



## Verbal Ability

**Directions for questions 1-2:** Each question below contains a set of 4 sentences. Type the answer choices corresponding to the sentences that are correct in terms of grammar and usage in the box below the sentence. For example, if the correct sentences are B and D, type in BD in the box.

1)

- A. They were all shocked at his failure in the competition.
- B. He is too important for tolerating any delay.
- C. There are not many men who are so famous that they are frequently referred to by their short names only.
- D. The small child does whatever his father does.

Answer: AD

Sentence B should not contain the continuous form of the verb 'tolerating'. It should read 'He is too important to tolerate any delay'. In sentence C, the phrase 'short names' is inappropriate. It should be 'initials' instead. Famous men are frequently referred by their initials.

Sentences A and D are correct.

2)

- A. The population of Tokyo is greater than that of any other town in the world.
- B. In addition to enhanced reputations through strategic use of philanthropy, companies are sponsoring social initiatives to open new markets.
- C. The police has so far succeeded in recovering only a part of the stolen property.
- D. The intruder stood quietly for a few moments.

Answer: ACD

Sentence B should read as 'In addition to enhancing their reputation through.....' as the second part of the sentence after comma is in continuous tense. The other three sentences are correct.

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**Directions for questions 3 and 4:** Each question below contains a set of 6 sentences. The sentences S1 and S6 are at their right place while the sentences P, Q, R and S are jumbled up. Type the answer choices corresponding to the right order of the sentences in the box below the sentence. For example, if the correct order is QRPS, then type in QRPS in the box (in capitals and without spaces between the alphabets).

3)

S1: There is difference between Gandhi's concept of secularism and that of Nehru's.

P: Nehru's idea of secularism was equal indifference to all religions and bothering about none of them.

Q: According to Gandhiji, all religions are equally true and each scripture is worthy of respect.

R: Such secularism which means the rejection of all religions is contrary to our culture and tradition.

S: In Gandhiji's view, secularism stands for equal respect for all religions.

S6: Instead of doing any good, such secularism can do harm instead of good.

Answer: SQPR

Solution:

Sentence S1 introduces the idea of the paragraph: difference between Gandhian and Nehruvian secularism. As sentence S1 mentions Gandhian secularism first, the next sentence should introduce what Gandhiji thought about secularism. Sentences S and P both play this role but sentence S is more fundamental in the sense that it tells about the meaning of secularism according to Gandhiji while sentence Q elaborates on this idea. So, SQ form a pair. Similarly, PR form a pair and R is followed logically by S6. So the correct sequence is SQPR.

4)

S1: The study of speech disorders due to brain injury suggests that patients can think without having adequate control over their language.

P: But they succeed in playing games of chess.

Q: Some patients, for example fail to find the names of objects presented to them.

R: They can even use the concepts needed for chess playing, though they are unable to express many of the concepts in ordinary language.

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S: They even find it difficult to interpret long written notices.

S6: How they manage to do this we do not know.

Answer: QSPR

Solution:

Sentence Q best follows sentence S1 as it talks about a difficulty experienced by patients who have lost control over speech processing. Sentence S follows sentence Q and gives one more example of the difficulties of patients. Sentences PR have a common thread of chess between them and sentence P follows S as it gives an example of how patients who have lost their speech processing powers are still able to use their thinking powers.

So the correct sequence is QSPR.

**Directions for questions 5 - 7:** Each question below contains a set of 4 or 5 sentences. Type the answer choices corresponding to the right order of the sentences that will constitute a coherent paragraph in the box below the sentences. For example, if the correct order is 12345, then type in 12345 in the box (without spaces between the numbers).

5)

1. Legacy airlines, on the other hand, are more likely to run old, carbon-spewing jumbos. Nearly half of BA's transatlantic capacity, for example, is accounted for by 747s.
2. On average, a nonstop transatlantic flight and back spews out about a tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per passenger but that figure hides a big spread in the fuel efficiency measures of different airlines.
3. One reason for its impressive performance is that it predominately runs a fleet of modern, efficient Boeing 787-8s. The planes it uses are, on average, also only two years old and its high pax-km/l is also down to the fact that it squeezes in more passengers.
4. A new study of the 20 biggest transatlantic carriers by the International Council of Clean Transportation (ICCT) found that there was a 51% difference between the fuel efficiency of the best-performing airline, Norwegian Air Shuttle, and the worst, British Airways (BA). Norwegian, on average, flies at 40 passenger-kilometres per litre of jet fuel (pax-km/l).

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Answer: 2431

Solution:

As sentence 1 has the phrase 'on the other hand, it cannot begin the paragraph. Similarly, sentence 3 also cannot begin the paragraph as it has 'its' in the first line. These words and phrases depend on prior references. Sentence 3 follows 4 as it mentions why Norwegian airline is the best performing one and sentence 1 follows 3 as it contrasts the poor fuel efficiency of legacy airlines with the good performance of Norwegian airlines. So 431 form a chain. If 2 follows 1, there is no link. On the other hand, if 2 precedes 4, it introduces the issue that is further elaborated by 4. So the sequence is 2431.

