

## OLT -4

**Instructions (Q.1 to Q.7):** You are given **four options**. One of them improves the sentence by correcting **grammar, punctuation, word choice, or sentence structure**. Choose the option that best improves the sentence.

1. Robots, as well as other machines equipped with artificial intelligence, shoot military targets, distribute cash, drive cars, and deliver medication to patients. ( **Wipro** )

- A. Robots, as well as other machines equipped with artificial intelligence, shoot military targets, distribute cash, drive cars, and deliver medication to patients.
- B. Robots and other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoot military targets, distribute cash, drive cars, and deliver medication to patients.
- C. Robots and other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoot military targets, distribute cash, drive cars, and deliver medication to patients.
- D. Robots and other machines equipped with artificial intelligence shoot military targets, distribute cash, drive cars, and deliver medication to patients.

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Subject-verb agreement and parallel structure matter. “Shoot, distribute, drive, deliver” must all be plural to match the compound subject.

2. Foreign exchange reserves, often taken to be a yardstick for gauging a country's financial strength, are the foreign currency deposits and bonds held by central banks or monetary authorities

(**Accenture**)

- A. often taken to be a yardstick for gauging a country's financial strength, are the foreign currency deposits and bonds held by
- B., often taken as a yardstick to gauge a country's financial strength, is the foreign currency deposits and bonds held by
- C., often taken as a yardstick to gauge a country's financial strength, are the foreign currency deposits and bonds held by
- D., often taken for a yardstick to gauge a country's financial strength, are the foreign currency deposits and bonds being held by

**Answer – C**

**Hint:** “Reserves” is plural → use “are.” “Taken as a yardstick to gauge” is idiomatic.

3. A group of students in an Indian village has been selected for testing a new low-cost electronic notepad being built around a new class of green, power-stingy microchips that use a fraction of the electricity of current computer chips (**Cognigent**)

- A. has been selected for testing a new low-cost electronic notepad being built around a new class of green, power-stingy microchips that use a fraction of the electricity of current computer chips
- B. has been selected to test a new low-cost electronic notepad being built around a new class of green, power-stingy microchips that use a fraction of the electricity used by current computer chips
- C. has been selected to test a new low-cost electronic notepad to be built on a new class of green microchips, which are also power-stingy and which use a fraction of the electricity used by current computer chips
- D. has been selected to test a new low-cost electronic notepad being built around a new class of green, power-stingy microchips that use a fraction of the electricity used by current computer chips

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** “Group” is singular but “microchips” is plural, so “use” (not “uses”) is correct. D has correct tense and clarity.

4. The National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform is a bipartisan panel created to find ways to reduce the mounting federal debt. ( **Wipro** )

- A bipartisan panel was created to find ways to reduce
- B. is a bipartisan panel created to find ways to reduce
- C. is a bipartisan panel created to find ways of reducing
- D. is a bipartisan panel created to find ways to reduce

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** “Commission” is singular → use “is.” Also, “to find ways to reduce” is more concise than “for finding ways.”

5. Every president since the beginning of the Cold War has opted for verifiable arms control deals. ( **Tech Mahindra** )

- A. Every president since the beginning of the Cold War has opted for verifiable arms control deals.
- B. Every president since the beginning of the Cold War has opted for verifiable arms control deals.
- C. Every president after the beginning of the Cold War has opted for verifiable arms control deals.
- D. All presidents from the beginning of the Cold War have opted for verifiable arms control deals.

**Answer – A**

**Hint:** “Every” always takes a singular verb → “has opted,” not “have.”

6. Japan's economic eclipse shows the limited power of economic stimulus and the exaggerated threat of modest deflation. ( **Tech Mahindra** )

- A. Japan's economic eclipse shows the limited power of economic stimulus and the exaggerated threat of modest deflation
- B. The eclipsing of Japan's economy shows the limited power of economic stimulus as well as the exaggerated threat of modest deflation
- C. Japan's economic eclipse is showing the limited power of economic stimulus, but the exaggerated threat of modest deflation
- D. Japan's economic eclipse shows the limited power of economic stimulus and the exaggerated threat of modest deflation

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Subject-verb agreement is key: “eclipse” (singular) → “shows.”

**Instructions (Q.7 to Q.10):** Each sentence is **divided into four parts**: A, B, C, and D. **Only one part** of the sentence contains a grammatical or usage error. Identify the part **that contains the error** and mark the corresponding option.

7. My father has not heard (A)/ from my younger brother B) / who is abroad C)/ for over a month (D). ( **Accenture** )

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** “Who are abroad” is incorrect. “Who is abroad” matches “my younger brother” (singular).

