

Aptitude Advanced

Verbal Reasoning & Critical Reasoning

Assignment 04

Verbal and Critical Reasoning Practice Assignment 04

Directions for the question: In each of these questions, a statement is followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. Assume everything in the statement to be true. Decide which of the suggested course(s) of action logically follow(s) for pursuing.

Mark answer as:

Question No. : 1

Statement: If the faculty members also join the strike, then there is going to be a serious problem.

Course of Action

I. The faculty members should be persuaded not to go on strike.

II. Those faculty members who join the strike should be suspended.

- A) If only Course of Action II follows.
- B) If only Course of Action I follows.
- C) If neither Course of Action I nor II follows.
- D) If both Courses of Action I and II follow.

Directions for the question: In the question below, a statement is followed by two courses of action numbered I and II. You have to assume everything in the statement to be true and on the basis of the information given in the statement.

Mark your answer as:

Question No. : 2

Statement: Many students were caught red-handed while using unfair means during the recent university examinations.

Course of action:

- I. All these students should be debarred from taking university examination in future.
- II. The students apprehended while using unfair means should be handed over to the police.

- A) If only I follows.
- B) If only II follows.
- C) If either I or II follows.
- D) If neither I nor II follows.
- E) If both I and II follow.

Directions for the question: Below the question are given two statements (A) and (B). The statement may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of the statement may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between the two statements.

Question No. : 3

- I. The government has imported large quantities of sugar as per trade agreement with other countries.
- II. The prices of sugar in the domestic market have fallen sharply in the recent months.

- A) I is the main cause and II is the main effect.
- B) I is an effect, but II is the main cause.
- C) Both I and II are independent causes.
- D) Both I and II are effects of independent causes.

Directions for the question: Below the question are given two statements (A) and (B). The statement may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of the statement may

be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between the two statements.

Question No. : 4

A. There was a huge rush of people in Big Bazaar on 26th of January this year.

B. Big Bazaar has launched a shopping carnival offering huge discounts from 24th to 26th January to celebrate Republic day.

A) If statement A is the cause and statement B is its effect.

B) If statement B is the cause and statement, A is its effect.

C) If both the statements A and B are independent causes.

D) If both the statements A and B are effects of independent causes.

E) If both the statements A and B are effects of some common causes.

Directions for the question: In the question given below, there are two statements labelled as Assertion (A) and Reason (R).

Mark your answer as:

Question No. : 5

Assertion (A) : Students should have a definite timetable for preparing for an exam.

Reason (R) : To do well in an exam, one must prepare in a planned manner.

Choose the correct option:

A) If both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).

B) If (A) is true but (R) is false.

C) If both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).

D) If (A) is false but (R) is true.

Directions for the question: In the question given below, there are two statements labelled as Assertion (A) and Reason (R).

Mark your answer as:

Question No. : 6

Assertion (A): There is excessive detail and ornamentation in Hoysala sculptures.

Reason (R): Hoysala sculptures are carved in soft chloritic schist.

- A) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- C) A is true, but R is wrong.
- D) A is wrong, but R is true.

Directions for the question: Below the question are given two statements (A) and (B). The statement may be either independent causes or may be effects of independent causes or a common cause. One of the statement may be the effect of the other statement. Read both the statements and decide which of the following answer choice correctly depicts the relationship between the two statements.

Question No. : 7

A. Police had resorted to lathi-charge to disperse the students agitating against the college administration.

B. The college administration has decided to increase the tuition fees by 15 percent.

A) If statement A is the cause and statement B is its effect.

B) If statement B is the cause and statement, A is its effect.

C) If both the statements A and B are independent causes.

D) If both the statements A and B are effects of independent causes.

E) If both the statements A and B are effects of some common causes.

Direction for the question: Answer the question based on the information given in the passage.

Question No. : 8

Psychological research indicates that college hockey and football players are more quickly moved to hostility and aggression than are college athletes in non-contact sports such as swimming. But the researchers' conclusion – that contact sports encourage and teach participants to be hostile and aggressive is untenable.

The football and hockey players were probably more hostile and aggressive to start with than the swimmers.

Which of the following, if true, would most strengthen the conclusion drawn by the psychological researchers?

