

VA Practice Session- 15th August, 2017.

#POST_1_PJ_TITA

- A) Nehru was a voracious reader: he read 55 books from May 21, 1922 till January 29, 1923 alone.
- B) He delved into philosophy, and turned the pages of history to illuminate his understanding of the ideas and movements, which stood apart as the catalyst for momentous changes.
- C) In so doing, he looked through other people's writings to understand how simple, ordinary men and women became heroes, and how their strivings made history stirring and epoch-making.
- D) Prison had made a man of him, he told the Socialist leader, Acharya Narendra Deva (1889-1956), while they were in jail for the last time in 1942.

#POST_2_PJ_TITA

- 1) To get a head start, early the next morning the farmer started covering ground quickly because he wanted to get as much land as he could.
- 2) Late in the afternoon he realized the condition he had to fulfil to get the land was to get back to the starting point by sundown.
- 3) Even though he was tired, he kept going all afternoon because he did not want to miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to gain more wealth.
- 4) There is a story about a wealthy who was once offered all the land he could walk on in a day, provided he come back by sundown to the point where he started.

#POST_3_PJ_TITA

- A. When white elephants are found in the forest of Thailand they have to be officially recognized by the royal priests and they are regarded not as animals, but as honorary human beings.
- B. In some nations like Thailand, Myanmar, Cambodia and Vietnam, the white elephant is a symbol of prosperity.
- C. Although the white elephant is the symbol of prosperity, it is a paradox, that the greatest calamities have befallen Thailand, when the white elephant population was the largest.
- D. And Thailand, being a monarchy, has a grand track record of honouring the white elephant.
- E. They are given the rank of a high priest usually beginning with the title, "Phra-Sarith", meaning excellent one.

#POST_4_OMO

- A. Post-acquisition Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN) will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Nokia

- B. Nokia will continue to consolidate NSN for financial reporting purposes as well as to strengthen the company
- C. that was expected to be completed during the third quarter,
- D. The boards of both companies have approved the deal
- E. pending approval from regulatory authorities.

#POST_5

1. She was their diary, their calendar (A) / calendar (B) and their conscience, and they loved her like a sister.
2. Bordeaux's eyes twinkled and a rye (A) / wry (B) smile tugged at the corner of his mouth.
3. The coin and bullion (A) / bouillon (B) held by the banks varies between 20 and 24 millions sterling and the note circulation is almost stationary at about 34 millions.
4. The faun (A) / fawn (B), a friend of the demigod, was one of the central characters in this movie based on Greek mythology.
5. The invidious (A) / insidious (B) pleasures of Temptation Island soon showed their true colors as Pinocchio and his companions started turning into donkeys, complete with ears and a tail.

ABABB

BBAAB

BAAAB

ABABA

#POST_6_CR

The Government's valiant attempts to shield the Indian market from global crude oil price hikes might have been prompted as much by pragmatism as by political considerations. After all, in an energy-intensive economy like India, there is little leeway for demand for crude oil to adjust itself to price signals, without making a negative impact on the pace of economic growth, which seems to be on a robust growth trajectory right now.

Which of the following, if true, would be consistent with the above argument?

- (1) Previous governments always played it safe when it came to increasing the price of oil and were careful not to offend public sensibilities.
- (2) In an energy-intensive economy, the demand for crude oil cannot remain price sensitive without jeopardising development, which a government can ill-afford.
- (3) India, as an economy that is dependent on energy, cannot but follow the global trend in oil prices.
- (4) Oil prices touched an all-time high globally, but they have remained stable in India during the past few weeks.
- (5) Once an economy is on a growth trajectory, price has little or no effect on growth.

#POST_7_CR

If retail stores experience a decrease in revenues during this holiday season, then either attitudes toward extravagant gift-giving have changed or prices have risen beyond the level most people can afford. If attitudes have changed, then we all have something to celebrate

this season. If prices have risen beyond the level most people can afford, then it must be that salaries have not kept pace with rising prices during the past year.

Assume the premises above to be true. If salaries have kept pace with rising prices during the past year, which one of the following must be true?

- (A) Attitudes toward extravagant gift-giving have changed.
- (B) Retail stores will not experience a decrease in retail sales during this holiday season.
- (C) Prices in retail stores have not risen beyond the level that most people can afford during this holiday season.
- (D) Attitudes toward extravagant gift-giving have not changed, and stores will not experience a decrease in revenues during this holiday season.
- (E) Either attitudes toward extravagant gift-giving have changed or prices have risen beyond the level that most people can afford during this holiday season.

