

# SENTENCE CORRECTION HANDOUT

(Adjectives)

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The following topics will be discussed in this session.

Adjectives:

- (a) Kinds of Adjectives – Adjectives of quality, quantity and number, Demonstrative adjectives, Interrogative adjectives etc.
- (b) Degrees of Comparison: Positive, Comparative and Superlative

**Directions for questions 1 to 30:** Read the following sentences. Make appropriate grammatical corrections / changes, if necessary.

1. Peas are more healthy but not as tasty as beans.
2. She is more taller than her mother.
3. Indian and Western religions have their own symbols and myths.
4. Of Delhi and Mumbai, which city is the most crowded?
5. For Dhuryodhana, Karna was the most ideal of all warriors, unsurpassed in courage and valour.
6. You are a good student; I have a little doubt regarding your success.
7. I did not receive any farther communication from him.
8. The purpose of this talk is not to go into details but to discuss base issues relating to admission into our programme.
9. The automobile is working good; there is no need to send it for further repair.
10. To be abandoned during old age by one's own children is the most unkindest act of all.
11. She has not done a teachers' training programme but she teaches well than most of the teachers here.
12. My eldest friend is older to me by two years.
13. The eldest member of the JRD Group is two years elder to our President and he is retiring this month end.
14. In 1999 there were relatively smaller declines in the demand for gold than there were in the earlier years.
15. The warrior faced the ferocious lion bravely and manly.
16. Of the two sisters I think the oldest one is the tallest.
17. Nothing is so easier than using new-generation computers which are so user-friendly.

18. This is an old, Chinese, beautiful, long fishing, brown net.
19. A little did he realize that his own friends would let him down.
20. He does not have some money so he cannot purchase the laptop right now.
21. This parliamentarian is confident than intelligent.
22. You have the most unique handwriting, which is easy to recognize.
23. This is the baddest film I've seen in several years.
24. I have a little interest in politics because I see that more politicians are corrupt.
25. She has very few chance of passing the exam.
26. The first question was not much difficult but the second question was much difficult than the first one.
27. Of all the friends, Raju earns the most and Harish the fewest.
28. He calls himself a necromancer who can communicate with dead.
29. Your handwriting is undoubtedly the worse in the class.
30. They decided to part as they thought that any farther discussion on the issue would be pointless.

**Directions for questions 31 and 32:** Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical error in it. The error, if any, will be in ONE PART of the sentence. Mark the part with the error as your answer. If there is no error, mark 'No Error' as your answer. (Ignore the errors of punctuation, if any). **(Error Identification – Error in ONE part)**

31. There are lesser books / in the library / this year  
(1) (2) (3)  
than in / the past few years. / No error  
(4) (5)
32. This course of action / is better than all courses /  
(1) (2)  
that are available / to us at the moment. / No error  
(3) (4) (5)

**Directions for questions 33 and 34:** The given questions contain one statement that is divided into five parts, out of which the first part (in bold) is correct. There could be an error in ONE OF THE OTHER FOUR PARTS of the statement. The incorrect part is your



answer. In case all the parts are correct, the last option is your answer. (Error Identification – Error in UNBOLD part)

33. These devotees were going to temple / so that they could / offer prayers to their deity on the occasion of / an importance festival / celebrated by their community.

- (1) so that they could
- (2) offer prayers to their deity on the occasion of
- (3) an importance festival
- (4) celebrated by their community.
- (5) All are correct

34. These litigants have waited / for over fifteen years / to get justice / and to get a resolution to their conflict / and so, we cannot call this timely justice.

- (1) for over fifteen years
- (2) to get justice
- (3) and to get a resolution to their conflict
- (4) and so, we cannot call this timely justice.
- (5) All are correct

Directions for questions 35 and 36: Read each sentence to find out whether there is/are any grammatical errors in it. The error/s, if any, will be in ONE, TWO OR MORE PARTS of the sentence. Select as your answer the appropriate choice indicating the part/s with the error/s. If there is no error, mark (5): "No error" as your answer. (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any). Error Identification – Error in ONE or MORE part(s).

