

Critical Reasoning

Assumption

Directions (1-20): In each question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumptions and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement. Give answer

- 1) If only assumption I is implicit.
- 2) If only assumption II is implicit.
- 3) If either 1 or II is implicit.
- 4) If neither 1 nor II is implicit.
- 5) If both I and II are implicit.

1. **Statement:** "Always use zebra crossings and subways to cross the road safely." —A notice by the City Traffic Police

Assumptions

- I. Road safety is not an option but a must for pedestrians.
- II. Safety can be increased by making people aware of tips regarding road safety.

2. **Statement:** "High-tension wire can be extremely dangerous. Keep a safe distance from them." — A notice by Delhi Transco Limited

Assumptions

- I. High-tension wires are laid in complete accordance with the law along routes that are legally approved by the concerned authorities.
- II. Buildings are sometimes constructed near high-tension lines after they have been laid, thereby reducing the minimum required safe distance to high tension wires.

3. **Statement:** "Honourable citizens of state, 'X' please rise and rat on your power thieving neighbour. You could win a motorcycle, a colour TV set or a washing machine." — UPPCL

Assumptions

- I. In order to get these gadgets, people of state 'X' will put, even their good relation with the neighbour on stake, and inform the UPPCL⁵ if their neighbor indulges in power- theft.
- II. Cost on initiative to encourage citizens will be less than the increase in the revenue through such incentives.

4. **Statement:** "Irrespective of who comes to power, what is of prime importance is to heal the badly shaken lives of the people of state 'X' with the assurance that things would not go haywire in future." — A citizen of state X

Assumptions

- I. The tenets of good governance and development must form the bedrock of the party that forms the next government in the state.
- II. To concentrate on the prime needs of the citizen is the only way by which the image of tarnished state 'X' can be improved.

5. **Statement:** "There should not be any delay in filing a complaint. If a policeman is not helpful or harasses a woman, the victim should note his name and belt number and send a complaint to senior officials specifying the place where he was on duty." — Women's cell lawyer.

Assumptions

- I. Most of the victims are literate.
- II. Senior officials will take disciplinary action against the guilty policemen.

6. **Statement:** "Human rights are only for human beings, not for terrorists. It is an insult to human rights to protest on behalf of those found guilty of terrorism." — Mr. X

Assumptions

- I. Terrorists do not deserve sympathy.
- II. Act of terrorism is against humanity.

7. **Statement:** "The finding of 'higher resistance' in malarial parasites was also significant as the analysis was done using the modern technique of DNA sequencing. Although the sample size was only 50, there could be no doubt about the results." — A scientist

Assumptions

- I. Modern techniques are more trustworthy than traditional or obsolete techniques.
- II. Lesser the size of the sample, higher the chances of reliability.

8. **Statement:** "Our state does not need State Human Rights Commission, therefore we have abolished State Human Rights Commission." — CM of state 'X'

Assumptions

- I. There will be no cases of violation of human rights in state 'X'.
- II. State 'X' has alternative provision to tackle cases of human rights violation.

9. **Statement:** "We need to instil a sense of pride among the people for the rich cultural heritage of the country and its various regions." — Speaker of the Lok Sabha

Assumptions

- I. Culture is what gives meaning to our lives and identity to us as a social community.
- II. To instil a sense of pride among the people for the rich cultural heritage is almost impossible.

10. **Statement:** Faculty of a reputed institute 'XYZ' has advised the students to buy ABC guides if they do not want to miss the opportunities of being recruited as PO.

Assumptions

- I. Students may ignore the advice and continue to prepare with the study materials provided only by coaching XYZ.
- II. Students of the institute XYZ have enough money to arrange for the books.

11. **Statement:** Under the VandeMataram scheme of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the govt will provide free antenatal service to pregnant women.

Assumptions

- I. The scheme may enhance institutional deliveries and — hopefully — reduce the maternal and infant mortality rate in the country.
- II. Majority of the pregnant women do not avail of a single antenatal check-up throughout the pregnancy.