#POST_8_CR

Since the deregulation of airlines, delays at the nation's increasingly busy airports have increased by 25 percent. To combat this problem, more of the takeoff and landing slots at the busiest airports must be allocated to commercial airlines.

Which of the following, if true, casts the most doubt on the effectiveness of the solution proposed above?

- (A) The major causes of delays at the nation's busiest airports are bad weather and overtaxed air traffic control equipment.
- (B) Since airline deregulation began, the number of airplanes in operation has increased by 25 percent.
- (C) Over 60 percent of the takeoff and landing slots at the nation's busiest airports are reserved for commercial airlines.
- (D) After a small mid western airport doubled its allocation of takeoff and landing slots, the number of delays that were reported decreased by 50 percent.
- (E) Since deregulation the average length of delay at the nation's busiest airports has doubled.

#POST_9_CR

Data on planes returning from bombing missions was used to study of the vulnerability of airplanes to enemy fire. Analyzing the pattern and frequency of hits from enemy gunfire, it was seen that some parts of planes were hit disproportionately more often than other parts. How could these planes be optimally reinforced with armor plating? There were tradeoffs to consider. Every addition of plating added to the weight of the plane, decreasing its performance. Therefore, reinforcements needed to be added only to the most vulnerable areas of the planes.

Which of the following can be concluded from the above?

- a. The parts hit disproportionately more than the others have to be reinforced as those received the maximum amount of damage.
- b. No conclusion can be drawn as the data set is incomplete. There is no data on the planes shot down.
- c. The parts with the least damage have to be reinforced, as the returning planes have survived attacks to the most damaged areas.

d.Reinforcements have to be added to all areas of the plane.

#POST_10_PJ_TITA

A. Secrets once destined for the grave are nowadays exposed in no more time than it takes to analyse a swab or two.

B. They can, then, take a trip to meet their long lost cousins.

C. Americans and Europeans of Afro-Caribbean origins can find with remarkable accuracy where in Africa their DNA came from.

D. DNA based paternity kits can be purchased over the internet for less than \$ 250.

E. When James Watson and Francis Crick first described the double-helix structure of the DNA molecule 50 years ago, they could not have imagined what a powerful light it would throw upon our past.

(1) EADCB

(2) DAEBC

(3) ACBDE

(4) ECBDA

(5) CDAEB

#POST_11_CR

In a forest often visited by the residents of a small town bordering it, a plant was discovered that is believed to have been accidentally introduced by colonialists who tried to grow foreign vegetables in the area. The plant carries a potent neurotoxin, and upon digestion is capable of killing small to medium-sized animals. To cease the dwindling population of a small deer species that populates the forest, authorities are planning to erect explanatory signs at all the main entrances to the forest pleading to visitors to uproot and dispose of any such plants if identified.

Which of the following, if true, provides the most solid reason to expect that the authorities' plan will succeed?

A) A glass recycling project that was initiated by the authorities of the town had very successful results primarily because of the enthusiastic cooperation of the townspeople, who were offered small monetary incentives.

B) The elimination of the plants is imperative since the sap carrying the active neurotoxin that can be absorbed by the skin, oozes from picked leaves and results in cardiac symptoms, often fatal to humans.

C) The emblem of the town, a yellow and cobalt blue coat of arms, has in its center a stylized image of the deer species that inhabits the forest, and appears on municipal buildings, statues, and documents.

D) Continuing an age-old tradition started by the founders of the town, many townspeople engage in the breeding of dogs and can often be seen strolling the vicinity with two or three of their prized animals.

E) Mysterious to foreigners, the forest is a territory well-known to the townspeople, who as youths often wander through it, becoming familiar with the countless hidden paths leading into it.

#POST_12

Which of the following options is grammatically correct?

- a) Believing in his version of events, Shekhar was acquitted by the jury
- b) Turning the corner, a modern steel and glass building came into view
- c) Being too young to watch the movie, the theater usher denied Amita entry
- d) Ignoring Amit's advice, Ameesha did not photocopy her hall-ticket

Solutions:

1: A mentions 1923, D states 1942, so logically, A should come before D.

From the structure of para, we can conclude that BC is a mandatory pair. B should be placed immediately after A as B continues the idea presented – Nehru read books, books about what? So, ABCD.

2: OA=4132, 1 comes after 4 as it follows the story beginning in 4. 3 follows 4 - the time factors mentioned in the statement is indicative of this. 2 concludes the process and reveals the mistake

3: OA= BDAEC, The conjunction 'and' in 'D' and the pronoun 'they' in 'E' disqualify those sentences to be the first. Among the statements ABC. B very clearly opens the discussion regarding 'white elephants' in relation to some nations like Thailand etc. The centre of locus shifts to Thailand in particular and its attitude towards honouring white elephants. Hence DA follow B. E is a continuation of A and C ideally concludes the para so BDAEC

4: D-describes the beginning of the course of action followed by C and E. A concludes the para describing the result of the process. B is out of context as it transforms to other domain, probably to other paragraph depicting the idea how it will strengthen and consolidate the NSN

DCE follows the same line -approval of the deal! A simple mandatory triplet!