35. Since her task in the present instance will be to read (A)

gender realities / under ideological constructs she can (B)

managed to unravel the plight of the woman / as a (C)

historical subject / in many junctures and in many (D)

sequences. /

- (1) Only (A)
- (2) Both (A) and (B)
- (3) Both (B) and (C)
- (4) Only (B)
- (5) No Error

36. Jet lag as experienced by many people / which travel (A)

across several time zones / was caused by one such / (B) (C)

temporary disruption in the circadian rhythm. / (D)

- (1) Both (A) and (B)
- (2) Both (B) and (C)
- (3) Only (A)
- (4) Only (D)
- (5) No Error

Directions for questions 37 and 38: In each question given below, a sentence is given and is divided into three parts, namely I, II and III. For each part a suggested correction is also given. You have to determine which PART REQUIRES CORRECTION and mark it as your answer. (Error Identification – MULTIPLE errors)

37. When I saw her she was angering on that person, (I)

I could not guess what might have transpired between them (II) until I went near them (III)

I. When I saw her she was angry with that person

II. I could not guess what might have transpired at

them

III. until I went nearer.

- (1) Only I
- (2) Both II and III
- (3) Only II
- (4) Both I and III
- (5) None of the above

38. We remember that she wore the most ideal dress (I) on her birthday last year and went about (II) distributing sweets to her classmates and to her lecturers. (III)

I. We remember that she wore the ideal dress

II. on her birthday last year and gone about

III. distributing sweets for her classmates and for her lecturers.

- (1) Only III
- (2) Both I and II
- (3) Only I
- (4) Both II and III
- (5) None of the above

Directions for questions 39 to 41: Select the most appropriate option out of the five options given for each of the following sentences, which, in your view should be GRAMMATICALLY AND STRUCTURALLY CORRECT. Please note that the meaning and context of the sentence must not change. (Error Identification – Grammatically correct sentence)

39. (1) The world has turned out the page on 2016 with the worrying revelation that it was the warmest year on the instrumental record since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the hottest of three record-breaking years in a row. .

(2) The world has turned the page on 2016 with the worrying revelation that it was the warmest year by the instrumental record since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the hottest of three record-breaking years in a row.

(3) The world has turned the page on 2016 with the worrying revelation that it was the warmest year on the instrumental record since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the hottest of three record-breaking years in a row.

(4) The world has turned the page on 2016 with the worrying revelation that it was the warmest year on the instrumental record since the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, and the hotter of three record-breaking years in a row.

(5) None is true

40. (1) Convicted of fraud and misappropriation of party funds for five years, Ravi was sentenced to ten years in jail by the judge.

(2) Convicted of fraud and misappropriate of party funds for five years, the judge sentenced Ravi to ten years in jail



- (3) Convicting of fraud and misappropriation of party funds for five years, the judge sentenced Ravi to a ten year jail sentence.
- (4) Convicted of fraud and misappropriation of party funds for five years, the judge was sentenced to jail for ten years.
- (5) None is true

41. (1) If I am the prime minister of this country, I would cancel all college exams in one go.  
 (2) If I becomes the prime minister of this country, I will cancel all college exams in one go.  
 (3) If I were the prime minister of this country, I would cancel all college exams in one go.  
 (4) If I am is the prime minister of this country, I may cancel all college exams in one go.  
 (5) None is true

**Directions for questions 42 and 43:** Which of the phrases given below each sentence should REPLACE THE PHRASE IN BOLD to make it grammatically correct? If the sentence is correct as given and no correction is required, mark (5) "No correction required" as your answer. **(Phrase Replacement – BOLD part)**

