

VERBAL ABILITY
MODULE 6 - ORDERING OF SENTENCES

Directions for questions 1-10: In the questions below, choose the most logical order of sentences from among the given choices to construct a coherent paragraph. In some of the questions, sentence 1 is already given.

1. The water tanks may remain empty
(P) on Tuesday evening (Q) in the city
(R) will repair the damaged water pipes (S) as the water supply department
a. QPSR b. QPRS c. SQPR d. PSRQ
2. Today with advancement
(P) for computer science graduates (Q) in the field of computer science
(R) there is a plethora of opportunities (S) and belief of one world
a. RSPQ b. RQSP c. QSRP d. SQRQ
3. Migratory birds
(P) before reaching (Q) cover thousands of miles
(R) fly high in the sky and (S) their destination
a. RQPS b. PSRQ c. RSQP d. PQRS
4. (P) supported by soft term loans (Q) to supply the raw material worth Rs. 5 lakh
(R) the dealer has agreed (S) with a very low rate of interest.
a. RQPS b. SQPR c. PSRQ d. QPRS
5. (P) The potential exchanges between the officials of IBBF and the Maharashtra Body-Building Association has all the trappings of a drama we are accustomed to.
(Q) In the case of sports persons, there is room for some sympathy, but the apathy of the administrators, which has even led to sanctions from international bodies, is unpardonable.
(R) A case in the point is the hefty penalty of US \$10,000 slapped on the Indian Body-Building Federation for not fulfilling its commitment for holding the Asian Championships in Mumbai in October.
(S) It is a matter of deep regret and concern that the sports administrators often cause more harm to the image of the country than sportsmen and sportswomen do through their dismal performances.
a. RPQS b. SQRP c. SPQR d. RSQP
6. (P) Over the years, I have had the opportunities to observe and understand the thought processes behind the ads that have been flooding both the print and the TV media.
(Q) Although there is a huge shift in the quality of ads that we come across on a daily basis-- thanks essentially to improvement in technology--I somehow can't help but feel that the quality of communication of the message has become diluted.
(R) One reason is that there is an increasing attempt by most companies to be seen as cool and funky.
(S) Another reason could be the burgeoning number of companies, which means an exponential increase in the number of ads that are being made.
a. SRPQ b. SRQP c. PQRS d. QPSR
7. (P) His political career came to an abrupt end with China's military operation.
(Q) He attracted as much as he repelled.
(R) He was responsible for the debacle.
(S) A man of paradoxes, Menon remained an enigma.
a. SRPQ b. PRSQ c. SQPR d. SPRQ
8. (P) Thus, begins the search for relief: painkillers, ice, yoga, herbs, even surgery
(Q) Most computer users develop disorders because they ignore warnings like tingling fingers, a numb hand or a sore shoulder
(R) They keep pointing and dragging until tendons chafe and scar tissue forms, along with bad habits that are almost impossible to change
(S) But cures are elusive, because repetitive injuries present a bag of ills that often defy easy diagnosis.
a. QSPR b. QPSR c. QRPS d. PQRS
9. (P) What came out was very large garland made out of currency notes.
(Q) The unsuspecting governor opened the box in full view of the gathering
(R) When the RBI governor came to inaugurate the new printing press, the local unit of the BJP handed him a gift wrapped box
(S) There was a twist – the notes were all as tattered as notes could get
a. SPRQ b. RPQS c. RQPS d. SRPQ

10. (P) The main difference is that efficiency is a ration and effectiveness is not.
 (Q) But they reach efficiency in a different way than American businesses.
 (R) The Japanese are very efficient and such concepts as "just in time" are a witness to their efficiency.
 (S) They reach efficiency through the route of effectiveness.
 a. RQSP b. PSRQ c. RPSQ d. RSPQ

Directions for questions 11-30: In the questions below, each passage consists of six sentences. The first and sixth sentences are given. The middle four sentences in each have been jumbled up. These are labeled as P, Q, R and S. Find out the proper order for the four sentences.

