

Aptitude Advanced

Verbal Reasoning

Assignment 02

Verbal Reasoning Practice Assignment 02

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. : 1

Statement: The prestigious management institute has decided to admit in its post-graduate program students having work experience of at least three years.

Assumptions:

- I. There may be adequate number of students having work experience of at least three years who are desirous of joining the institute.
- II. The management institute may dilute the condition if it does not receive adequate number of applications.

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 questions 2 and 3 : The question is followed by two arguments numbered I and II.

Question No. : 2

Statement: Should India go in for computerization in the industry?

Arguments:

- I. No. Computerization demands a lot of money. We should not waste money on it.
- II. Yes. When advanced countries are introducing computers in various areas, how can we afford to lag behind?

Choose the correct option:

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

Question No. : 3

Statement: Should those who manufacture spurious life saving drugs be given capital punishment?

Arguments:

I. No, nobody has the right to take people's life as we cannot give life to anybody.

II. Yes, those people are more dangerous than those who are convicted for homicide as the extent of damage to human life is incalculable.

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

Directions for the questions 4 to 6: In the questions below, a statement is followed by two assumptions numbered I and II. An assumption is something supposed or taken for granted.

Question No. : 4

Statement: The government has decided to hold employers responsible for deducting tax at source for all its employees.

Assumptions:

- I. The employers may still not arrange to deduct tax at source for its employees
- II. The employees may not allow the employers to deduct tax at source.

- 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: It is felt that when the airline is facing stiff competition coupled with a precarious financial position, the top level posts should be kept open for outside professionals than internal candidates.

Assumptions:

- I. Internal candidates aspire only to get promotions, without contributing much.
 - II. Experienced professionals are more likely to handle the problems of the airline.
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- A) If only Assumption II is implicit.
 - B) If only Assumption I is implicit
 - C) If either Assumption I or II is implicit.
 - D) If neither Assumption I nor II is implicit.

Question No. : 6

Statement: The civic authorities have decided that all the factories located inside the city in the populated areas be shifted outside at the allocated place to reduce the level of environmental pollution in the city to safeguard the health of people living there.

Assumptions:

- I. The pollution level in the city in future shall certainly reduce after these factories are shifted outside the city limit and hence people will enjoy a better health.
- II. Enough usable land is available outside the city limit for these factories.

- 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 questions 7 and 8: 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: Reacting to the news of suicides by the farmers, the Prime Minister stated that his government will make every possible effort for the upliftment of poor farmers and farmhands.

Conclusions:

- I. Only farmers are attempting suicides due to poverty and debt.
 - II. No serious effort has been made till now for the upliftment of any section of society.
- A) If neither conclusion follows
 - B) If conclusion II follows
 - C) If conclusion I follows
 - D) If both conclusions follow

Question No. : 8

Statement:

Against the backdrop of surging inflation, the Union Cabinet in March 2010 has decided to increase the Dearness Allowance for Central Government employees and pensioners by 8% with effect from January 2010.

Conclusions:

- I. This will provide some relief to the Central Government employees and pensioners against the surging inflation.
- II. Increase in Dearness Allowance will neutralize, to some extent, increase in the cost of living.

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: After a few statements, conclusion/conclusions is/are given. Find if one or more than one statement is required to reach the conclusion/conclusions.

Question No. : 9

Statements:

1. Communism adopted violent methods for changing the existing order.
2. It overthrew imperialism with the help of nonviolence.
3. Communists are anti-imperialists.

Conclusion:

India is not a communist country

- A) Only 1 and 2
- B) Only 2 and 3
- C) Only 2 and 3
- D) Data insufficient

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

Question No. : 10

Statement: Are we happier than our ancestors?

Arguments:

- I. Yes, because we enjoy all the luxuries of life.
- II. No, because life has become very fast and there is mental strain.

- A) Only argument (I) is forceful
- B) Only argument (II) is forceful
- C) Both (I) and (II) are forceful
- D) Neither (I) nor (II) is forceful

Verbal Reasoning Practice Assignment 02- Answer Key

Q No: 1

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The Management institutes admit students' with 3 years of work experience assuming that there are enough candidates to fill seats in its program.

Q No: 2

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Computerization no longer demands a lot of money. Argument II makes sense. If we have to compete with rest of the world, we have to follow the new trends and technologies.

Q No: 3

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: The first is a weak argument, as it is crime against innocent human beings who unknowingly will be killing themselves because of spurious medicines and that too under the label of life saving drugs. The second is strong because if life-saving drugs are spurious or fake, the number of people who would die by taking them

would be huge and the action would be like mass-murder.

Q No: 4

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Neither of assumptions are supposed or taken for granted. The government has decided to hold employers responsible for deducting tax at source for all its employees, which means it does not want employees' tax to be deducted directly.

Q No: 5

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: If the airline is looking for outside candidates in tough times, then management is assuming that the current set of people is partly responsible for the situation. So the need for fresh blood is implied – hence assumption I is valid.

The assumption in statement II is not valid because the airline probably has a lot of people who have experience – in which case the search for top level posts should not be required. Hence B

Q No: 6

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Option C .When factories are moved outside the city, the pollution will decrease and the shifting of the factories/industries is possible if enough usable land is available. Hence both the assumptions are implicit.

Q No: 7

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: The word only rules out conclusion I. Every possible effort will be made does not mean that there has been no serious effort on part of the government.

Q No: 8

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Both the conclusions follow as more dearness allowance is likely to help people to fight inflation.

Q No: 9

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Based on the given facts we cannot draw the conclusion that India is not a communist country.

Q No: 10

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Both are forceful, as on one hand we enjoy the luxuries and on the other we face lot of stress in our lives.