12. **Statement:** "Contributions to the Open Page will be considered for publication only if they are in electronic form and emailed and the length of the article should not exceed 800 words." — An instruction by a newspaper to its authors

Assumptions

- I. Authors will abide by the instruction.
- II. Materials in the electronic form are more authentic.

13. **Statement:** "It seems that you want to change the front page format of your daily by publishing a big photograph but the page is too precious to utilise in this way." — A letter from a reader to the editor of a newspaper

Assumptions

- I. There is a wrong notion that young readers like only photos on the front page.
- II. Big photographs make the page look loud and coarse.

14. **Statement:** With the incidence of diabetes increasing by 3 per cent to 5 per cent every year and the disease becoming the third most prevalent in children, affecting about 1 per cent of the general population, the state XYZ has come out with a comic book on it.

Assumptions

- I. The book may educate the children on diabetes and the ways to prevent it.
- II. The book seeks to create awareness about diabetes mellitus as also about the deleterious effects of factors which normally affect children undergoing medication for diabetes.

15. **Statement:** "The need of speedy justice can be restored through publication of performance assessment or audit of the workload of courts as well as individual judges and advocates." —

View of Mr X

Assumptions

- I. Such a database may help monitor the progress of pending cases.
- II. Publication of judicial statistics may help in better management of courts and pinpoint the cause of delays for effective remedial measures.

16. **Statement:** "Do not choose the path of terrorism; work for humanity, not against it." — An instruction of the CM of a state 'X' to its youth.

Assumptions

- I. Ultimately, terrorism destroys those who practise it.
- II. The light within the terrorists dies as they try to extinguish life in others.

17. **Statement:** "Indian economy is passing through a high- growth phase now. Low population growth will enable us to translate that into higher per capita income, better health facilities and education for all." — Chairman, National Commission on Population

Assumptions

- I. For India, achieving 8 to 10 percent annual economic growth has become a definite possibility now.
- II. High economic growth combined with low population growth provides tremendous opportunities for all-round human development.

18. **Statement:** "If you are looking for an excellent work environment, in a conveniently located office in day shift only, with attractive salaries and incentives, join us. We are a domestic call centre." — An advertisement

Assumptions

- I. Job seekers are mad after money.
- II. In a conducive environment one gets tremendous opportunities for fulfilling one's dream.

19. **Statement:** "The economic performance, helped by one of the best monsoons in years, is a matter of great satisfaction. Our goal, to put food in the mouths of the hungry and more money in the pockets of housewives, seems quite plausible." — A minister of state X'

Assumptions

- I. Satisfactory economic performance of a country brings prosperity and happiness for its people as well as the country.
- II. Majority of the people are hungry in state X.

20. **Statement:** "The developing nations should cultivate self-respect if they expect to be respected by the economically advanced countries who dominate the global economy."—
President of country 'X'

Assumptions

- I. Developing countries can together change the rules of the world .
- II. Nobody has respect for someone who has no self- respect.

Answers

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Arguments

Directions (1-5): In making decisions about important questions, it is desirable to be able to distinguish between 'strong' arguments and 'weak' arguments. 'Strong' arguments are those which are both important and directly related to the question. 'Weak' arguments are those which are of minor importance and also may not be directly related to the question or may be related to a trivial aspect of the question.

Each question below is followed by two arguments numbered I and II you have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Give answer (1) if only argument I is strong.

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Give answer (3) if either argument I or II is strong.

Give answer (4) if neither argument I or II is strong.

Give answer (5) if both arguments I and II are strong.

1. **Statement:** Should the sale of all the toys made in China be banned in India?

Arguments:

I. Yes, these are very cheap and hence will put the local toy manufacturers out of business.

II. No, Indian toys are of much better quality and their sale will not be affected.

2. **Statement:** Should there be no examination up to Std IX in all the schools in India?

Arguments:

I. No; students need to go through the process of giving examinations right from young age.

II. Yes, this will help students to think laterally and achieve their creative pursuits.

3. **Statement:** Should there be only a uniform rate of income tax irrespective of the level of income?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, this will substantially reduce the work of the officials of the income tax department.
II. No, this will reduce Govt tax collection to a large extent.