- A) The football and hockey players became more hostile and aggressive during the season and remained so during the off-season, whereas there was no increase in aggressiveness among the swimmers.
- B) The football and hockey players, but not the swimmers, were aware at the start of the experiment that they were being tested for aggressiveness.
- C) The same psychological research indicated that the football and hockey players had great respect for cooperation and team play, whereas the swimmers were most concerned with excelling as individual competitors.
- D) The research studies were designed to include no college athletes who participated in both contact and no contact sports.

Direction for the question: Answer the question based on the information given in the passage.

Question No. : 9

A recent spate of industrial accidents has forced employers to take up more expensive insurance policies for their employees. This has meant that the cost of running businesses has gone by for these industries, and in order to keep a check on their expenses, employees have been laid off. This, in turn, has placed a greater amount of pressure on existing workforce.

If the above information is correct, then which of the following proves that despite the reduction in employees, the cost of operating these businesses will continue to increase?

- A) Since the life of a worker is at stake, the cost of insurance premiums is pretty high.
- B) The reason for industrial accidents is very hard to establish.
- C) The chances of accidents increase as workers are placed under the additional workload.
- D) Since most industries are not focused on innovation and streamlining, accidents are inevitable.

Direction for the question: Answer the question based on the information given in the passage.**Question No. : 10**

When industrial units steal electricity by using corrupt practices, and not paying their actual dues, a domino effect is set-up in the whole system. The loss in revenue forces state governments to increase rates of industrial electricity supply, which in turn leads to a higher burden on those who were paying their dues in the first place. This eventually forces even more industrial units to steal electricity and cause higher loss to the exchequer.

The above chain reaction could not come into being unless which of the following were true?

- A) An increase in electricity rates forces business to get aggressive and earn higher revenues.
- B) Industrial units stealing electricity cannot be forced to stop their thefts unless fines are heavily increased for their thefts.
- C) Some methods for detecting electricity theft can be effective at times, but generally, they lack the consistency to be always effective.
- D) When the governments decide on electricity rates, they do not take into account the possible amount of electricity theft they would have to face.

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Q.No.	Explanation
1	<p>Correct Answer:- D</p> <p>In handling any labour related issues – whether or not they involve teachers – management has the options of negotiating and also showing that it is firm, so as to not be blackmailed by the union. Actions I and II show both these courses of action. Hence D.</p>
2	<p>Correct Answer:- D</p> <p>I is a harsh course of action. Hence, I is not advisable. II is not advisable because undue interference of the police should be avoided in educational institutions.</p>
3	<p>Correct Answer:- A</p> <p>Because of the import of large quantity of sugar, the price has decreased.</p>
4	<p>Correct Answer:- B</p> <p>As Big Bazaar has launched a shopping carnival offering huge discounts from 24th to 26th January that's why there was a huge rush on 26th January.</p>

- 5 Correct Answer:- A
R gives the correct explanation for A as it says that because one must prepare in a planned manner, to do well in an exam that is why Students should have a definite timetable for preparing for an exam.
- 6 Correct Answer:- A
Hoysala artists are famous for their sculptural detail and their medium, the soft chlorite schist, enabled a virtuoso carving style.
- 7 Correct Answer:- D
Both the statements I and II are the effects of independent causes. The college would have increased fees to meet growing expenses and the police would have lathi charge, not the agitating but the unruly students.
- 8 Correct Answer:- A
The conclusion drawn by the researchers is that contact sports encourage and teach participants to be aggressive.
If the participants remain aggressive even they are not playing the sport, then the conclusion is warranted.
This is what option A states, hence it strengthens

the conclusion.

9 Correct Answer:- C

Option C is the correct answer.

In the given case, we need to stick to the line of reasoning adopted in the paragraph. The reasoning is:

Because of accidents, workers have to be insured with more expensive policies.

Because of insurance, the cost goes up.

Because of the increased cost, workers have to be let go.

Because of the reduction in workers, the workload increases.

If we add option C to the above, that is the chances of accidents go up when the workload increases, we see that a chain reaction is set in motion as more accidents will take place and this will further increase insurance costs.

10 Correct Answer:- D

Option D is the best answer.

The first thing that you need to understand here is the question: it effectively wants you to identify the assumption of the argument in the given case. It wants you to identify the piece of information that is required to bring in the said

domino effect/chain reaction in the question. Keeping this in mind, we can see that option D is the best fit. It highlights the crucial assumption of the argument.

How to establish it is correct? Reverse it. If governments took into account the possible thefts, then the total revenue they generate initially would account for the loss in revenue. Thus, the governments would not have to raise rates in the first place.
