

## OLT -I

**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.** The proposed simplification of the tax code would repeal or modify several popular tax breaks, including the deductibility of mortgage interest payments, so that income tax rates could be reduced across the board. (**Cognigent**)

- A. would repeal or modify several popular tax breaks, including the deductibility of mortgage interest payments, so that income tax rates could be reduced
- B. will repeal or modify several popular tax breaks, including the deductibility of mortgage interest payments, so that income tax rates can be reduced
- C. will repeal or modify several popular tax breaks, which include the deductibility of mortgage interest payments, so that income tax rates could be reduced
- D. would repeal or modify several popular tax breaks, including the deductibility of mortgage interest payments, to reduce income tax rates

**Answer – B**

**Hint:** “Will... can” is a better future-oriented structure than “would... could.”

**2.** Marc Murphy, the chef and owner of the Landmarc restaurants in Manhattan, is roasting turkey breasts in one oven while he braises the legs in the other. (**Wipro**)

- A. The chef and owner of the Landmarc restaurants in Manhattan is roasting turkey breasts in one oven while he braises the legs in the other
- B. Landmarc restaurants’ chef and owner in Manhattan roasts turkey breasts in one oven while braising the legs in another
- C., the chef and an owner of the Landmarc restaurants in Manhattan, roast turkey breasts in one oven while braising the leg in another
- D., the chef and an owner of the Landmarc restaurants in Manhattan, roasts turkey breasts in one oven while braising the legs in another

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** Subject-verb agreement and parallel structure are maintained correctly.

**3.** Home security is blossoming for toy makers that can match the technical power and flexibility of the computer industry and the mass-market prices that come from large production runs. (**Wipro**)

- A. That can match the technical power and flexibility of the computer industry, and the mass-market prices that come from
- B. Who can match the technical power and flexibility of the computer industry with the mass-market prices that come from
- C. that can match the technical power and flexibility in the computer industry, as well as the mass-market prices that come from

D., who can match the technical power and flexibility of the computer industry with the mass-market prices that come from

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** “Who” is used for people; “that” is typically used for objects or companies, but “who” can be used stylistically for professionals (like toy makers).

4. Starting Thursday, Wal-Mart Stores is planning to offer free shipping on its website on almost 60,000 gift items, including many toys and electronics. (Accenture)

- A. is planning to offer free shipping on its website on almost 60,000 gift items, including
- B. plans to offer free shipping on its website on almost 60,000 gift items, including
- C. plans to offer free shipping on their website on almost 60,000 gift items, including
- D. will plan to offer free shipping on its website on almost 60,000 gift items, including

**Answer – A**

**Hint:** Correct and concise; verb tense matches the context of a scheduled plan.

5. The notion of gold being more expensive than ever happens to fit with a larger narrative, which also does not square with the facts, namely, that inflation is an imminent threat. (Tech Mahindra)

- A. of gold being more expensive than ever happens to fit with a larger narrative, which also does not square with the facts, namely, that
- B. that gold is more expensive than ever happens to fit with a larger narrative that also does not square with the facts, namely,
- C. that gold is more expensive than ever happens to fit with a larger narrative that also does not square with the facts, namely, that
- D. of gold being more expensive than ever happened to fit with a larger narrative that also did not square with the facts, namely, that

**Answer – C**

**Hint:** “That” a clause is clearer and more formal than “of gold being.”

6. In the next few weeks, both the Federal Trade Commission and the Commerce Department are planning to release independent, and possibly conflicting, reports about online privacy. (Infosys)

- A. Both the Federal Trade Commission and the Commerce Department are planning to release independent, and possibly conflicting,
- B. The Federal Trade Commission and the Commerce Department are both planning to release independent, and possibly conflicting,
- C. The Federal Trade Commission and the Commerce Department both are planning to release independent, but possibly conflicting,
- D. both the Federal Trade Commission and the Commerce Department are planning to release independent, and possibly conflicting,

**Answer – D**

**Hint:** “Both... and” takes a plural verb → “are planning.”

7. The new proposal will encourage larger transparency about what data is being collected and how it will be used, and discourage the need for vaguely worded privacy or user notices. (TCS)

- A. Encourage larger transparency about what data is being collected and how

They will be used, and discourage the need for vaguely worded  
 B. encourage greater transparency regarding what data is being collected and  
 It will be used, but discourages the need for vaguely worded  
 C. Encourage greater transparency about what data is being collected and how it is used  
 will be used, and discourage the need for vaguely worded  
 D. encourage greater transparency on what data is being collected and how it is being collected  
 will be used, and this will discourage the need for vaguely worded