4. **Statement:** Should there be only two political parties in India?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, in many developed countries there are only two political parties.
II. No, Indian electorate is not mature to select between only two political parties.

5. **Statement:** Should the sale of tobacco products be restricted to only a few outlets in each city/town?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, this will substantially reduce consumption of tobacco products.
II. No, those who want to purchase tobacco products should get them at convenient locations.

Directions (6-10): In making decisions about important questions, it is desirable to be able to distinguish between "strong" arguments and "weak" arguments insofar as they relate to the question. "Strong" arguments are those which are both important and directly related to the question. "Weak" arguments are those which are of minor importance and also may not be directly related to the question or may be related to a trivial aspect of the question.

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- 4) If neither I nor II is "strong".
- 5) If both I and II are "strong".

6. **Statement:** Should Anti piracy Bill be brought in the Parliament?

Arguments:

I. Yes. This will help the film industry to fight against piracy as a result of which the industry Will be financially strong.

II. No. We have already provisions such as Copyright laws etc to fight against piracy.

7. **Statement:** Should Non-Resident (Indians NRIs) been-titled to dual citizenship?

Arguments:

I. Yes. This will bolster the intimacy of the NRIs with the Indian soil.

II. No. The move will not be fruitful for all NRIs because there is lack of provision for dual citizenship in many countries.

8. **Statement:** Should reputed private river training schools be allowed to issue driving licenses?

Arguments:

I. Yes. This will enable more and more people to get driving licenses.

II. No. This will increase the congestion of the vehicles on the road and will result in traffic jams too.

9. **Statement:** Should a trouble-torn state like Jammu & Kashmir release separatist leaders without any condition?

Arguments:

I. Yes. Release of separatist leaders will be useful as a goodwill gesture to make the situation peaceful in the state.

II. No. Unconditional release of the separatist leaders will aggravate the existing situation because these leaders have not shown any flexibility in their views.

10. **Statement:** Should power theft be made a cognisable offence?

Arguments:

I. Yes. People do not use power honestly.

II. Yes. This will be a wise decision and will reduce anti-social activities in society.

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11. **Statement:** Should domestic private airlines of India be allowed to carry flights abroad?

Arguments: I. Yes, it will encourage much-needed competition in the aviation sector.

II. No, it will hamper national sovereignty.

12. **Statement:** Should dynastic politics be promoted in a democratic system like the one in India?

Arguments: I. Yes, one of the dynasties has produced several leaders of extraordinary caliber.

II. No, it is not good for democracy.

13. **Statement:** Should the persons above sixty years of age be barred from holding any ministerial post?

Arguments: I. Yes, persons belonging to this age group become inactive.

II. No, they possess the requisite experience which is essential for efficiency.

14. **Statement:** Should the Indian Railways be privatised?

Arguments: I. Yes, it will help reduce the loss and bring efficiency in services.

II. No, it carries some social responsibilities; in the case of privatisation these social responsibilities will be neglected.

15. **Statement:** Should cricket be made our national game?

Arguments: I. Yes, it is the most popular game in India.

II. No, it originated in Britain, which ruled over India for centuries.

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- 5) If both I and II are "strong".

16. **Statement:** Should India open up job market to Americans or other foreigners?

Arguments:

I. Yes; they are more dexterous than the Indians.

II. No; it will have a cascading effect on the Indian economy because of the increase in unemployment.

17. **Statement:** Should a private power supply company be allowed to supply power in high-security ones?

Arguments:

I. Yes; a private power company supplies power reliably to highly sensitive areas.

II. No; allowing a private power company can risk security in VIP residences and offices.

18. **Statement:** Should Corporate India be made to foot the higher education bill?

Arguments:

I. Yes; the government provides huge subsidy on higher education. If Corporate India comes forward, the burden on exchequer can be reduced.

II. No; this will give an excuse to the government to get rid of social obligations.

19. **Statement:** Should all roads be handed over to one civic agency in each city?

Arguments:

I. Yes; the move will be helpful in better upkeep because a single civic agency can carry the responsibility more appropriately with strong determination and dedication.