6)

1. So a part of the idea of near-zero interest rates in the US is to discourage saving and to encourage borrowing.
2. It seems hard these days to find anyone who has a good word for savings, or savers.
3. There has been talk of a global "savings glut" for a decade now, and Ben Bernanke the former chief of the US Federal Reserve, one of the original proponents, still sees the concept as a "useful perspective" for understanding current economic conditions.
4. The perceived problem is that money saved is not money spent and thus the effect of saving is to reduce aggregate demand; by keeping a dollar in your pocket, you deprive a neighbor of employment.
5. This is the "paradox of thrift"; if everyone tries to save too much, the economy will contract and the average person will be poorer, not richer.

Answer: 23145

Solution:

Sentences 4 and 5 form a continuum as sentence 5 further explains the paradox posed and answered by sentence 4. Now sentences 2 or 3 can start the paragraph but sentence 2 is more appropriate as a starting sentence as it introduces the topic of problem with savings rather than starting straight away with the explanation. Sentences 3 and 1 have the link of US between them and 4 follows 1 as it mentions why saving is discouraged. So 23145 is the correct sequence.

7)

1. However, just how much they actually required would not be known until the European Central Bank (ECB) conducts a probe into their books together with a stress test examining how they would be affected if the economy turned even sourer than expected in 2015-17.

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2. Greek banks had been undermined for over half a year as deposits drained out of them, on worries about a possible exit from the euro once Syriza, a radical left party, won the election held in January 2015.
3. Even so, the notion that they would need as much as €25 billion to offset the damage and put them on a sound footing appeared unduly pessimistic.
4. They had been further hurt by the harm done to the economy and thus to their loans arising from Syriza's ill-judged attempt to outbluff its official creditors.
5. When the third Greek bail-out was outlined in principle after an extraordinarily fraught summit of euro-zone leaders, between €10 billion and €25 billion out of the total sum of up to €86 billion of help was set aside for bank recapitalisation.

Answer: 52431

Solution:

Sentences 1, 3 and 4 cannot start the paragraph as they contain references to prior statements. 2-4-3 form a sequence that conveys the notion that even though the Greek banks have suffered setbacks, they are not in a hopeless situation. Statement 1 follows 3 as it provides an answer to the question posed by statement 3 regarding the level of bailout required for Greek banks. It's now clear that statement 5 must be there in the beginning rather than at the end. So the correct sequence is : 52431.

**Directions for questions 8 to 10:** Each question has a set of four sequentially ordered statements. Each statement can be classified as one of the following:

- Facts, which deal with pieces of information that one has heard, seen or read, and which are open to discovery or verification (the answer option indicates such a statement with an 'F')
- Inferences, which are conclusions drawn about the unknown, on the basis of the known (the answer option indicates such a statement with an 'I')
- Judgments, which are opinions that imply approval or disapproval of persons, objects, situations and occurrences in the past, the present or the future (the answer option indicates such a statement with a 'J')

8) 1. Cubism was a new movement in art that revolutionized European painting and sculpture. Its emergence in France led to new movements in music and literature.

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2. George Braque developed Cubic art with Pablo Picasso, and his paintings “Violence and Candlestick” and ‘Women with a Guitar’ give abstract reality. Objects look broken up, as the artist depicts the subject from multi-dimensional perspective.
3. Cubic art originated in the works of Paul Cezanne who treated the forms of Nature as if they were cones, spheres, and cylinders.
4. The Cubists were experimenters. They disintegrated the subject and depicted a new vision of reality in broken form. The evolution of Czech Cubism has to be understood in this perspective.



Solution:

Statement 1 is based on inference that the emergence of Cubism led to the growth of other movements in music and literature. Statement 2 is based on facts. Statement 3 is inference based: Since the works of Paul Cezanne treated the forms of Nature as if they were cones, spheres, and cylinders, he must be the originator of cubism. Statement 4 is based on inference again, that the Czech cubism has to be understood in this perspective.

9)

1. Mr. Krishna Menon, a popular minister of Nehru’s era remained a mystery to the historians and the journalists; he was dubbed as an “intriguer” as his letters were intercepted, and his phone was subjected to checks.
2. Mr. Menon was a frequent visitor to the offices of the Communist Party in London, had connections with the communist leaders like Harry Pollit and Ted Bramley. But he was not a communist and Mr. Nehru knew his psychological flaws; controversial financial dealings; leftist associations; and a succession of love affairs.
3. After Independence, M15, the British Security Agency, discovered that Mr. Menon continued employment of several communists in the Indian High Commission. The M15 found that some workers were passing the secret information to the Communist Party but his pro–communist stance was not confirmed.
- 4 The MI5 complained to Mr. Nehru. But Nehru’s relationship with Mr. Menon was a political compulsion.



Solution:

Statement I is an inferences based on the given premises about Mr. Krishna Menon who is dubbed as an “intriguer”. Statement 2 is based on facts. Statement 3 is also fact based. Statement 4 is clearly a judgment as it does not seem to be based on any premise given.

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10)

- (1) It is really sad that the opposition to organized retail has claimed its first victim.
- (2) Reliance Retail is likely to handover termination letters to its employees in UP as it prepares to formally exit the state.
- (3) At present the company operates 20 stores in NOIDA and Ghaziabad.
- (4) Reliance is in fact resorting to pressure tactics on the government.

Solution:

Statement 1 is a Judgment as it is an opinion expressing disapproval. Statement 2 is an inference based on the fact-exit from the state. Statement 3 is a verifiable fact. Statement 4 is again an opinion and hence a judgment.