

# VERBAL ABILITY HANDOUT

(Para Formation Questions)

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**Directions for questions 1 to 10:** In each of the following questions statements 1 and 6 are respectively the first and the last sentences of a paragraph and statements P, Q, R and S come in between them. Rearrange P, Q, R and S in such a way that they make a coherent paragraph together with statements 1 and 6. Select the correct order from the given choices and mark its letter as your answer.

1. 1. Cottage industry needs encouragement.  
 P. The government can make arrangements for proper training of people in different jobs in order to make them technically proficient in the job they like.  
 Q. There must be an arrangement to collect and sell their products.  
 R. Co-operative societies may be organised to take up this duty.  
 S. Every home must have some occupation to utilize the spare time of all the members of the family.  
 6. If all these are done carefully, there will be a drastic change in the village atmosphere.  
 (A) PSRQ (B) SPQR  
 (C) SQRP (D) PSQR
2. 1. Recently we have heard much about the deplorable condition of sports in our country.  
 P. Hence they fail to put up their best and therefore their achievements do not come up to international standards.  
 Q. In India, state's encouragement to sports is meagre.  
 R. Sportsmen in most other countries do not face such difficulties.  
 S. Sportsmen are not given proper consideration and they remain insecure in matters of employment.  
 6. It is high time that the nation's attention was drawn to the troubles of sportsmen.  
 (A) QSRP (B) PSQR (C) QSPR (D) SQPR
3. 1. One of the worst aspects of Indian democracy is growing terrorism.  
 P. Strict laws must be enacted to punish the terrorists and to avoid such incidents.  
 Q. Recently terrorists succeeded in blasting a bomb in the Army Headquarters.  
 R. Such laws must be enforced more effectively.  
 S. Terrorism must be curbed with a heavy hand.  
 6. The government can expect full co-operation from all who desire a peaceful life.  
 (A) RPQS (B) QRPS (C) RPSQ (D) QPRS
4. 1. The development of science has had some undesirable effects also.  
 P. This aspect of science has thus affected our health rendering us physically weak.  
 Q. It has eliminated the need for physical work.  
 R. Modern transport systems have made us forget brisk walking.  
 S. Science has provided us with quick means of destruction also.  
 6. In spite of all these, we must develop science because it does enhance our material happiness.  
 (A) QRPS (B) QSRP (C) PSRQ (D) QPSR
5. 1. Experts think that our planning has failed miserably.  
 P. Thus we have not succeeded in establishing a socialistic pattern of society.  
 Q. A good percentage of our population is still living below the poverty line.  
 R. Thirty years of planning has failed to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor.  
 S. The rich have grown richer and the poor poorer.  
 6. Still we hope for a better planning and a better way of life.  
 (A) RQSP (B) QPSR (C) QRSP (D) RSQP
6. 1. The press is often called 'the fourth estate.'  
 P. With enough freedom it can mould public opinion and express it freely.  
 Q. It requires freedom so that it may act its part effectively.  
 R. It plays a very important role in democracy.  
 S. A censored press cannot perform all these functions effectively.  
 6. We are happy that the Indian press has enough opportunity to play its role well.  
 (A) RQSP (B) PSQR (C) PRQS (D) RQPS
7. 1. Students' role in politics has recently been a subject of hot discussion.  
 P. Consequently their careers will be adversely affected.  
 Q. Pursuit of politics will take away much of their time which should be spent in studies.  
 R. The quarrels may develop into bitter fights and there are instances of cruel murders.  
 S. In addition to the loss of time, there will be frequent quarrels among various parties.  
 6. The overall opinion is that it is always advisable not to involve students in politics.  
 (A) QSPR (B) QSRP (C) RPQS (D) RPSQ
8. 1. It is often said that spiritualism is vanishing from our lives.  
 P. In the present age and in the age to come, God will be the first casualty.  
 Q. In the present age we have achieved only material progress.  
 R. Our past ages were characterized by spiritualism.  
 S. Progress through materialism will assume even greater intensity in the times to come.  
 6. Materialism without losing the tinges of morality seems to be a better choice.  
 (A) QRSP (B) QPSR  
 (C) QSRP (D) RPQS

