associated with questionable, or at least unavailing methods of improving mental health. To say that art is therapeutic is not to suggest that it shares therapy's methods but rather its underlying ambition. To help us to cope better with existence. While several predominant ways of thinking about art appear to ignore or reject the goal, their ultimate claim is therapeutic as well.

Art capacity to shock remains for some a strong source of some of its contemporary appeal. We are conscious that individually and collectively, we may grow complacent; art can be valuable when it disrupts or astonishes us. We are particularly in danger of forgetting the artificiality of certain norms. It was once taken for granted, for instance, that women should not be allowed to vote and that the study of ancient Greek should dominate the curricula of English schools. It's easy now to see that those arrangements were far from inevitable, they were open to change and improvement.

When Sebastian Errazuriz created dollar signs out of ordinary street markings in Manhattan, his idea was to jolt passers-by into a radical reconsideration of the role of Money in daily life- to shake us out of our unthinking devotion to commerce.

The title that best suits for the passage is:

- ☐ a. Art: No longer Therapeutic
- ☐ b. Art is Art
- ☐ c. Define Art
- ☒ d. What is Art for?



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Choose from the list (A-C) the most appropriate sentence for each gap (1-2) in the text.

In the last few years, we have seen the prime minister meet and greet school children after delivering his Independence Day speech. 1 _____ In the very year that the pandemic has rescinded, their invitation to the Fort, children have to be heard more than ever before 2 _____ India is looking at the generational catastrophe.

- A. This year however the interaction between the prime minister and school children could not happen
- B. This year also the PM ignored all safety protocols to meet the youth
- C. The year has seen their suffering ranging from climbing anxiety level to be heartbreaking academic setbacks

- ☐ A. (1)-B,(2)A
- ☐ B. (1)-C,(2)B
- ☐ C. (1)-C,(2)C
- ☒ D. (1)-A,(2)C

The following sentences can be revised into one better sentence. Choose the sentence that is the best revision. "Mark Twain is the author of Huckleberry Finn. Huckleberry Finn is a classic American novel."

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- ☒ a. Mark Twain is the author of the classic American novel Huckleberry Finn
- ☐ b. Mark Twain is the author of Huckleberry Finn, which is a classical American novel.
- ☐ c. Mark Twain is an author of Huckleberry Finn and it is a classic American novel.
- ☐ d. Huckleberry Finn is a classic American novel. For which Mark Twain is the author



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For the four sentences (S1 and S4) paragraph below, sentences S1 and S4 are given. From the options P, Q, and R, choose the appropriate sentences for S2 and S3 respectively.

S1: Ginger is a commonly consumed aromatic spice which contains a bioactive compound called gingerol

S2:

S3:

S4: But some people complain of bloating and heartburn when they have consumed high doses of ginger

P: It is known to calm nausea and enhance the immune system

Q: Ginger belongs to the zingiberaceae family, which includes cardamom and turmeric

R: Gingerol has strong anti-inflammatory and antioxidative effects

☐ PQ

☐ RQ

☐ QR

☒ RP



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For the four-sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph below, sentences S1 to S4 are given. From the options P,Q and R, choose the appropriate sentences for S2 and S3 respectively.

S1. Meeting rooms are often visited by employees, clients and other visitors who exchange handshakes and use the equipment therein.

S2.

S3.

S4. This will help safeguard their hands against germs, thereby stopping the spread of illness.

P. So, a hand-sanitizing station may be placed near the door at the table and the visitor should be encouraged to use it.

This causes transfer of germs

R. Most hand sanitizers contain either ethyl alcohol or isopropyl alcohol.

- ☐ a. RP
- ☐ b. PR
- ☐ c. PQ
- ☒ d. QP

The following sentences can be revised into one better sentence. Choose the sentence that is the best revision. " Grizzly bears are fierce animals. Polar bears are no less fierce"

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- ☐ a. Grizzly bears and polar bears are fierce animals
- ☐ b. Grizzly bears are fierce animals as just as same as polar bears
- ☒ c. Grizzly bears are as fierce as polar bears
- ☐ d. Grizzly bears are fierce animals like polar bears.