II. No; it will result in poor condition of roads because of the monopoly and the lack of competitive environment.

20. **Statement:** Should India let its relations with Israel be influenced by its ties with the Arab nations?

Arguments:

I. Yes; Israel is the illegal occupier of Palestinian land against the will of the United Nations whereas India and Arab nations are firm supporters of the Palestinian state.

II. No; we have vested interest with both Israel and the Arab nations; the former plays an important role in our defence deal and the latter in energy deal.

Answers

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Course of Action

Directions: In each question below is given a statement followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. A course of action is a step or administrative decision to be taken for improvement, follow-up or further action in regard to the problem, policy etc on the basis of the information given in the statement. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true. Then decide which of the two given suggested courses of action logically follows for pursuing.

Given answer

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

1. **Statement:** The US Senate has passed a resolution banning outsourcing of government subcontracts to other countries including India.

Courses of action:

I. India should criticise the US government for this.

II. India should not worry since the government subcontracts are a meager percentage of the total outsourcing business.

2. **Statement:** Some of the Indian star players have reportedly expressed reservation about touring state 'X' to security reasons following the terrorists' threats.

Courses of action:

I. Indian cricket board should send a delegation to state 'X' to assess the situation in the various venues where the matches are to be played.

II. The tour should be postponed immediately.

3. **Statement:** The concert by Bryan Adams scheduled for Saturday evening is expected to see roads in and around XYZ stadium in city 'X' witnessing heavy traffic between 4 pm and midnight

Courses of action:

- I. For that period commuter should be diverted to other roads.
- II. Considering the large gathering, there should be alternative management of parking the vehicles.

4. **Statement:** A naval warship was seriously damaged when an underwater rocket blew up while participating in a naval exercise.

Courses of action:

- I. A board of inquiry should be constituted to look into the matter.
- II. Dummy exercises should replace the existing exercise.

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Given answer

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

5. **Statement:** A phone was received at the district control office from an anonymous person that there was a deadly bomb in the secretariat.

Courses of action:

- I. Bomb-defusing squad should be sent immediately.
- II. The authority should not give any heed to this type of hoax.

6. **Statement:** The hygienic condition of the city X is not good. Polythenes and garbage are littered all over.

Courses of action:

- I. The hygienic condition of the city 'X' is a problem which has been persisting over a long time and can't be improved immediately.
- II. NGOs and Nagar Nigam should start a cleanliness movement.

7. **Statement:** Rajdhani Express was derailed while crossing a bridge near city Y. This resulted in loss of life and property.

Courses of action:

- I. An investigation committee should be set up to look into the matter related to the accident.
- II. Proper action should be taken against the accused.

8. **Statement:** There is great fear among people that a neighboring country X will drop an atom bomb on India within 24 hours.

Courses of action:

- I. India should take initiative, drop atom bombs and destroy the atomic centers of country X.
- II. The President of India should talk to his counterpart of country X.

9. **Statement:** The epidemic of porno websites is spreading in India and thus harming Indian youths by degrading their moral and ethical values.

Courses of actions:

- I. Cabin facilities should not be given to Internet users.
- II. Porno sites should not be allowed to be free sites.

Directions: A statement is given followed by three courses of action. A course of action is taken for improvement, follow-up etc. Read the statement carefully find pick the correct answer choice.

10. **Statements:** The twenty-third death due to the cold wave was reported in the town 'X' and amongst the deceased twenty were homeless people. A report

Courses of action:

- I. Municipal corporation of city X should waive the entry fee for night shelters during winter.
- II. New shelters should be built.
- III The timing of night shelters should be extended.

- 1) All follow
- 2) Only I and II follow
- 3) Only II and III follow
- 4) Only I and III follow
- 5) None of these

11. **Statement:** Women constables are attacked by teasers when they are a part of the special team assigned to trap eve-teasers.

Courses of action:

- I. Women should stop taking part in such campaign.
- II. The women constables should be given a strong back-up force consisting of men constables too.
- III. The women constables should be equipped with revolvers and sharp knives.