42. The **strange couple's** divorce papers have been signed, which means they have reached the point of no return.  
 (1) the strangest couple's  
 (2) a stranged couple's  
 (3) the estranged couple's  
 (4) the strangeness in the couple  
 (5) No correction required
43. Ranjit has been talking about buying a three-bedroom flat in a posh area of the city and at last, he **took a boldened step**.  
 (1) take an emboldened step  
 (2) took a bold step  
 (3) take a deep step  
 (4) took final step  
 (5) No correction required

**Directions for questions 44 to 46:** Which of the following phrases (I), (II), and (III) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold letters to make the sentence grammatically correct? Choose the best option among the five given alternatives that reflect the correct use of phrase in the context of the GRAMMATICALLY CORRECT SENTENCE. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (5) i.e., "No correction required" as the answer. **(Phrase Replacement – BOLD part – Three possible changes)**

44. The doctor performed an emergency surgery and **operated on his marred leg** and successfully removed the bullet lodged there.  
 I. operated into his marred leg  
 II. operated within his marred leg  
 III. operated at his marred leg  
 (1) Only I  
 (2) Both I and II

- (3) Only III
- (4) Both II and III
- (5) No correction required

45. According to my **erudition teacher's** opinion, this year there will be a hundred per cent result in the annual board exams.

- I. In accordance with eruditional my teacher's opinion,
- II. According to my erudite teacher,
- III. Accordance to my erudite teacher's opinion,

- (1) Only II
- (2) Both I and III
- (3) Only I
- (4) Both II and III
- (5) No correction required

46. The **impression brochure** says that in addition to the golf course, there's a car park and a shopping complex opposite hotel and the restaurant.

- I. The impressive brochure says that
- II. The impress brochure says that
- III. The impressively brochure says that

- (1) Only I
- (2) Both I and II
- (3) Both II and III
- (4) Only II
- (5) No correction required

**Directions for questions 47 and 48:** The following question has four underlined parts which may or may not be in their correct places in the sentence. The words may need to be INTERCHANGED TO MAKE A COMPLETE MEANING. If the given sentence does not require any correction/improvement, choose (5), i.e. "No improvement" as your answer. **(Interchange of words)**

47. Many female participants expressed to utilize <sup>A</sup>  
eagerness <sup>B</sup> any opportunity to claim for themselves <sup>C</sup>  
 their families and a better life. <sup>D</sup>

- (1) B-C
- (2) A-B and C-D
- (3) B-C and A-D
- (4) B-D
- (5) No improvement

48. He was encouraged to became <sup>A</sup> rather  
 hastily when he leave <sup>B</sup> a government <sup>C</sup> to the political  
embarrassment. <sup>D</sup>

- (1) A-B
- (2) A-B and C-D
- (3) C-D
- (4) A-C and B-D
- (5) No improvement



**Directions for questions 49 and 50:** In this question, two columns I and II and three sentences are given which are divided into two parts. Column I (A, B and C) consists of the first half of each sentence and Column II (D, E and F) consists of the second half of each sentence. **MATCH THE SENTENCE HALF IN COLUMN I AND WITH A SUITABLE SENTENCE HALF IN COLUMN II** so that the sentences so formed are both meaningful and grammatically correct. Choose the correct option as your answer. (Match the clauses)

49.

	Column I		Column II
A	Some organizations in the UK attempt to	D	heading for a recession or depression.
B	Economists cannot agree on whether the economy is	E	really heading into another of her bad times by the looks of things.
C	We all decided in the morning that she was	F	head off criticism by setting up discussion sites.

- (1) B-E and C-D
- (2) A-D
- (3) A-F, B-D and C-E
- (4) A-D, B-E and C-F
- (5) B-E and A-F

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	Column I		Column II
A	Hundreds of thousands of visitors every year	D	a troop of rhesus monkeys in northern India.
B	Traditionally, the United Nations'	E	troop through the museum.
C	A group of students from a US university went about studying	F	troops have been deployed in a peace-keeping role.

- (1) B-D
- (2) A-E, B-F and C-D
- (3) A-D, B-E and C-F
- (4) A-E and C-D
- (5) C-D