The only reason of selecting A over B as the conclusion is because A gives the full form of MSN! And explains what the "deal" is. SO DCEA is the sequence

5: Diary is the keyword in statement I. It hints that she kept time for them and so the word needed is calendar.

Calender refers to a machine in which cloth or paper is pressed by rollers to glaze or smooth it.

Sentence II talks of a smile and so we get to know that wry is the word needed. Wry means an expression of dry humor.

Rye is a plant used to make cereal.

Bouillon is a thin broth made by simmering beef or chicken in water, while bullion, the word needed in statement III, means reserves of gold kept by banks in the form of bars, ingots or plates.

In statement IV, a faun is a mythical creature with the body of a man and the horns, ears, tail and legs of a goat.

Fawn refers to a young deer. Invidious means something unpleasant or offensive.

Insidious means something which proceeds in a gradual, subtle way but with very harmful effects.

It goes with the word pleasures in statement V.

Thus, the correct answer is option (2), BBAAB.

6: OA:2

7. OA: C

Premise: If prices have risen beyond the level most people can afford, then it must be that salaries have not kept pace with rising prices during the past year. (If X, then Y)

Assumption: Salaries have kept pace with rising prices during the past year (Not Y)

Conclusion: Prices haven't risen beyond the level most people can afford (Not X)

8. OA=A,

The author assumes that a primary cause for the heightened delays is the lack of unoccupied landing and takeoff slots for commercial airlines.

Thus, the author argues that the best method is to increase the number of slots.

However, option A gives a different reason for the delays. If it is attributed to something other than the number of slots, increasing them would not necessarily help.

9. OA-A

10. E is clearly the best opening sentence and also "origins" in C links up with "through light" upon our past in E so EC is possible . Also B follows C since "THEY" in B refers to "Americans and Europeans" in C . D and A go together as they both talk about cheap and quick ways of finding out secrets so ECBDA

11. In a forest often visited by the residents of a small town bordering it, a plant was discovered that is believed to have been accidentally introduced by colonialists who tried to grow foreign vegetables in the area. The plant carries a potent neurotoxin, and upon digestion is capable of killing small to medium-sized animals. To cease the dwindling population of a small deer species that populates the forest, authorities are planning to erect explanatory signs at all the main entrances to the forest pleading to visitors to uproot and dispose of any such plants if identified.

argument says that plant upon digestion kills small to medium sized people.

now for the success of the authorities plan==> visitors are supposed to participate.

Which of the following, if true, provides the most solid reason to expect that the authorities' plan will succeed?

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this option tells that some previous other plan was successful in pass not related this scenario...hence it is OUT OF CONTEXT.

B) The elimination of the plants is imperative since the sap carrying the active neurotoxin that can be absorbed by the skin, oozes from picked leaves and results in cardiac symptoms, often fatal to humans.

If this thing is fatal to humans..then people will not co-operate or participate in this plan....hence it weakens.

C) The emblem of the town, a yellow and cobalt blue coat of arms, has in its center a stylized image of the deer species that inhabits the forest, and appears on municipal buildings, statues, and documents.

just stating a fact and describing the emblem...hence doesnt affects the conclusion

D) Continuing an age-old tradition started by the founders of the town, many townspeople engage in the breeding of dogs and can often be seen strolling the vicinity with two or three of their prized animals.

this is correct

if people come there for breeding of dogs....it means...those plants are also harmful to those dogs(smal and medium sized)...since those plant are harmful ..and people are aware that which all plants are causing this harm..then they will defenetely participate in uprooting and disposing of any such plants if identified in order to save their pets.

E) Mysterious to foreigners, the forest is a territory well-known to the townspeople, who as youths often wander through it, becoming familiar with the countless hidden paths leading into it.

out of context.

12. OA=D . Options A and C are examples of misplaced modifiers. In A, the jury would be the one to believe or disbelieve something. Hence, the sentence should be changed to "Believing in his version of events, the jury acquitted Shekhar".

Similarly, Amita and not the usher was underage and hence the sentence should be rewritten as "Being too young to watch the movie, Amita was denied entry by the theater usher"

Option B is an example of dangling modifier. The modifier "Turning the corner" is obviously referring to a person who is walking and hence requires a noun/pronoun to act on. Option D is grammatically correct