- 1) Only I follows 2) Only II and III follow 3) Only II follows
4) Only III follows 5) None of these

12. **Statement:** A painting worth ` 70 lakhs of a reputed painter has been stolen from an exhibition of city Z.

Courses of action:

- I. All painting lovers should be called into police station for an enquiry.
- II. Costly paintings should not be allowed for exhibition.
- III. An operation for search should be started by the police after the lodging of an FIR.

- 1) Only I follows
- 2) Only II and III follow
- 3) Only I and III follow
- 4) All follow
- 5) None of these

13. **Statement:** When all the citizens of country 'X' were expecting excellence from their team in the forthcoming World Cup cricket tournament, defeat in the recently concluded one-day series against country Y is a major jolt.

Courses of action:

- I. Government should immediately set up an enquiry commission to find out the reason for the dismal performance of the cricket team of country X.
- II. The players should be advised to concentrate on regular practice.

III. Poor performers should be replaced by good performers, who have shown their performance in domestic cricket.

- 1) Only I and III follow 2) Only II and III follow 3) Only II follows
4) Only III follows 5) None of these

14. **Statement:** Free sales of foreign goods are harming indigenous industries.

Courses of action:

- I. Import duties on foreign goods should be increased.
II. Indigenous industries should be given patronage by the government.
III. Foreign goods should be duplicated to fulfill domestic demands of foreign goods.

- 1) All follows 2) Only I and II follow 3) Only II follows
4) Only I follows 5) None follows

Answers

1 - 1	2 - 1	3 - 5	4 - 1	5 - 1	6 - 2	7 - 5	8 - 4	9 - 4	10 - 1
11 - 3	12 - 5	13 - 5	14 - 3						

Cause and Effect

Directions (1-5): Below in each question are given. Two statements (A) and (B), These statements may be either dependent causes or: effects of independent causes or of a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choices correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

Mark answer 1) if statement (A) is the cause and. statement (B) is its effect'.

Mark answer 2) if statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.

Mark answer 3) if both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.

Mark answer 4) if both the statements (A) and (B) are. Effects of independent causes.

Mark answer 5) if both the statements (A) and (B) are. Effects of some common cause.

1. Statement: (A): Many schools have banned the sale of fast food in their premises.
(B): Obesity in youngsters has been linked to their poor eating habits.
2. Statement: (A): The share price is touching an all-time low.
(B): Most of the organizations have been grounding or terminating employees and undergoing cost-cutting exercises wherever possible.
3. Statement: (A.) A substantial increase in unhealthy competition has been observed among the students.
(B) A rise of 23 %is reported every year in the cases of suicide after declaration of grade 10thand 12th examination results.
4. Statement: (A) The glaciers at the poles of the earth are melting at a fast rate
(B) In recent times there has been a substantial increase in the incidents of earthquakes and volcanic eruptions

5. Statement: (A.) Through mobile phones find a good number' of users in rural India computers and Internet still remain a distant dream.
- (B) In the recent past there has been a large-scale migration from the rural parts of India to the urban sectors.

Directions (6-10): Below in each question are given two statements I and II. These statements may be either. Independent causes or may be effects of independent causes .or a common cause. 'One of these statements may be the. Effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choices correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

Mark answer 1) if statement I is the cause and statement II is its effect.

Mark answer 2) if statement II is the cause and statement I is its effect.

Mark answer 3) if both the statements I and II are independent causes.

Mark answer 4) if both the statements I and II are effects of independent causes.

Mark answer 5) if both the statements I and II are effects of some common cause.

6. I. Computer education has been made compulsory for all the classes by many schools.
II. The current job market prefers computer-literate' workforce.
7. I. The standard of education in evening colleges of the State has been deteriorating.
II. The standard of school education has been fast deteriorating in the State.
8. I. All domestic airlines increased the fares in all sectors with immediate effect.
II. Railways increased 'the fare of all its classes with immediate effect.
9. I. The prices of fruits and vegetables fell substantially over the last few days.
II. The quality of fruits and vegetables improved considerably over the last few days.

