

Aptitude Advanced

Verbal Reasoning & Critical Reasoning

Assignment 02

Verbal and Critical Reasoning Practice Assignment 02

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

Mark your answer as:

Question No. : 1

Statement : While laying pipes for one of the utility companies a huge fire has broken out due to damage done to a gas pipeline.

Course of action:

- I. All the licenses of the utility company should immediately be suspended pending an enquiry into the incident.
- II. People residing in the area should be advised to stay indoors to avoid burn injuries.

- A) If only I follows.
- B) If either I or II follows.

- C) If only II follows.
- D) If neither I nor II follows.

Question No. : 2

Statement:

There has been an unprecedented increase in the number of requests for berths in most of the long-distance trains during the current holiday season.

Course of action:

- I. The railway authority should immediately increase the capacity in each of these trains by attaching additional coaches.
- II. The people seeking accommodation should be advised to make their travel plan after the holiday.

- A) If only Course of action I is strong.
- B) If only Course of action II is strong.
- C) If neither Course of action I nor II are strong.
- D) If both Courses of action I and II are strong.

Question No. : 3

- I. The police authority has recently caught a group of housebreakers.

II. The citizen's group in the locality has started night vigil in the area.

- 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 a common cause.

Question No. : 4

A. The youngsters often withdraw petty amounts instead of withdrawing significant amounts thus making ATMs crowded, due to which senior citizens encounter lots of trouble.

B. The Reserve Bank of India has recently put restrictions on the number of withdrawals youngsters can make.

- 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 cause.

Question No. : 5

Assertion (A): Students should have a clear-cut objective of their future.

Reason (R): Students should be focused and committed to achieving their goal in life.

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.

Question No. : 6

Assertion (A): In inflation, there is an increase in money supply and the rise in price level.

Reason (R): The rise in the price level is due to a shortage in supply of essential consumer goods.

A) Both A and R is correct and R is the correct explanation of A.

B) Both A and R is correct, but R is not the correct explanation of A.

C) A is correct, but R is incorrect.

D) A is incorrect, but R is correct.

Question No. : 7

Assertion (A): Mumbai gets most of the rainfall in winter.

Reason (R): Mumbai gets rainfall from retreating monsoons.

- 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 false but (R) is true.
- D) Both (A) and (R) are false.

Question No. : 8

Statement: Many students have failed in one paper in the semester exams.

Course of action:

- I. The faculty teaching the subject should be asked to resign.
- II. All those students who have failed should be asked to drop out the course.

- A) Only I follow.
- B) Only II follows.
- C) Neither I nor II follows.
- D) Both follow.

Question No. : 9

Kishore Biyani and Venkat Rangan is a self-confident and brave breed: they dare to act on what they feel is right. They don't seek validation or approval from customers or investors for their visionary idea, and they tend to ignore naysayers. They know intuitively what the right solution for an unmet market need is. Only after they have introduced their pioneering solution do others recognise its true value.

Which of the following can be inferred from the above paragraph?

- A) Harsh conditions of the emerging markets kindle innovators to create products which have a strong research backup.
- B) The unpredictability of the market makes innovators come up with solutions which are way off the target.
- C) Innovators valiantly forge their way into uncharted territory using the heart as the compass.
- D) Innovators rely on analysis and logic when introducing new products in the market.

Question No. : 10

Quality of life is a broad concept, of which happiness forms only a part. Often the term refers to the quality of the living environment. Ecologists employ the phrase when appealing against environmental degradation; sociologists speak of it when evaluating a society. The term also denotes how well people cope and is commonly used in therapeutic professions. Medical doctors refer to the quality of life as the restored ability to work and love, while in psychological discourse, the term refers to mental propensities, such as realism and vitality. Still, another characterizes the quality of life in terms of its outcomes; products and enjoyment.

Products are what life leaves behind – in socio-cultural terms, a contribution to the human heritage, but from a purely biological perspective, procreation, for otherwise, the evolutionary mission ends in failure. As for enjoyment, the focus is on personal experience of life, and it is in this sense that happiness is subsumed.

Which of the following can be inferred from the paragraph above?

A) One can say that though the quality of life may be defined in different terms by experts from various fields,

the basic idea of happiness only defining the quality of life is the same.

B) Some experts equate external conditions with the good life itself, while some describe the preconditions for a good life, rather than the good life itself.

C) Experts are completely divided in their assessment of the quality of life and hence a layman discounts the importance of happiness to the quality of life.

D) Explaining happiness can be very tenuous which has led experts to come up with convoluted explanations of its significance.

Verbal and Critical Reasoning Practice Assignment 02- Answer Key

Q.No.	Explanation
1	<p>Correct Answer:- C</p> <p>Suspending licenses would make the utility services inaccessible to people, so it's not a solution.</p> <p>Staying indoors is a solution as the area where the fire broke out as the chances of injury would reduce then. Hence answer is C.</p>
2	<p>Correct Answer:- A</p> <p>The 2nd course of action is illogical as we cannot tell people not to go out on holidays or change their plan because of unavailability of the seats in the trains. 1st course of action is fine because it can be done and will also solve the stated problem a bit.</p>
3	<p>Correct Answer:- D</p> <p>Both are effects of the same cause.</p>
4	<p>Correct Answer:- A</p> <p>It's due to trouble faced by senior citizens that RBI has decreased the number of withdrawals for youngsters.</p>

- 5 Correct Answer:- C
Both the statements are true, but R is not the explanation of A.
- 6 Correct Answer:- B
Both A and R are independent and hence R is not the reason for A. As the increase in money supply and a shortage of consumer goods both lead to inflation.
- 7 Correct Answer:- D
Retreating monsoon is a type season which comes between October and November in the south when apparent movement of the sun towards the south it comes when the weather is turning from hot, rainy season to dry winter season.
- 8 Correct Answer:- C
Sacking faculty is not a sensible decision, and asking students to leave the course is also not correct.
- 9 Correct Answer:- C
The paragraph states that the innovators act on what they feel is right which would mean more on intuition than on concrete data or research.
Hence we can infer that they use their heart and

as they come up with pioneering solutions they would come up with a solution which would cover the uncharted territory.

Options A and D are incorrect because they talk about Kishore Biyani and Venkat Rangan as people who do what they feel is right and come up with unique solutions.

Option B. The innovators actually come up with products or solutions which are of value, but this fact is understood later on by the market.

10 Correct Answer:- B

The paragraph in the first few lines states that happiness is depended on the living environment – external conditions. Later it talks about mental propensities and physical health – which are internal – which are required if one needs to have a good life.

Option A., The first sentence of the passage, makes this statement incorrect, as it states that happiness is only a part when determining the quality of life.

Option C. Though the first part is true- that each field experts have their opinions - whether a common man will discount happiness or not cannot be understood.

Option D. Quality of life and not happiness is being described here.