Some sentences are missing from the given text. Choose from the list (A-C) the most appropriate sentence for each gap (1-2) in the text. "Albert Einstein always had a clear view of the problems of physics. 1._____. He had a strategy of his own and was able to visualize the main stages on the way to his goal. 2._____. He received the Nobel Prize in physics in 1921.a. In 1919, Einstein and his wife, Mileva maric, were divorcedb. He also had the determination to solve themc. Einstein regarded his major achievements as mere stepping stones for the next achievement"

- ☒ a. (1)-B, (2)-C
- ☐ b. (1)-A, (2)-B
- ☐ c. (1)-C, (2)-B
- ☐ d. (1)-B, (2)-A

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For the four sentences (S1 and S4) paragraph below, sentences S1 and S4 are given. From the options P, Q, and R, choose the appropriate sentences for S2 and S3 respectively.

S1: In the early years, when long trade voyages were undertaken that would take months or maybe even a year to reach the destination, coconuts were granted a special place on board.

S2:

S3:

S4: Its popularity has recently increased although they were grown in tropical regions for more than 4,500 years

P. By and large, the coconut water was drunk and pulp was eaten.

Q. The best part of the fruit was that there were no chances of it going bad

R. The voyages were rife with difficulties and hardships

- ☐ a. RQ
- ☐ b. RP
- ☐ c. QP
- ☒ d. PQ



Some part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the part. If there is no error, choose 'No Error'. "The new computation algorithm combines scores with multiple measures of quantitative assessment."

- ☐ The new computation algorithm combines
- ☐ scores with multiple measures
- ☒ No error
- ☐ of quantitative assessment

Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks: "Shreya will keep working for you _____ you are respectful towards her."

- ☐ For
- ☐ As long
- ☒ As long as
- ☐ As soon as

One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the error or choose "No Error". "All the students of the class decided to head to the principal's office to complain for the new teacher's misconduct"

- ☐ to head to the principal's office
- ☐ All the students of the class decided
- ☒ to complain for the new teacher's misconduct
- ☐ No error



Select the most appropriate option to fill in the blanks: Children were quite sad when they did not see butterflies flitting ____ the flowers *

- ☒ In
- ☐ With
- ☐ Among
- ☐ Between

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You are going to read a text about transformation of self. Some sentences are missing from the text. Choose from the list (A-C) the most appropriate sentence for each gap (1-2) in the text. There is one extra sentence that you do not need to use.

Transformation is usually painful because it involves a process, a means to find an end.

1. _____. In pain is our true enlightenment as our crucial lessons are learnt here. 2. _____. For humans, evolution is painfully slow as it takes the longest to learn.

- A. Attainment, on the other hand, is happiness because you gained what you wanted
- B. Without process, however there is no achievement, so there is no gain without pain.
- C. How long the process continues will depend on how fast we learn our lessons

- ☒ a. (1)-B, (2)-C
- ☐ b. (1)-A, (2)-B
- ☐ c. (1)-C, (2)-B
- ☐ d. (1)-A, (2)-C



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For the four-sentence (S1 to S4) paragraph below, sentences S1 to S4 are given. From the options P,Q and R, choose the appropriate sentences for S2 and S3 respectively.

S1. Using data analytics has helped companies identify trends and purchase patterns at various levels and helped customise various styles.

S2.

S3.

S4. It is correct to say that many business owners will have a lot on their minds post lockdown and till the pandemic dies down.

P. Data Analytics utilizes powerful algorithms to analyse current and past customer data to come up with solutions.

Q. They have adapted to digitalization and have customized their products in line with current trends.

R. Low cost of implementing data analytics driven software is an added advantage.

☒ a. PR

☐ b. QP

☐ c. QR

☐ d. RQ



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Read the following passage and answer the questions.

