

### OLT -3

**Instructions (Q.1 to Q.6):** 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. Delhi University's range of graduate programmes has been developed to fulfil your needs, whether you intend to pursue a career in industry, business, government, NGOs or academia, and whatever your background. (**Accenture**)

A. have been developed to fulfil your needs, whether you intend to pursue a career in industry, business, government, NGOs or academia, and whatever

B. has been developed to fulfil your needs if you intend to pursue a career in industry, business, government, NGOs or academia, or whatever

C. have been developed to fulfil your needs, whether you intend to pursue a career in industry, business, government, NGOs or academia, and whatever

D. has been developed to fulfil your needs, whether you intend to pursue a career in industry, business, government, NGOs or academia, and whatever

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** "Range" is a singular noun → use **has been developed**, not "have".

2. Watching TV or working on the computer leads to overeating. (**Cognigent**)

A. Watching TV or working on the computer leads to overeating

B. Watching TV or working on the computer leads to overeating

C. Watching TV and working on the computer leads to overeating

D. Watching TV and working on the computer leads to overeating

E. Watching TV or working on the computer leads to overeating

**Answer – A**

**Hint:** Gerunds ("watching" / "working") form a compound subject → singular verb **leads** is correct.

3. Empirical analysis of specific acquisition strategies offers limited insight, largely because of the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and due to the lack of an objective way to classify them by strategy. (**Tech Mahindra**)

A. offers limited insight, largely because of the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and due to the lack of an objective way to classify them by

B. offer limited insight, largely due to the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and also due to the lack of an objective way to classify these acquisitions by

C. offer limited insight, largely because of the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and the lack of an objective way to classify these acquisitions by

D. offers limited insight, largely because of the wide variety of types and sizes of acquisitions and the lack of an objective way to classify these acquisitions by

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Singular subject "analysis" → requires **offers**, not "offer".

4. The combination of growth and return on invested capital (ROIC) relative to its cost is what drives value. (**TCS**)

A. The combination of growth and return on invested capital (ROIC) relative to its cost is what drives value

B. The combination of growth and return on invested capital (ROIC) relative to their cost is what drives value

C. The combination of growth and return on invested capital (ROIC) relative to its cost is what is driving value

D. The combination of growth and return on invested capital (ROIC) relative to its cost is what drives value

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** “Combination” is singular → use **is what drives**, not “are what drive”.

5. Reactivating deals that were put on hold may be unwise in some industries where fundamental changes during the crisis have weakened the competitive position of deal targets or hurt the structural attractiveness of their markets (**Tech Mahindra**)

A. where fundamental changes during the crisis have weakened the competitive position of deal targets, or  
 B. In which fundamental changes during the crisis have weakened the competitive position of deal targets and

C. where fundamental changes during the crisis have weakened the competitive position of deal targets or  
 D. in which fundamental changes during the crisis have weakened the competitive position of deal targets or

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** “In which” is formal and precise; “have” matches the plural noun “changes”.

6. A new breed of investor, among private equity firms, hedge funds, and activist shareholders, is aggressively looking for opportunities to create value from portfolio moves in companies that the older investors regard as too passive. (**Wipro**)

A. is aggressively looking for opportunities for creating value from portfolio moves in companies that the older investors regard as too passive.

B. is aggressively looking for opportunities to create value from portfolio moves in companies that the older investors regard as too passive.

C. is aggressively looking for opportunities to create value from portfolio moves in companies that the older investors consider too passive.

D. are aggressively looking for opportunities to create value from portfolio moves in companies that the older investors regard to be too passive.

**Answer – B**

**Hint:** “A new breed” is singular; → verb should be **is**; This option is concise and grammatically correct.

**Instructions (Q.7 to Q.10):** Choose the most appropriate option to fill in the blank.

7. India’s largest bank, the State Bank of India, has managed to merge five of its associate banks \_\_\_\_\_ the newly formed Bharatiya Mahila Bank. (**Cognigent**)

(a) Beside (b) Besides (c) by (d) before

**Answer-B**

**Hint:** “Besides” means “in addition to” and fits the context of listing multiple banks.

8. The government’s resolve is \_\_\_\_\_ to be tested as it sets about the process of consolidation in the Indian banking sector. (**Accenture**)

(a) like (b) unlike (c) likely (d) unlikely

**Answer-C**

**Hint:** “Is likely to be” is a common construction for predicting future action.

9. After the latest merger, the SBI \_\_\_\_\_ 45 in the list of the top global banks in terms of assets. (**Wipro**)

(a) rank (b) ranking (c) ranks (d) had ranked

**Answer-C**

**Hint:** Present tense “ranks” is used for current status or fact.

10. India is the only country to \_\_\_\_\_ experiment with the electronic voting machine on a vast scale. (**Wipro**)

(a) had (b) have (c) has (d) having

**Answer-B**

**Hint:** “To have” is the correct infinitive form following “to”.

**Instructions (Q.11 to Q.14):** Read the given **passage carefully and thoroughly**. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on the passage.