10. I. Recent floods in the area changed the nutritional contents of the soil.

II. Farmers in the area switched over to cultivating rice instead of wheat.

Directions (11-15): Below in each question are given two statements (A) and (B). These statements may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of these statements may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choices correctly depicts the relationship between these two statements.

Mark answer (1) if statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.

Mark answer (2) if statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.

Mark answer (3) if both the statements (A) and (B) are independent causes.

Mark answer (4) if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of independent causes.

Mark answer (5) if both the statements (A) and (B) are effects of some common cause.

11. (A) The residents reported of increased criminal activities in the area to the local police station.

(B) Many criminals were arrested by searching the residence of the suspected individuals:

12. (A) Government has awarded a high-stake reward scheme for such persons as may provide any information about the suspect.

(B) Four members of a family were brutally murdered by unidentified gunmen.

13. (A) There have been sporadic events of stone-pelting throughout the day in the affected areas of the city.

(B) Many wounded people were brought to the nearby hospitals from the affected areas of the city.

14. (A) Many people left from the city for their native places during the summer months.
(B) Many tourists gathered in the during summer months.

15. (A) All the schools declared holiday on the next day of the major festival.
(B) All the colleges declared holiday on the next day of the major festival.

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Mark answer1) if statement (A) is the cause and statement (B) is its effect.

Mark answer2) if statement (B) is the cause and statement (A) is its effect.

Mark answer3) if both the statements (A) & (B) are independent causes.

Mark answer4) if both the statements (A) & (B) are effects of independent causes.

Mark answer 5) if both the statements (A) & (B) are effects of some common cause

16. (A) State government has ordered immediate ban on airing of certain movie channels on television.
(B) A few social activities have come together and demanded ban on telecasting 'Adult' movies on television.

17. (A) Employment scenario in the country has remarkably improved recently.
(B) The number of prospective job seekers going abroad has increased recently.

18. (A) Government has tightened security checks at all important places and also at various public places.

(B) Incidences of terrorist attacks are increasing day by day.

19. (A) The High Court has fixed a time limit for repairing all the roads in the city.

(B) Road Development Authorities in the city are carrying out road repairs work on urgent basis.

20. (A) There is an outbreak of several epidemics in the country.

(B) It was a worst flood situation ever experienced in the past in most parts of the country.

Answers

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Inferences

Directions (1-5): Below is given a passage followed by several possible inferences which can be drawn from the facts stated in the passage. You have to examine each inference separately in the context of the passage and decide upon its degree of truth or falsity.

Mark answer

- 1) If the inference is "definitely true" ie it properly follows from the statement of facts given.
- 2) If the inference is "probably true" though not "definitely true" in the light of the facts given.
- 3) If the data are inadequate i.e. from the facts given you cannot say whether the inference is likely to be true or false.
- 4) If the inference is "probably false" though not "definitely false" in the light-of the facts given.
- 5) If the inference is "definitely false" i.e., "it cannot possibly be drawn from the facts given or it contradicts the given facts.

A recent report that satellite data shows groundwater levels in northern India depleting by as much as a foot per year, over the past decade, is a matter of concern. The clear writing on the wall is that India faces a turbulent water future and veritable crisis without proactive policy and sustainable practices. Besides the poor monsoon this season and the resultant drought situation pan-India calls for sustained policy. focus on the water economy. A whole series of glaring anomalies do need to be addressed. For one, there's far too much reliance on groundwater. For another our water infrastructure for storage and supply is 'sorely' inadequate. Worse, policy distortions in artificially under pricing agri-inputs like power have perversely incentivized cultivation of water-intensive crops like paddy in traditionally wheat-growing areas. ,

1. India has failed to take measures to recharge groundwater adequately in northern part.
2. Wheat cultivation in India requires comparatively more water than paddy.

3. Water level in other parts of India is stable during the last decade. .
4. India has now put in place a system to reduce over-dependence on groundwater.
5. Adequate monsoon helps in drawing less ground water for cultivation and thus preserve balance.

