

**Aptitude Advanced**

# **RC advance & Sentence Rearrangement**

**Assignment 04**

## RC & SR Practice Assignment 04

**Directions for questions 1 to 7:** Read the following passage and answer the question followed by it.

### Passage-I

Deforestation of tropical rainforests has a global impact through species extinction, the loss of important ecosystem services and renewable resources, and the reduction of carbon sinks. However, this destruction can be slowed, stopped, and in some cases even reversed. Most people agree that the problem must be remedied, but the means are not as simple as fortifying fences around the remaining rainforests or banning the timber trade. Economic, political, and social pressures will not allow rainforests to persist if they are completely closed off from use and development. So, what should be done? The solution must be based on what is feasible, not overly idealistic, and depends on developing a new conservation policy built on the principle of sustainable use and development of rainforests. Beyond the responsible development of rainforests, efforts to rehabilitate and restore degraded forest lands along with

the establishment of protected areas are key to securing rainforests for the long-term benefits they can provide mankind. Historic approaches to rainforest conservation have failed as demonstrated by accelerated rate of deforestation. In many regions, closing off forests as untouchable parks and reserves has neither improved the quality of living or economic opportunities for rural - poor nor deterred forest clearing by illegal loggers and developers. Corruption has only worsened the situation. The problem with this traditional park approach to preserving wild lands in developing countries is that it fails to generate sufficient economic incentives for respecting and maintaining the forest. Rainforests will only continue to survive as functional ecosystems if they can be shown to provide tangible economic benefits. Local people and the government itself must see financial returns to justify the costs of maintaining parks and forgoing revenue from economic activities within the boundaries of the protected area- Rainforests are being cut mostly for economic reasons, though there are political and social motivations as well. A significant portion of deforestation is caused by poor farmers simply trying to eke out a living on marginal lands. Beyond conversion for subsistence agriculture, logging,

clearing for cattle pasture and commercial agriculture are sizeable contributors to deforestation on a global scale. Agricultural fires typically used for land-clearing are increasingly spreading outside cultivated areas and into degraded rainforest regions.

1. Which of the following statements is not correct as per the passage?

1. Extinction of certain animals is a result of deforestation.
2. Efforts should be made to restore degraded forest lands.
3. Destruction of rainforests has only economic motives.
4. Making parks and reserves untouchable is not a good solution to protect rainforests.

2. What is the problem with the traditional park approach

1. Lack of funds to beautify the parks.
2. Failure to maintain the parks.
3. Failure to generate revenue.

4. It is too traditional.  
3. Which of the following contribute(s) to deforestation?

1. Logging
2. Commercial agriculture
3. Clearing for cattle pasture
4. All these

4. What steps need to be taken to secure rainforests

1. Build a policy on the principle of sustainable use and development of rainforests
2. Curb agricultural fires.
3. Local people should contribute monetarily.
4. Both (1) and (3)

### **Passage-II**

Lavishness, unfortunately, seems to have become a way of life these days. Like every other celebration, marriage too, has turned into an occasion of vulgar display of wealth and pomp. Wedding costs have gone up by 25-30% and inflation is hitting hard. Yet customers are ready to cough up exorbitant amounts of money, in their pursuit of a grand royal wedding. Even those with

relatively thin pockets are raring to join the maddening crowd of lavish spenders, ready to go to any absurd length to indulge 'big, fat' Indian weddings. Gone is the charm of a quiet and elegant wedding, which was no less exciting and satisfying than the showy ones on display at present. Cross consumerism and mindless emulation of others have taken away the seductive innocence of earlier weddings, which were relatively private affairs. Even those had required a great deal of planning but that was mostly a family affair, involving every member of the family: not the soulless transactions with wedding planners that precede marriages these days. There's no point denying that behind much of this glitter and expense is social pressure. In a country where dowry stubbornly persists, efforts should be made to minimise wedding costs and shed this culture of lavish spending.

5. As per the passage, in India the practice of dowry

1. has been fortunately wiped out.
2. is not much prevalent these days.
3. is very much still existing.
4. did not exist.