11. S1 - Rishikesh is a beautiful hill station located beside the Himalayas
 P. There are many ancient temples Q: In the North of India
 R. along the banks of the sacred river the Ganges S: that flows through the city.
 S6 - Furthermore, the city is also known for many famous yoga ashrams.
 a. SRPQ b. QPRS c. PQSR d. RSPQ
12. S1 - A city located amidst green hills should be full of greenery.
 P. But, instead of greenery, in Pune, you will see treeless roads, concrete cover and barren land.
 Q. It shows that human and allied activities are denuding the city's green cover.
 R. As per the Environment Status Report for 2012-13 the civic body's claim of taking eco-friendly measures to protect greenery is baseless.
 S. The city is expanding and building; and wide roads are coming up.
 S6 - This is not good for the greener cover of the city, the report said.
 a. QRPS b. SRQP c. PRSQ d. PSRQ
13. S1 - Five-star hotels and premium restaurants have decided to revise their menu card rates.
 P. From meats and seafood to curries, cheese, more than 50% of the cuisines at these restaurants are imported and do not have local substitutes.
 Q. Premium hotels and restaurants use imported food ingredients to delight the taste buds of their customers.
 R. as due to the weak rupee the cost of the imported food ingredients and spices is increased.
 S. The rupee devaluation has affected the import.
 S6 - As a result, they are revising the menu, without shifting the entire burden to the customers.
 a. PQRS b. RQPS c. QRPS d. SQPR
14. S1 - Today, newspapers are considered more balanced businesses, as they have a mix of revenues from advertisers and readers.
 P. American newspapers are found highly unusual in their reliance on ads.
 Q. Not surprisingly Japanese newspapers are much more stable,
 R. Full 87% of their revenues came from advertising in 2008.
 S. In Japan, the proportion is around 35%.
 S6 - So, newspapers should give emphasis on a right mix of advertisements and news.
 a. PRQS b. PRSQ c. QSPR d. QSRP
15. S1 - According to a study conducted in the UK, 7 in 10 parents turn to social networking platforms to communicate with their kid.
 P. In fact, many city teens are also 'friends' with their parents on these social networking platforms.
 Q. While these numbers may not be same for India, an increasing number of parents in the city are signing on to social networking sites frequented by their children.
 R. However, parents should know where to draw a line when it comes to communicating with the child on social network.
 S. Parents should not admonish their kids for every silly status they put online
 S6 - Similarly, they should not step up in defense of their kid every time he/she receives any unkind comment
 a. PQSR b. QPRS c. PRQS d. QRPS
16. S1 - The season of campus recruitments can be quite confusing for organisations with the sheer number options available.
 P. Convincing students to opt for their company, over the myriad others wooing them with similar profiles/ perks can be a daunting task.
 Q. They need to show them how their offering is better than competing ones.
 R. So, what do organisations need to do to ensure that the best students opt for their selection process?
 S. Some organisations bundle a job offer with options for higher studies for deserving candidates as a sponsorship programme while some project the various cultural and extracurricular activities.
 S6 - Quite a few also come with differentiation in their own selection process to identify high-profile candidates early on and bring them to final round directly.
 a. PQRS b. PRQS c. RQPS d. QPRS
17. S1 - I wanted to have mashed potatoes, so I went to the mall.
 P. There I saw potato chips on a shelf after looking around for a while.
 Q. I was looking for snacks and had to go to another level.
 R. I couldn't find the elevator and so I took the stairs.
 S. I felt like having something else too.
 S6 - I found the elevator while getting ready to leave
 a. PQRS b. PSQR c. QRSP d. SQRP