**Answer – C**

**Hint:** Use “greater” with uncountable nouns like “transparency”; maintain subject-verb consistency.

**Instructions (Q.8 to Q.10):** Fill in the blank with the most appropriate option.

**8.** The chairman of the board has been employed in the finance industry ..... 1984. (TCS)

(a) in            (b) on            (c) since            (d) at

**Answer-C**

**Hint:** “Since” is used with a specific point in time; “for” is used with duration.

**9.** I had a crash yesterday afternoon. Fortunately, I didn't do too much damage ..... my car.  
(Tech Mahindra)

(a) with            (b) in            (c) about            (d) to

**Answer-d**

**Hint:** Correct preposition: “damage to” something.

**10.** Simon isn't at school this week. He's ..... vacation. (Cognigent)

(a) in            (b) between            (c) on            (d) to

**Answer-c**

**Hint:** The idiomatic expression is “on vacation.”

**Instructions (Q.11 to Q.15):** Read the given **passage carefully and thoroughly**. Choose the most appropriate option to answer the questions based on the passage.

But perfect organization, faultless teamwork, indomitable courage, superhuman endurance, even the latest equipment - all these are unavailing unless the weather is kind. In the mountains, it is the weather that rules everything. It may be fair in the early morning when the climb begins, but unexpectedly, blizzards may halt the climbers with inadequate protection on an exposed slope. The villains of the piece are cold wind and snow, and in the Himalayas, these conspire together for the whole year, except for two short periods. In early May and in October, there may be short intervals between the tremendous gales of winter and the treacherous snows of the monsoon. Only in these intervals is there any chance of finding the right weather conditions for an assault upon a peak. Cold can at least be kept at bay by warm clothing, scientifically planned food, and a certain amount of exercise, but against the wind and the snow of the worst Himalayan weather, there is no defense. ( Wipro )

11. The two greatest enemies of the Himalayan climber are:

- (a) altitude and scarcity of oxygen
- (b) wind and snow
- (c) ice fields and rocks
- (d) slopes and valleys

**Answer: B)** *wind and snow*

**Hint:** The passage directly calls wind and snow the “villains of the piece.”

12. It is best to attempt scaling a peak:

- (a) In the summer months
- (b) between storms and gales
- (c) early in May or in October
- (d) When the monsoons are over

**Answer: C)** *early in May or in October*

**Hint:** These are mentioned as the only favorable weather windows.

13. The perils of intense cold may be counteracted by:

- (a) a special kind of food and clothing
- (b) The use of alcohol
- (c) climbing only during the morning hours
- (d) The use of drugs and medicines

**Answer: A)** *a special kind of food and clothing*

**Hint:** The passage mentions warm clothing and scientifically planned food.

14. When climbing in the Himalayas, one must always remember that the weather is:

- (a) severe
- (b) conquerable
- (c) The supreme arbiter
- (d) fickle

**Answer: C)** *the supreme arbiter*

**Hint:** “It is the weather that rules everything” — indicates supreme control.

15. According to the author, what the mountaineer today needs most is:

- (a) regular exercise
- (b) adequate medical aid
- (c) financial support
- (d) modern equipment

**Answer: D)** *modern equipment*

**Hint:** Despite courage and planning, without equipment, one cannot survive harsh conditions.

**Instructions (Q.16 to Q.20):** Each question consists of a pair of words that share a particular relationship. You are to find another pair from the given options that has the **same or most similar relationship**. Identify the **logic or connection** (e.g., cause-effect, part-whole, synonym, antonym, tool-user, category-member, etc.) between the first pair, and apply it to select the correct option.

**16. Pulchritude : Beauty :: Probity : ? ( Wipro )**

- A) Honour    B) Strength    C) Fraud    D) Wisdom

**Answer: A) Honour**

**Hint:** Pulchritude means beauty; probity means integrity/honor.

**17. Ornithology: Birds:: Entomology: ? (Cognigent)**

- A) Fish    B) Insects    C) Fossils    D) Reptiles

**Answer: B) Insects**

**Hint:** Ornithology = study of birds; Entomology = study of insects.

**18. Equanimity: Pressure: Tenacity: ? (Tech Mahindra)**

- A) Betrayal    B) Lethargy    C) Difficulty    D) Simplicity

**Answer: C) Difficulty**

**Hint:** Equanimity helps one handle pressure; tenacity helps one endure difficulty.

**19. Photosynthesis: Plants: Haemoglobin: ? (Accenture)**

- A) Liver    B) Blood    C) Enzymes    D) Bone

**Answer: B) Blood**

**Hint:** Photosynthesis occurs in plants; haemoglobin is found in blood.

**20. Ebullient : Enthusiastic: Lethargic: ? (Accenture)**

- A) Energetic    B) Indifferent    C) Lazy    D) Vibrant

**Answer: C) Lazy**

**Hint:** Ebullient and enthusiastic are synonyms; lethargic means lazy.