6. According to the passage, people who are not so rich are

1. not too keen to spend much money on weddings.
2. not able to spend extra money on weddings.
3. also quite keen to spend substantial money on marriages.
4. None of these

7. Which of the following statement(s) is/are not true as per the passage?

- A. We are unable to check the extra expenditure presently increased on costly marriages.
- B. People these days prefer to lead a simple life without much pomp and shows.
- C. In the recent past, cost of a wedding has increased substantially.

1. A only

2. A& B

3. C only

4. A& C

**Directions for questions 8 to 10:** Choose the order of the sentences marked A, B, C, D and E to form a logical paragraph.

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D. It is time our government and corporate fraternity pay due attention to other games/sports and we redeem our national pride in Olympic Games.

E. However, due to this reason, other games/sports did not receive the required attention they deserve.

1. EACDB

2. BDACE

3. CBEAD

4. DCEAB

10. A. People started fearing a famine.

B. Monsoon turned out to be unusually abundant and the danger was averted.

C. The monsoon failed and water tanks became almost empty.

D. So, no grain could be sown by the farmers in their fields.

E. Farmers looked anxiously for the next monsoon.

1. CABDE

2. CDAEB

3. AEDCB

4. DABCE

## RC & SR Practice Assignment 04- Answer Key

Q No.	Key	Explanations
1.	3	All the statements are correct except 3, refer to the 7 <sup>th</sup> last line of the paragraph <i>'Rainforests are being cut mostly for economic reasons, though there are political and social motivations as well.'</i> Thus 3 is not true. For statement 1, refer to the first sentence of the paragraph <i>'Deforestation of tropical rainforests has a global impact through species extinction restoring forests'.</i> 9 <sup>th</sup> sentence of the paragraph talks about <i>restoring degraded forest lands</i> . Refer to the 12 <sup>th</sup> line <i>'In many regions, closing off forests as untouchable parks and reserves has neither improved the quality of living or economic opportunities for rural -poor nor deterred forest clearing by illegal loggers and developers.'</i> Therefore, option 4 is correct as well.
2.	3 _____	Refer to the 15 <sup>th</sup> sentence of the paragraph, <i>'The problem with this</i>

*traditional park approach to preserving wild lands in developing countries is that it fails to generate sufficient economic incentives for respecting and maintaining the forest'* .Thus option 3 is a clear answer.

3. 4 Refer to the last few lines of the passage, *'Beyond conversion for subsistence agriculture, logging, clearing for cattle pasture and commercial agriculture are sizeable contributors to deforestation on a global scale. Agricultural fires typically used for land-clearing are increasingly spreading outside cultivated areas and into degraded rainforest regions.'* All the given option are true as per the passage.

4. 1 Refer to the 8<sup>th</sup> line of the paragraph, *'developing a new conservation policy built on the principle of sustainable use and development of rainforests.'* Thus option 1 is the correct answer.

5. 3 Read the last sentence of the paragraph, *'In a country where dowry **stubbornly persists**, efforts should be made to*

*minimize wedding costs and shed this culture of lavish spending.'* The phrase ***stubbornly persist*** indicates that dowry is still prevalent in India.

6.      3      Read the 4<sup>th</sup> line of the paragraph, '*Even those with relatively thin pockets are raring to join the maddening crowd of lavish spenders, ready to go to any absurd length to indulge 'big, fat' Indian weddings*'. This means that people who are not affluent are also ready to spend on a lavish wedding.

7.      4      Statement B is directly given in the second sentence of the paragraph. Statement A is incorrect as in the third line of the paragraph the percentage of the cost of wedding is given, this also make statement C a correct one.

8      2      D defines the topic and 'ZEN Buddhism' and flower sermon.  
B explains further about this origin. 'They' in A refers to disciples mentioned in B. After this E as the question was asked by the Gautam Buddha. Finally C will come as

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one of his disciples was able to figure out the answer.

9	3	The subject of this jumbles sentences is Cricket. Hence C will be the opener. In Option C, the same thing is given.
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10	2	The subject is monsoon and its affects. It is mentioned in C sentence. After this D will come as it tells the impact on farmers. After this A will come as it tells fear in minds of people because of failed monsoon. EB forms a mandatory pair with B concluding the sequence.
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