9. 1. Indian economy may be termed as 'Mixed Economy' in which Public and Private economies co-exist.  
 P. Thus we ensure the development of a socialistic pattern of society.  
 Q. Public enterprise is meant to promote socialism through the upliftment of the poor.  
 R. In this way two forces are mobilized to tap the resources of the nation.  
 S. The existence of private enterprises allows freedom for individual initiative also.  
 6. The combined efforts of public sector and the private sector can lift the nation to prosperity.  
 (A) QSRP (B) PRSQ (C) PSQR (D) QPSR

10. 1. The question whether India should manufacture nuclear weapons or not has very often been asked.  
 P. Hence there is no alternative at the disposal of India but to make atomic weapons.  
 Q. Pakistan has already declared its intention to make the atom bomb.  
 R. In this context, we need to strengthen our defence and security so as to maintain the morale of the people.  
 S. Vast majority of the population is always afraid of a fresh attack by that nation.  
 6. Even though the production of atom bomb is very expensive, India cannot give up the proposal.  
 (A) SQRP (B) QPSR (C) QSRP (D) SRQP

**Directions for questions 11 to 20:** In each of the following questions statements 1 and 6 are respectively the first and the last sentences of a paragraph and statements P., Q., R. and S. come in between them. Rearrange P, Q, R and S in such a way that they make a coherent paragraph together with statements 1 and 6. Select the correct order from the given choices and mark its letter as your answer.

11. 1. Kamala Das's conversion to Islam has created a stir.  
 P. But religion and faith are personal issues.  
 Q. We have no right to judge or look down on a person because of the fact that he or she converted to Islam.  
 R. Many people have expressed shock and anger over her conversion.  
 S. However, she should have been more circumspect in her remarks and refrained from criticizing Hinduism.  
 6. Certain myths which are integral to Hinduism, especially the Radha Krishna cycle of stories, have been a rich source for her poetry.  
 (A) RPQS (B) PSQR (C) QSPR (D) SPRQ

12. 1. Blood tests can diagnose thyroid disorders.  
 P. The most sensitive test measures the thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH), secreted by the pituitary gland.  
 Q. However, says Dr. Rao, one should also take two other tests.  
 R. When the thyroid gland is underactive, TSH levels will be high; low TSH levels signal an overactive thyroid.  
 S. Doctors often recommend them for patients who are constantly tired or unwell, particularly the elderly and women over 40.  
 6. These measure the two important thyroid hormones, thyroxin and triiodothyronine.  
 (A) PQRS (B) SPRQ (C) RPQS (D) QRPS

13. 1. What compels kids to be insolent?  
 P. Often they do it to get attention or to test their skill at arguing or to try to dominate their parents, friends or teachers.  
 Q. Thus using words to make other people angry or sad gives youngsters a sense of power.  
 R. However not all rude behaviour should be considered an act of defiance.  
 S. Children are bound to be disappointed when their wants clash with parental rules and authority.  
 6. You should expect and allow a certain amount of grumbling when you are telling a child to do something or enforcing limits.  
 (A) SRPQ (B) PQRS (C) QPRS (D) RPQS

14. 1. I would not hesitate to eat a GM (Genetic Modification) vegetable – it is most unlikely that the current modifications are harmful to the consumer, despite what we read in the press.  
 P. If there is a proper standard of regulation, there won't be any controversy.  
 Q. However, the introduction of animal genes into food plants presents considerable ethical difficulties to vegetarians and members of religions which forbid the eating of (certain) animals.  
 R. In some countries such as Britain, GM is well-regulated, but this is not the case everywhere.  
 S. This is one of the reasons for the demand, that all genetically modified food products be clearly labelled.  
 6. One of the problems is that at the moment technology is commercially motivated.  
 (A) RPQS (B) QSRP (C) QPSR (D) RSPQ

15. 1. The villages of our motherland, due to centuries of neglect and exploitation have become barren and lost their original status in our economic structure.  
 P. In some places, various institutions have taken active interest in this work.  
 Q. Gram Seva Kendra is one such centre, which is entirely devoted to the task of village upliftment.  
 R. The constructive programmes envisaged and advocated by Gandhiji, aimed at the improvement of the villages are making the Indian villages clean, healthy and self-sufficient.  
 S. The need for turning the search light on this problem today is even greater than it was before.  
 6. Village industries such as spinning and weaving and other activities to impart knowledge on agriculture and literacy campaign receive special care.  
 (A) RSPQ (B) SPQR (C) PSQR (D) QPSR