The Royal Bengal tiger is one of the majestic creatures of the world. The typical male weighs about 300 kilograms and is about 8 to 10 feet tall, whereas the female weighs around 180 kilograms and is 8 to 9 feet in height. Despite its heavy body, this tiger can run at a speed of 60 kilometers per hour and also climb trees for its prey when necessary. The mangroves of Sunderbans being its habitat, the royal Bengal tiger is a great swimmer too! The night vision of this tiger is six times that of humans and hearing is five times that of humans. Just like human fingerprints, each tiger has a unique pattern of stripes that does not match any other tiger's. The tiger does not forget faces, its memory is stronger than most animals in the wild. Often portrayed as savage, this tiger is caring and protective towards its family. When a killing happens, the male tiger eats after the females and children have had their feast. Unlike humans, this endangered species of India loves to live in a companionless environment.

Why is it surprising that Royal Bengal tigers can run fast and climb trees?

- ☐ A. Because they are majestic
- ☒ B. Because they weigh 200-300 kilograms
- ☐ C. Because they live in secluded mangroves
- ☐ D. Because they are at least 8 feet tall.

One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the error or choose "No Error". "The soldiers, in an attempt of showing their loyalty towards their king,fought ruthlessly until the end of the war" *

- ☐ A. The soldiers, in an attempt of showing
- ☐ B. fought ruthlessly until the end of the war
- ☐ C. their loyalty towards their king
- ☒ D. No error



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For the four sentences (S1 and S4) paragraph below, sentences S1 and S4 are given. From the options P, Q, and R, choose the appropriate sentences for S2 and S3 respectively.

S1: My mother had been overweight since she was a child and lost weight only after she got married.

S2:

S3:

S4: There were no use crying to my grandmother as she was now absolved of her responsibilities

P: She started giving me lectures on the importance of meditation and breathing exercises.

Q: My food was regulated - she decided when, what and how much.

R: Her memory of overcoming severe problems of obesity kicked in and soon my weight and health became her obsession.

☐ RP

☐ QR

☐ PR

☒ RQ

The following sentence pair can be combined into one better sentence. Choose the option that contains the two sentences without changing the meaning: "My mother made me join seven different sports activities. At the time, I was just nine"

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☒ a. My mother made me join seven different sports activities when I was just nine

☐ b. Because I was nine, my mother made me join seven different sports activities

☐ c. While I was nine my mother made me join seven different sports activities

☐ d. Though I was 9, my mother made me join seven different sports activities



One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the error or choose *
"No Error". "He had been married with a doctor for five years"

- ☐ For five years
- ☐ He had been married
- ☐ No Error
- ☒ With a doctor

We have found that between Vinaya and Akruti, Vinaya makes _____ errors in her work

- ☐ Largest
- ☐ Smallest
- ☐ Shortest
- ☒ Fewer

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One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the part, if there is *
no error select No error. "As little pieces of debris and space-dust burn up in
Earth's atmosphere, it causes spectacular shooting stars."

- ☐ a. No error
- ☐ b. As little pieces of debris and space-dust
- ☐ c. burn up in Earth's atmosphere,
- ☒ d. It causes spectacular shooting stars.



One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the error or choose *
"No Error". "One of the unreturned book was found in the parking lot."

- ☒ the unreturned book
- ☐ No error
- ☐ was found in the parking lot.
- ☐ One of

One part of the sentence below may contain an error. Identify the error or choose *
"No Error". "Mrs. Diggle wanted her children to be hardworking, sincere and
punctual

- ☐ sincere and punctual
- ☐ Mrs. Diggle wanted her
- ☒ No error
- ☐ children to be hardworking,



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Which of the following sentences uses formal languages?

- ☐ a. Liven up the atmosphere, my friend!
- ☐ b. Hurray! We won the game
- ☒ c. May I suggest you better option that will suit your style more
- ☐ d. Stop making excuses of your behavior

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