18. S1 - More than 80% of the nation's primary schools are run by government bodies and most of them are underperforming.
P. On the literacy front, we are adding millions of virtual illiterates from these government schools.
Q. The poor performance of government schools is the primary reason why the majority of students of these schools, even after completing five to six years of education, do not acquire the required literacy and numeric skills.
R. This is one of the main reasons why 25% of children in the primary school of the age group 6 to 10 years don't continue the study.
S. What is the impact of these underperforming primary schools on our students and education system?
S6 - As 39% of our population is illiterate, illiteracy will continue till next century
a. SRPQ b. PQRS c. RQSP d. RSPQ
19. S1 - Some banks are in discussion to introduce voice biometrics as an option for authenticating phone banking.
P. For banks, the main attraction of voice authentication is that this does not require deployment of infrastructure – unlike in the case of fingerprint or iris recognition – as mobile phones are widely available.
Q. A voiceprint is a hashed string of numbers and characters that represent how specific an individual's voice rates on a host of characteristics being measured.
R. Banks are in talks with Nuance, a US company specializing in voice recognition and whose technology powers are Apple and Blackberry phones.
S. While phones use speech recognition which is still evolving, voice recognition is a different technology altogether and more reliable than using PIN.
S6 - As such, a compromised voice print has no value to a hacker.
a. PRSQ b. PQRS c. QRSP d. RSPQ
20. S1 - Look at any industry and you will see two kinds of companies.
P. They are the oligarchy
Q. Next are the rule takers, the companies that pay homage to the industrial "lords."
R. IBM, CBS, United Airlines, Merrill Lynch, Sears, Coca – Cola, and the like are the creators and procreators of industrial orthodoxy.
S. First are the rule makers, the incumbents that built the industry.
S6 - Fujitsu, ABC, US Air, Smith Barney, J.C. Penny and numerous others are this type.
a. SRPQ b. SRQP c. RQSP d. QRPS
21. S1 - The train had just left Nagpur.
P. The horizon lay interspersed with silken clouds – plain white balls of unblemished cotton.
Q. It would be some time before it reached Hyderabad, my destination.
R. It was as if I was in the midst of a celestial play.
S. The deep blue sky spread over the craggy Deccan expanse.
S6 - The sun was at its playful best.
a. PSRQ b. QRSP c. PRQS d. QSPR
22. S1 - A force exists between everybody in the universe.
P. Normally it is very small but when one of the bodies is a planet, like earth, the force is considerable.
Q. It has been investigated by many scientists including Galileo and Newton.
R. Everything on or near the surface of the earth is attracted by the mass of earth.
S. This force depends on the mass of the bodies involved.
S6 - The greater the mass, the greater is the earth's force of attraction on it. We can call this force of attraction as gravity.
a. PRQS b. PRSQ c. QSRP d. QSPR
23. S1 - Payment for imports and exports is made through a system called foreign exchange.
P. The value of the money of one country in relation to the value of money of other countries is agreed upon.
Q. These rates of exchange vary from time to time.
R. For instance, an American dollar or a British pound Sterling is worth certain amounts in the money of other countries.
S. Sometimes a United States Dollar is worth 12 Pesos in Mexico.
S6 - Another time it may be worth eight Pesos.
a. PQRS b. QPRS c. PRQS d. RPQS
24. S1 - This is a company that prides itself on its carefully nurtured extensive distribution of bricks and mortar network.
P. The company also plans a foray into the service sector by setting up a chain of laundrettes across the country.
Q. Yet today, pre - cooked chappatis and ready – made mixes are a big market.
R. And that's not all.
S. Today the idea may appear a trifle ambitious but remember that it was not so long ago that the same things were said about the market for ready to eat foods and branded cereals.
S6 - Disposable incomes are rising in the metros and big cities and time is at a premium.
a. PSQR b. RPSQ c. PQSR d. RPQS
25. S1 - Once upon a time an ant lived on the bank of river.
P. The dove saw the ant struggling in water in a helpless condition.
Q. All its efforts to come up failed.
R. One day it suddenly slipped into water.

- S. A dove lived in the tree on the bank not far from the spot.
S6 - She was touched.
a. RQSP b. QRPS c. SRPQ d. PQRS
26. S1 - Rahul has been trying to lose weight.
P. As regular morning walks keep our body fit and healthy.
Q. The trainer has suggested him to start with regular morning walk.
R. He has not yet started his daily walk.
S. He says that, because of late night work it is hard for him to get up early
S6 - I think it is just a lame excuse for his laziness.
a. PRSQ b. QPRS c. RQPS d. SQRP
27. S1 - Obesity is one of the major reasons for hypertension.
P. WHO says, one in three adults suffers from hypertension
Q. This health issue is about five times more common in obese people than those who are lean.
R. Understand that the intra-abdominal fat significantly affects the metabolism
S. as this fat may cause hypertension with increased blood lipids levels.
S6 - Thus, obese people must take appropriate measures to control or reduce their weight.
a. PRSQ b. RSQP c. PQRS d. QPRS
28. S1 - We now know that the oceans are very deep.
P. For example, the Indian ocean has a range called the Indian Ridge.
Q. Much of it is fairly flat.
R. However, there are great mountain ranges as well.
S. On average the bottom is 2.5 miles to 3.5 miles down
S6 - This reaches from the India to the Antarctic.
a. SQRP b. PQSR c. RSQP d. QPRS
29. S1 - In India marriages are usually arranged by parents
P. Sometimes boys and girls do not like the idea of arranged marriages. Q. Most young people accept the state of affairs.
R. Shanta was like that. S. They assume their parents can make good choices.
S6 - She felt she was a modern girl and not subject for bargaining.
a. SPRQ b. PSRQ c. QSPR d. RQPS
30. S1 - The skin has other defense mechanisms.
P. With all these defenses, why do we get sunburned at all?
Q. After the first burning doses of ultraviolet rays have begun unleashing free radicals, cells in the top layers of skin begin reproducing rapidly.
R. The skin thickens and hardens, making it more difficult for ultraviolet rays to penetrate.
S. If even this fails and the skin flushes with sunburn, it will speed up its normal but usually unnoticed shedding – or peeling – of damaged and old cells.
S6 - The answer lies in part with our industrial civilization.
a. PSRQ b. QRSP c. QPRS d. PQSR

HOMEWORK

Directions for questions 31-40: In the questions below, each passage consists of six sentences. The first and sixth sentences are given. The middle four sentences in each have been jumbled up. These are labeled as P, Q, R and S. Find out the proper order for the four sentences.