16. 1. Official attitudes towards ethnic Indians living abroad have changed over the years.  
 P. They found it difficult to make a livelihood here.  
 Q. There was a time when the Indian government tended to look down upon them with a certain degree of contempt.  
 R. Quite a few went as indentured labourers, which was only a slightly higher status than that of outright slavery.  
 S. This was probably because many, if not most, of the Indians who went abroad in the last century, were poor and from the lower castes.  
 6. Indeed, the Indians often replaced African slaves in countries like Mauritius and Guyana after slavery was officially abolished in the 1830s.  
 (A) QPRS (B) QRSP (C) SRQP (D) QSPR

17. 1. Local self-government is universally seen as democracy at the basic level.  
 P. Who in his right mind would deny that the local people understand their immediate problems and needs, and can devise solutions better than any genius in the distant cloisters of the provincial or federal secretariats?  
 Q. Our feudal-turned-politicians know they have no feet to stand on in their own fields.  
 R. Besides, where is the logic in burdening the provincial and federal governments with responsibilities that should rest on the shoulders of the local people?  
 S. Call it by whatever name, it is the foundation of any genuinely democratic culture anywhere.  
 6. It is time they realised that their time is over.  
 (A) SPRQ (B) QRPS (C) PRQS (D) RPQS

18. 1. Very popular with the younger crowd of the twin cities are bowling alleys.  
 P. They are not allowed to use the bowling alley.  
 Q. But tough luck for those less than 12 years.  
 R. Their plush interiors, music and cafeteria facilities make them the ideal places for youngsters to take their friends out for a treat.  
 S. There are already four of them in the twin cities with another ready to join the club.  
 6. The older kids who use them swear they have the best time in the world.  
 (A) RQPS (B) PQRS (C) SRQP (D) QPSR

19. 1. Many people view the rocks around Hyderabad as an unlimited resource of raw material for the construction industry.  
 P. Some people look at rocks as a habitat and this difference in perception opens for them a whole world of creatures that populate these rocky niches.  
 Q. Birds, Lizards, Snakes, Lichen and Fungi all thrive here.  
 R. The Blue Rock thrush is a seasonal guest of these boulders.  
 S. Let me tell you about one of the avian inhabitants.  
 6. It migrates just as winter begins to creep in and make food scarce and life uncomfortable in its Himalayan habitat.  
 (A) QRSP (B) PQSR  
 (C) QSRP (D) PRSQ

20. 1. In Europe during the middle ages, gift-giving remained the prerogative of the upper class.  
 P. Political negotiation was replaced by the exchange of gifts : an attempt to attain a goal, not by argument but through presents.  
 Q. Underlings were excluded. Even in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, Christmas and New Year gifts were officially banned in parts of Germany.  
 R. Christmas offered an opportunity for this – based on the gifts that the three wise men offered the infant Christ.  
 S. It was only with industrialisation and the rise of the middle classes that the private exchange of gifts developed as a social institution.  
 6. Then, in the 18<sup>th</sup> century, the custom of giving presents to children started.  
 (A) SQRP (B) RPQS  
 (C) PQSR (D) QPSR

**Directions for questions 21 to 40:** In the following questions, the first and the last parts of the sentences are numbered 1. and 6.. The rest of the sentences are split into four parts named PQRS. Arrange these jumbled parts in the proper order.

21. 1. Africa will lose one fifth of its elephants in the next decade.  
 P. There were about 10 million African elephants at the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
 Q. Currently elephant poaching in Africa remains far too high.  
 R. But the number has fallen to half a million.  
 S. This is due to poaching and habitat loss.  
 6. This could soon lead to local extinctions.  
 (A) QPRS (B) PQRS (C) RSPQ (D) QRPS

22. 1. People with dyslexia cannot read or write properly.  
 P. The real problem is: one part of the brain is unable to link with another.  
 Q. This inability to read or write is because of communication problems in the brain.  
 R. Dyslexia has long been thought to result from an inability of the brain to learn the small sound units.  
 S. But a study suggests that this is false.  
 6. About one of ten people suffer from dyslexia.  
 (A) QRPS (B) QRSP (C) SPQR (D) RSQP

23. 1. The silkworm is the larva or caterpillar of the domesticated silk moth.  
 P. A silkworm's preferred food is white mulberry leaves.  
 Q. But it may also eat the leaves of any other mulberry tree.  
 R. Silkworms are the primary producers of silk.  
 S. And so the silkworms are economically important insects.  
 6. Sericulture is the practice of breeding silkworms for the production of silk.  
 (A) RSPQ (B) SRPQ (C) RQPS (D) QPRS