8. He has been working (A) / in a bank (B) / in New Delhi (C) / for the past several months (D). ( **Tech Mahindra** )

**Answer: A**

**Hint:** Use “has” for a singular subject “He” → Error in part A.

9. The Arabian Nights (A)/ have (B)/ lots of interesting stories (C)/ for young readers (D). ( **Wipro** )

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** It's a book title → singular → should be "has," not "have."

**10.** Every man, woman, and child (A)/is now aware of (B) / the terrible consequence (C)/ of the habit of smoking (D) **(Cognigent)**

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** "Every" takes a singular verb → "is now aware," not "are."

**Instructions (Q.11 to Q.15):** Choose the option that best explains the **meaning** of the idiom/phrase.

**11. Throw in the towel** **(Accenture)**

- A) Give up      B) Celebrate      C) Argue      D) Disagree

**Answer: A** (Give up)

**Hint:** Originates from boxing; throwing in the towel = conceding defeat.

**12. Put the cart before the horse** **(Cognigent)**

- A) Work effectively    B) Reverse normal order    C) Show excitement    D) Lose patience

**Answer: B** (Reverse normal order)

**Hint:** It means doing things in the wrong order.

**13. Kick the can down the road** **(Cognigent)**

- A) Solve a problem    B) Postpone a decision    C) Face consequences    D) Handle a crisis

**Answer: B** (Postpone a decision)

**Hint:** Delaying action instead of solving a problem.

**14. Bite off more than you can chew** **( Wipro )**

- A) Overeat      B) Take on too much      C) Be arrogant      D) Run away

**Answer: B** (Take on too much)

**Hint:** Taking on more responsibility than you can handle.

**15. Steal someone's thunder** **(Accenture)**

- A) Create a storm    B) Take credit for someone else's idea    C) Interrupt someone    D) Yell loudly

**Answer: B** (Take credit for someone else's idea)

**Hint:** Gaining attention by using someone else's innovation.

**Instructions (Q.16 to Q.20):** Read the given **passage carefully and thoroughly**. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on the passage.

To sum up the whole, we should say that the Platonic philosophy aimed to exalt man into a God. The Baconian philosophy aimed to provide man with what he requires while he concubines to be a man. Platonic philosophy aimed to raise us far above the vulgar wants. Bacibuab's philosophy aimed to supply our vulgar wants. The former aim was noble, but the latter was attainable. Plato drew a good bow; he aimed at the stars, and therefore, though there was to want of strength or skill, the shot was thrown away. His arrow was indeed followed by a track of dazzling radiance, but it struck nothing. Bacib fixed his eye on a mark which was placed on the earth and hit it in the white. The philosophy of Plato began with words and ended up with words, noble words indeed, words such as were to be expected from the finest of human intellects, exhausting boundless dominion over the finest of languages. **(Infosys)**

**16.** The above passage presents Platonic philosophy as:

- (a) giving rise to vulgar wants  
 (b) too idealistic in terms of a realistic assessment of a man  
 (c) No more than words  
 (d) being pragmatic

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** “Too idealistic” is supported by aiming at the stars but hitting nothing.

**17.** The author in the above passage;

- (a) Praises Platonic philosophy
- (b) explains the drawbacks of Baconian philosophy
- (c) balances opposite views to arrive at a just definition of each
- (d) compares and contrasts two systems towards which he is impartial

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** The passage fairly contrasts Plato and Bacon.

**18.** Which one of the following best reflected the underlying tone of the passage?

- (a) All ideas regarding man are couched in noble words
- (b) Man, when exalted into a god, comes to nothing
- (c) It is better for man to continue to be a man
- (d) It is the image of man conceived differently that makes the basic distinction between different systems

**Answer: C**

**Hint:** The conclusion favors pragmatic Baconian philosophy: “better for man to remain man.”

**19.** Which of the following words in the passage confirms the exalted notions of man, according to Plato?

- (a) ‘exercising boundless dominion’
- (b) ‘he aimed at the stars’
- (c) ‘fixed his eye on the mark and hit it in the white’
- (d) ‘There was no want of strength or skill, the shot was thrown away’

**Answer: B**

**Hint:** “Aimed at the stars” symbolizes lofty ideals.

**20.** The reference to a bow and an arrow in the passage;

- (a) Serves as an example of Plato’s strength
- (b) teaches us to stay focused on the target
- (c) shows us a track of dazzling brilliance in man’s history
- (d) shows us the comparative strengths and weaknesses of Platonic and Baconian systems

**Answer: D**

**Hint:** Metaphor contrasts two philosophies – idealistic vs. pragmatic.