One of the major crises facing the country is the looming water shortage. A recent report by the UN has named India among the worst countries for the poor quality of water. The report ranks 122 countries according to the quality of their water as well as their ability and commitment to improve the situation. Belgium is considered the worst, basically because of the quality of its groundwater. Rains failed in most parts of India last year, and the vast areas of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Orissa were in the grip of devastating drought. People without water turn desperate and violent. Villagers in Rajasthan last year attacked the Food Corporation godown. Worse may be coming. With the main Polluting Countries refusing to control pollution (America, the world's greatest polluter, refuses to cooperate with other countries), the world is getting hotter. This means that great ice shelves (weighing billions of tons) in the Antarctic are collapsing. We cannot even conceptualise the dangerous consequences. Last century, sea levels in Venice rose by one step of a staircase. This century, they are expected to rise by five steps. An additional cause for Venice's sinking is the draining of the underground water table due to industrialisation. The water tables in our cities have also been going lower and lower. When the ocean level rises, Tuvalu in the Pacific Ocean will be the first to go under the waves. Citizens of that country are already migrating to New Zealand. Will citizens of the Maldives crowd into Kerala? Will another mass migration from Bangladesh turn West Bengal upside down? **(TCS)**

**11.** Citizens of Tuvalu are migrating to:

- (a) Belgium      (b) West Indies (c) Morocco      (d) New Zealand

**Answer:** **D) New Zealand**

**Hint:** Rising ocean levels make Tuvalu uninhabitable, so they move to New Zealand.

**12.** Belgium is suffering acutely because of:

- (a) The sluggish pace of its economy  
 (b) The discharge of industrial effluents  
 (c) quality of its groundwater  
 (d) rising cost of living

**Answer:** **C) Quality of its groundwater**

**Hint:** The passage identifies Belgium's water quality as the worst.

**13.** Villagers in Rajasthan attacked Food Corporation godowns because of:

- (a) low prices offered to them for wheat  
 (b) Refusal of the Food Corporation to buy wheat from the local farmers  
 (c) No financial help from the government bodies  
 (d) shortage of water

**Answer:** **D) Shortage of water**

**Hint:** Desperation from drought made villagers take drastic action.

**14.** One of the reasons for Venice's sinking is:

- (a) industrialization  
 (b) Its proneness to earthquakes  
 (c) felling of trees  
 (d) civil construction

**Answer:** **A) Industrialisation**

**Hint:** Draining of the underground water table due to industrial activity is the key issue.

**Instructions (Q.15 to Q.20):** Choose the option that is **most opposite in meaning** to the given word.

**15. Bellicose**

**( Wipro )**

- A) Aggressive      B) Peaceful      C) Curious      D) Boastful

**Answer:** **B) Peaceful**

**Hint:** "Bellicose" means aggressive or warlike; the opposite is **peaceful**.

16. **Esoteric** (Infosys)  
 A) Secret                      B) Obvious                      C) External                      D) Complex  
**Answer:** **B)** **Obvious**  
**Hint:** “Esoteric” = known to few; **obvious** = clear to all.
17. **Mendacious** (Cognigent)  
 A) Truthful                      B) Suspicious                      C) Dishonest                      D) Clever  
**Answer:** **A)** **Truthful**  
**Hint:** “Mendacious” means deceitful or lying; the opposite is **truthful**.
18. **Ascetic** ( Wipro )  
 A) Austere                      B) Luxurious                      C) Modest                      D) Pious  
**Answer:** **B)** **Luxurious**  
**Hint:** “Ascetic” = practising severe self-discipline; the opposite is indulgent or **luxurious**.
19. **Vindicate** (Tech Mahindra)  
 A) Accuse                      B) Exonerate                      C) Blame                      D) Persecute  
**Answer:** **A)** **Accuse**  
**Hint:** “Vindicate” = clear of blame; the opposite is to **accuse**.
20. **Intransigent** (Infosys)  
 A) Stubborn                      B) Yielding                      C) Unwilling                      D) Arrogant  
**Answer:** **B)** **Yielding**  
**Hint:** “Intransigent” = stubborn or unwilling to compromise; the opposite is **yielding**.