24. 1. Pollution in the southern Chinese city of Shanghai has reached record levels.  
 P. The Air Quality Index scale measures pollutants in the air.  
 Q. It has pushed air quality levels to 'severe' or 'hazardous' levels.  
 R. This is the highest record level on the Air Quality Index scale.  
 S. This index is also sometimes called Air Pollution Index.  
 6. Though these two indices measure slightly different/separate pollution, they are often used interchangeably.  
 (A) QRPS (B) RQPS (C) RPQS (D) SPQR

25. 1. Animal rights campaigners are calling for research.  
 P. It is known as the 'pacific flyaway'.  
 Q. They want to study the number of bird deaths caused by solar energy.  
 R. It is the location of these solar energy plants that is causing the death.  
 S. A majority of these solar plants are located across major migration paths of birds.  
 6. Birds dive into these plants believing them to be bodies of water.  
 (A) QRPS (B) QRSP (C) RQPS (D) PSRQ

26. 1. Animal extinction is a part of the natural process.  
P. It is complied by the IUCN species programme.  
Q. The presence of humans on the earth is accelerating its rate.  
R. And this is increasing the list of endangered species.  
S. The best source of data on this is the Red list.  
6. Efforts to sustain pressured populations through captive breeding programmes are showing some success.  
(A) RPQS (B) SPQR  
(C) QRSP (D) PSQR
27. 1. Shadow police took three persons into custody.  
P. They were arrested for operating an illegal recruitment firm.  
Q. The three were employees of the firm.  
R. Police have also registered cases against the owners of the firm.  
S. The three employees are Ranjan, Arjun and Bijju.  
6. They also seized 68 Indian passports, various fake certificates and computer hard disks from the firm.  
(A) PQSR (B) SRQP  
(C) RSQP (D) QSRP
28. 1. A cellular phone was found in a cell of the district jail.  
P. Police sources said the phone was a base Nokia model.  
Q. It was found by the labourers who were engaged in cleaning work.  
R. They handed it over to the police.  
S. The gadget was found in the pipe connecting the toilet to the biogas plant.  
6. It did not support internet access.  
(A) PSRQ (B) QSRP  
(C) SRPQ (D) QRPS
29. 1. Ginger has traditionally been used for the treatment of nausea.  
P. Nausea is a sensation of discomfort in the upper abdomen.  
Q. But in all these situations the sensation is caused by chemical mediators called neurotransmitters.  
R. It causes an involuntary urge to vomit.  
S. Nausea can happen in many situations like food poisoning, motion sickness...etc.  
6. The common neurotransmitters involved are dopamine, histamine, serotonin, acetylcholine....etc.  
(A) RPSQ (B) SPQR  
(C) PRSQ (D) PQRS
30. 1. Diwanya Furnishings has announced a discount on home interior products.  
P. This offer is valid till December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Q. This is in connection with its 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebrations.  
R. Customers will get a discount of 10 percent to 70 percent.  
S. They will also get a gift coupon on every purchase made above ₹2000.  
6. Diwanya Furnishings has showrooms at different places.  
(A) RQSP (B) SPQR  
(C) PQRS (D) QSRP
31. 1. The University of Ohio has given a new direction to the management of self-financing professional, arts and science colleges.  
P. This will help to present and detect mass copying by students.  
Q. They have been asked to install cameras inside examination halls.  
R. The ministry has also given another direction to the management.  
S. It is to conduct the examinations on the ground floor as far as possible.  
6. This will give easy and timely access to squads to carry out checks.  
(A) RQSP (B) SPQR  
(C) QPRS (D) PRQS
32. 1. A spider's web has been regarded as one of Mother Nature's most amazing feats.  
P. These webs can actively spring towards the prey.  
Q. This is because it is spun from silk with the strength of steel and has extraordinary elasticity.  
R. Now scientists at Oxford University have revealed another quality of it.  
S. This is because of the electrical proportions of glue that coats spider webs.  
6. This allows it to grab all charged particles from pollen and pollutants to flying insects.  
(A) SQPR (B) PQSR  
(C) QRPS (D) RQPS
33. 1. A powerful storm is sweeping across the U.S.  
P. It has also caused deaths, power cuts and massive travel disruptions.  
Q. The warning is that the storm is due to remain in place till the end of this week.  
R. The government's National Weather Service has issued a severe winter storm warning.  
S. This has resulted in temperatures dropping to -29 degree celsius.  
6. This storm is described as a 'complex winter storm' because it has affected much of the central and eastern parts of the country.  
(A) SPRQ (B) QPSR  
(C) PQRS (D) RQPS
34. 1. According to one of the world's leading geneticists, humans are hybrids who actually emerged as an offspring of a male pig and a female chimpanzee.  
P. He has suggested that humans did not evolve from just apes.  
Q. According to his hypothesis, they were a backcross hybrid of chimpanzees and pigs.  
R. This hybrid theory has turned the theory of human ancestry on its head.  
S. Dr. Eugene Mc. Carthy, who is one of the world's leading authorities on hybridization in animals, has put forward a suggestion.  
6. His hypothesis is based on the fact that though humans have many features in common with chimps, the other animal that has all these traits is the pig.  
(A) QSPR (B) RSPQ  
(C) SQPR (D) PQSR



