

Aptitude Advanced

Verbal Reasoning

Assignment 01

Verbal Reasoning Practice Assignment 01

Directions for the question: In making decisions about important questions it is desirable to be able to distinguish between 'strong' arguments and 'weak' arguments. 'Strong' arguments are those which are both important and directly related to the question. 'Weak' arguments are those which are of minor importance and also may not be directly related to the question or may be related to a trivial aspect of the question. The question below is followed by two arguments numbered I and II. You have to decide which of the arguments is a 'strong' argument and which is a 'weak' argument.

Question No. : 1

Statement: Should the maintenance of all the roads in the big cities be handed over to private organizations against a fixed amount to be paid by the residents?

Arguments:

- I. No, this is not at all practicable as the private companies will charge more, in comparison to government, for the services offered

- II. Yes, this practice is adopted in many foreign countries.

Choose the correct option

- A) If only argument I is strong
- B) If only argument II is strong
- C) If either argument I or argument II is strong
- D) If neither argument I nor argument II is strong
- E) If both argument I and argument II are strong

Directions for the question: In the question below is given a statement followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted. You have to consider the statement and the following assumption and decide which of the assumptions is implicit in the statement

Question No. : 2

Statement : In view of the increase in fares announced by different airlines, Mahesh decided to travel by train to attend his friend's wedding in Delhi.

Assumptions:

I. Railways also may increase fares in near future.

II. Mahesh may be able to get reservation in a suitable train to Delhi before the wedding date.

Choose the correct option

- A) If only Assumption I is implicit
- B) If only Assumption II is implicit
- C) If either I or II is implicit
- D) If neither I nor II is implicit
- E) If both I and II are implicit

Directions for the question: The question is followed by two arguments numbered I and II.

Question No. : 3

Statement: Should the fees of all the private professional colleges be made equal to those of the government professional colleges?

Arguments:

- I. No private colleges need additional funds to maintain quality of education.
- II. Yes, otherwise a large number of meritorious students will not be able to study in these colleges given the exorbitantly high fees.

Mark your answer as:

- A) If only argument I is strong
- B) If either I or II is strong
- C) If only argument II is strong
- D) Both Argument 1 and Argument 2 are strong

Directions for the questions 4 and 5: In the questions below, a statement is followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted.

Statement: Bank 'A' has announced reduction of half percentage on the interest rate on retail lending with immediate effect.

Assumptions:

- I. Other banks may also reduce their retail lending rates to be in competition.
- II. The bank 'A' may be able to attract more customers for availing retail loans.

- A) If only assumption I is implicit
- B) If either assumption I or II is implicit
- C) If only assumption II is implicit
- D) If neither assumption I nor II is implicit

Question No. : 5

Statement: People in Pratapgarh are not paying their telephone bills in time in spite of the various verbal warnings and reminders. It has now informed the subscribers through a notification that those who do not pay their bills by the due date will be charged penalty for every defaulting day.

Assumptions:

- I. Majority of people may pay their bills by the due date to avoid penalty

II. People generally pay heed to such statutory notifications.

- A) If the assumption I is implicit
- B) If only assumption II is implicit
- C) If both I and II are implicit
- D) If neither I nor II is implicit

Directions for the question: In the question a statement is given followed by two arguments numbered I and II. Mark the answer as:

Question No. : 6

Should open book systems be introduced in examinations?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, because it will avoid mass copying
- II. No, because then all students will get 100% marks.

- A) If only argument I is strong
- B) If only argument II is strong
- C) If neither argument I nor II is strong
- D) If both arguments I and II are strong

Directions for the questions 7 to 9: The question has a statement followed by two conclusions I and II. Consider the statement and the following conclusions. Decide which of the conclusions follows from the statement.

Question No. : 7

Statement: The education system in India needs to emphasize areas related to agriculture, technology and tourism instead of basic and pure sciences.

Conclusions:

- I. We have already excelled in these fields.
 - II. We need another green revolution to feed our burgeoning population and our youth, which makes 50% of our population, needs jobs for survival.
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- A) If neither conclusion follows
 - B) If conclusion II follows
 - C) If conclusion I follows
 - D) If both conclusions follow

Question No. : 8

Statement:

The Reserve Bank of India has, on 20.3.2010, increased the Repo Rate by 25 basis points to 50.

Conclusions:

- I. This will surely anchor inflation.
- II. The banks will now raise the lending rates.

Choose the correct option:

- A) If conclusion I follows
- B) If neither conclusion I follows nor II follows
- C) If conclusion II follows
- D) If both conclusions I and II follow

Question No. : 9

Statement: Our parliamentary system is not very successful because most of our countrymen cast their votes based on caste and religion.

Conclusions:

- I. Only educated and principled persons should be given the right to vote.
- II. We need, to create awareness in our people to rise above caste and religion at the time of casting their vote.

Choose the correct option:

- A) If conclusion I follows
- B) If neither conclusion I follows nor II follows
- C) If conclusion II follows
- D) If both conclusions I and II follow

Directions for the question: In the question a statement is given followed by two arguments numbered I and II.

Question No. : 10

Statement: Computer based technology is very fruitful for industrial development in India.

Arguments:

- I. Yes, accuracy, fast production and finesse are possible through computer technology.
- II. No, it will increase unemployment in the country.

- A) If only argument I is strong
- B) If only argument II is strong
- C) If both the arguments are strong
- D) If neither I nor II is strong

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Q No: 1

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Residents should not be burdened with more payment as private companies will charge more in comparison to government for services offered. There is no reason provided as to why India should follow the policy of foreign countries.

Q No: 2

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Mahesh opts for the train journey assuming he would get a reservation in a train to travel to Delhi

Q No: 3

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: As private colleges do not get any aid, they need more funds to maintain quality of education. Hence option A is strong. On the other hand the exorbitant fees will prevent meritorious students from studying in these colleges. So option B is also strong. Since both the arguments are strong, so, D.

Q No: 4

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Reducing interest rate would help only if it will attract more customers. However, other banks reducing their rate of interest as a reaction are irrelevant as per the context.

Q No: 5

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: A notification is issued by the department assuming that people will pay heed and as a result majority of them will pay their bills. Generally people are scared of penalties, that is why they will pay the bills. Hence both are implicit assumptions.

Q No: 6

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Argument 2 is weak because just by allowing this system to be put into practice will not make everybody score 100% i.e. the word 'all' has made this argument weak. Also if the student has not studied well and not studied from the concerned books then, even if books are made available to him, he will not be able to search the answers.

Q No: 7

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Conclusion I is too dramatic a statement and definitely cannot be concluded from the information given. II follows, since focus on agriculture and technology is required to prevent future famines in the face of increasing population.

Q No: 8

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Conclusion 1 is incorrect as it may anchor inflation, but it does not guarantee that. Conclusion 2 is correct as we can be sure that banks will increase at least the lending rates.

Q No: 9

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Only conclusion 2 follows and there is no proof given that educated people will not be biased towards cast & other such factors.

Q No: 10

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Accuracy and finesse are possible because of computer and also it cannot be denied that this will

increase the unemployment. Both the arguments are strong.