Directions (6-10): Below is given a passage followed by several possible inferences which can be drawn from the facts stated in the passage. You have to examine each inference separately in the context of the passage and decide upon its degree of truth or falsity. **Mark answers.**

- 1) If the inference is "definitely true", i.e. it properly follows from the statement of facts given.
- 2) If the inference is "probably true" though not "definitely true" in the light of the facts given.
- 3) If the "data are inadequate", i.e. from the facts given you cannot say whether the inference is likely to be true or false.
- 4) If the inference is "probably false" though not "definitely false" in the light of the facts given.
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The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is getting wired. The trouble of queuing up for documents like death and birth certificates will soon be a thing of the past as the MCD is planning to provide a host of services through the Internet. The facility promises to replace lengthy manual preparation of documents with an efficient computer-based facility. For those without access to the Internet, special drop boxes would be set up at the citizen service bureau (CSB) at zonal offices. CSB would be linked to a central data bank and would accept applications and deliver computer-generated certificates. For death certificates, all cremation grounds would electronically transfer details about those cremated to the central data bank. For birth certificates, authorised hospitals and maternity homes would be assigned a unique user name and password to log on to the system. The e-governance facility would be expanded to all

the 12 MCD zones in the next financial year. Once the system is fully operational, cities would be able to deposit property tax, factory and license dues on the Net.

6. Booking community halls and parks for weddings and procuring birth and death certificates will be much easier now.
7. People would be in a position to file their applications through the Net on MCD's website.
8. A CSB is the local coordinating desk for e-governance.
9. The entire system of booking parks and community halls will become more transparent and people-friendly.
10. The problem regarding queuing up for payment of dues will remain despite e-governance facility

Directions (11-15): Below is given a passage followed by several possible inferences which can be drawn from the facts stated in the passage. You have to examine each inference separately in the context of the passage and decide upon its degree of truth or falsity. Mark answer

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Education of girls and women has to be a universal movement for their improvement, for changing current stereotypes and for replacing the existing structure. BalikaShikshanShivir residential camp for adolescent girls is a successful effort made by LokJumbish in this field. It has been established beyond doubt that the BalikaShikshanShivir has been successful in

creating a positive environment for girls', education. Through this girls are not only acquiring academic knowledge but also learning about and practising hygiene, cleanliness, personal health, living and working with others, solving problems together, expressing themselves and broadening their aspirations and vision for life. Development of women is also reflected in the goals of LokJumbish that emphasise the creation of necessary structures and setting in motion processes which would empower women and make education an instrument of women's equality. BalikaShikshanShivir has not only resulted in changing attitudes of parents towards girls' education but also brought about a social trans-formation.

11. The BalikaShikshanShivirs provide a 'complete learning environment' for adolescent girls.
12. Education, especially for women, is an important agent of socialisation, an instrument of social transformation and a channel for social mobility and equality.
13. Women's empowerment is the major and pervasive component of LokJumbish policy and implementation strategy
14. LokJumbish had first experimented with the mode of non-formal education in 1997.
15. "BalikaShikshanShivir" is a vital part of the overall strategy of Universalisation of Elementary Education of LokJumbish.

Directions (16-20): Below is given a passage followed by several possible inferences which can be drawn from the facts stated in the passage. You have to examine each inference separately in the context of the passage and decide upon its degree of truth or falsity. Mark answer

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India seems to have arrived in terms of FII inflows. Just why are foreign investors turning to markets such as India? The general consensus is that the US currency outlook is not particularly good. So investors are looking to diversify their exposures and are moving into emerging markets. In-vestments in India saw better return on equity (ROE) than all the other emerging markets at 18 per cent last year; the average for other markets was about 11 to 12 per cent. India's growth is largely because of the domestic market with exports accounting for just 10 per cent of its GDP, unlike China which is much more dependent on exports and as a consequence is the US as a buyer.

16. India had not been a good market for foreign investors.
17. Investors will get huge profit from investments even in the emerging markets.
18. Return on equity in China was 11 per cent in the last year.
19. The US is the largest importer of Chinese goods.
20. India's domestic market is one of the largest in the world.

Answers

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