35. 1. A U.S. company claims to have developed a new line of eco-friendly cell phone cases.  
 P. The temperance leather phone cases have a built-in line-of-defence against bacteria and electromagnetic radiation.  
 Q. It acts not only as a shield against radiation but also eliminates up to 99.9 percent of harmful bacteria on mobiles.  
 R. They carry a special coating called upskin.  
 S. It is a proprietary antibacterial sanitizing technology.  
 6. In addition to fighting germs, the upskin coating also generates negative ions which neutralise radiation.

(A) SPQR (B) PQSR  
 (C) QSPR (D) PRQS

36. 1. Kids for Tigers Volunteers in Sawai Madhopur organised a cycle rally as part of world wildlife week celebrations.  
 P. Around 150 students from 10 schools and other wildlife enthusiasts participated in the rally.  
 Q. The rally was flagged off by Halit Maheswari, SP of Police, Sawai.  
 R. It began at Alanpur Nursery and ended at Ganesh Dham.  
 S. Rahul Bhatnagar, Deputy Conservator of Forests, also participated in the rally midway.  
 6. The closing ceremony was conducted by the District Collector, Poonam. S.

(A) PRQS (B) QSPR  
 (C) SQPR (D) RQPS

37. 1. Alongside Amazon and Facebook, Google is one of the web's de facto rulers.  
 P. Intel is that company that supplies the chips that power its many servers.  
 Q. But when it comes to keeping its many services running, the search giant relies on another company, the Intel.  
 R. But that might be about to change.  
 S. Bloomberg has reported that the search giant is now mulling over the possibility of producing its own processors with custom designed chips.  
 6. These chips would work more efficiently with Google's software.

(A) SQPR (B) RQPS  
 (C) QPRS (D) PQSR

38. 1. There are 10 extant species of chevrotains – that means the ones that are still found on the Earth.  
 P. A few have gone extinct and what we know about them is largely from studying their fossils.  
 Q. The extant species are found in the forests of South and Southeast Asia and Central and West Africa.  
 R. The ones found in Asia are the smallest.  
 S. And they are the smallest ungulate species in the world.  
 6. 'Ungulate' means a hoofed animal and is a large family of mammals that use the tips of their hooves to balance their weight while walking.

(A) SQPR (B) RQPS (C) PQRS (D) QRSP

39. 1. Neem is a key ingredient in non-patricidal management providing a natural alternative to synthetic pesticides.  
 P. It is then sprayed on to the crop.  
 Q. Neem seeds are ground into a powder that is soaked overnight in water.  
 R. Neem does not directly kill insects on the crop.  
 S. To be effective, it is necessary to apply it repeatedly at least every two days.  
 6. It acts like an anti-feedant, repellent, and egg-laying deterrent, protecting the crop from damage.

(A) SQPR (B) QPSR (C) QSPR (D) PQSR

40. 1. There are more than 200 species of owls found in the world.  
 P. No wonder, they are called raptors or birds of prey.  
 Q. Owls have unique features that help them hunt insects, reptiles, fishes and small birds.  
 R. In India alone, there are 33 species of owls found in every kind of habitat.  
 S. The most predominant feature in owls is their eyes: after all they need to be able to see well both in daylight and in the night.  
 6. Owls' eyes are usually large and bright and close together so they can gather and reflect more light.

(A) RQPS (B) PRQS (C) SQRP (D) QSPR