31. S1 - The Wal – Mart story is full of simple but important truths.
P. It's a story that has mystified some, frustrated others and has been admired by many.
Q. It's a story about the power of the free – enterprise system and how the system is the engine that drives democracy.
R. It's a story about trust – the basis of all successful relationships.
S. It's a story about principled and focused leadership.
S6 - It is a story about a special man, a special group of people and a special organization.
a. PQRS b. PRQS c. PSQR d. PQSR
32. S1 - Once the prince met a beautiful fisher girl
P. The prince got disappointed and returned home with a broken heart
Q. he went to meet the fisherman to express the desire to marry his daughter
R. he fell in love with that girl
S. The fisherman agreed for the marriage on one condition that the son of his daughter should be the heir to the throne.
S6 - The king asked the prince the reason for his sadness.
a. QRSP b. SPRQ c. RQSP d. PQRS
33. S1 - The future beckons us.
P. In fact we have hard work ahead.
Q. Where do we go and what shall be our endeavor?
R. We shall also have to fight and end poverty, ignorance and disease.

- S. It will be to bring freedom and opportunity to the common man.
S6 - There is no resting for any one of us till we redeem our pledge in full.
a. PSRQ b. QPSR c. QSRP d. SRPQ
34. S1 - While talking to a group, one should feel self-confident and courageous.
P. Nor is it a gift bestowed by providence on only a few. Q. One should also learn how to think calmly and clearly.
R. It is like the ability to play golf. S. It is not as difficult as most men imagine.
S6 - Any man can develop his capacity if he has the desire to do so.
a. SQPR b. QSPR c. QRSP d. RSQP
35. S1 - During monsoon, when humidity is high, we often do not drink the required amount of water which may cause dehydration.
P. Consuming an adequate amount of water and other liquids a day is essential to keep our organs working properly.
Q. Adding some salt, spices, lemon, can make water more palatable.
R. The lime juice, which is high in Vitamin C, can improve our immunity in the monsoon season.
S. It is suggested that people should drink different types of juices and drinks to keep themselves hydrated.
S6 - So, do not reduce the water intake in monsoons.
a. RQPS b. RPQS c. PSRQ d. PSQR
36. S1 - For some time in his youth, Abraham Lincoln was the manager of a shop.
P. Then a chance Customer would come.
Q. Young Lincoln's way of keeping shop was entirely unlike anyone else's.
R. Lincoln would jump up and attend to his needs and then revert to his reading.
S. He used to lie full length on the counter of the shop eagerly reading a book.
S6 - Never before had Lincoln had so much time for reading as he had then.
a. SRQP b. QSPR c. SQRQ d. QPSR
37. S1 - You can make a will as simple as you want.
P. This is because your witness will be called upon to testify in court if the will is ever challenged.
Q. Lawyers advise people to use witnesses who are younger than them and are likely to outlive them.
R. You will need to sign the document in the presence of two witnesses, who will then have to put the signature on it.
S. It helps if a doctor is a witness or the document is signed in his presence.
S6 - This is because he could be called upon to testify to the stability of your mental condition when you drew up the will.
a. PQRS b. RQPS c. SRQP d. RSQP
38. S1 - The earthquake ripped through the oil pipeline in the city, killing at least 30 people.
P. Local leaders have blamed this damage on cartels.
Q. The earthquake was the third in the three weeks
R. Police were deployed to stop villagers from stealing fuel from the pipeline
S. Once the cartels have siphoned off fuel, locals rushed to collect the oil and sell it to passing motorists.
S6 - But pipeline explosion is very common, and it has claimed around 2000 lives in the past three years.
a. SRQP b. SQPR c. RQPS d. QRPS
39. S1 - There is a difference between Gandhiji's concept of secularism and that of Nehru's.
P. Nehru's idea of secularism was equal indifference to all religions and bothering about none of them.
Q. According to Gandhiji, all religions are equally true and each scripture is worthy of respect.
R. Such secularism which means the rejection of all religions is contrary to our culture and tradition.
S. In Gandhiji's view, secularism stands for equal respect for all religions.
S6 - Instead of doing any good, such secularism can do harm.
a. SQPR b. PSQR c. QSPR d. PRSQ
40. S1 - Women's groups in Spain sued a Muslim imam Mohammed Mustafa.
P. The imam says he was not advising men to beat their wives.
Q. His book 'Women and Islam' gives instructions to husbands.
R. They accused him of inciting violence towards women.
S. He advises, for example, that a beating – administered with a "fine and light" rod – on the feet is better than one around the face because bruises would be less visible.
S6 - He wanted to just tell them how to do it as a last resort, and under strict guidelines.
a. PRSQ b. QPRS c. RPQS d. RQSP