

IBPS Clerk Previous Year Question Paper 2018

English Language (Questions & Solutions)

Directions Q. (1-4): Rearrange the following five sentences A, B, C, D and E in the proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph, then answer the questions given below.

- A. Crucially, this loss of sheen is reflected in the account books of the sport's controversial administrator, among the richest in the world.
- B. The total income that was distributed by BCCI among players is reduced because of lower income from media rights.
- C. Television viewership for the game has dropped 40% to a weekly 61 gross rating points (GRPs).
- D. A Board of Control for Cricket in India official said, however, that this was because India wasn't playing enough at home.
- E. Cricket seems to be losing its crowd-pulling power.

Q. (1) Which of the following is the FOURTH sentence of the final sequence?

- a. A
- b. D
- c. E
- d. B
- e. C

Answer: b (A Board of Control for Cricket in India official said, however, that this was because India wasn't playing enough at home.)

Q. (2) Which of the following is the FIRST sentence of the final sequence?

- a. E
- b. C
- c. D
- d. A
- e. B

Answer: a (Cricket seems to be losing its crowd-pulling power.)

Q. (3) Which of the following is the SECOND sentence of the final sequence?

- a. E
- b. A
- c. C
- d. D
- e. B

Answer: c [Television viewership for the game has dropped 40% to a weekly 61 gross rating points (GRPs).]

Q. (4) Which of the following is the THIRD sentence of the final sequence?

- a. E
- b. A
- c. D
- d. C
- e. B

Answer: b (Crucially, this loss of sheen is reflected in the account books of the sport's controversial administrator, among the richest in the world.)

Solution Q. (1-4): The correct sequence of the sentences are:

- E
- C
- A
- D
- B

Therefore, the final arrangement is as follows:

- Cricket seems to be losing its crowd-pulling power.
- Television viewership for the game has dropped 40% to a weekly 61 gross rating points (GRPs).
- Crucially, this loss of sheen is reflected in the account books of the sport's controversial administrator, among the richest in the world.
- A Board of Control for Cricket in India official said, however, that this was because India wasn't playing enough at home.
- The total income that was distributed by BCCI among players is reduced because of lower income from media rights.

Directions Q. (5-10): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow it.

Conversations about the role of flexible working have shifted. It's no longer enough for companies to offer employees the option to either work from home or the office. Employees want to work from anywhere. Companies that want to attract and retain top talent, and ensure teams are highly productive, need to adapt their culture and technology to accommodate this shift in attitudes. And this is where the IT department can solidify its role as a valued contributor to the success of a company, by implementing technologies that enable secure and remote collaboration.

According to a recently commissioned Polycom survey, 24,000 respondents across 12 countries indicate that nearly two-thirds of today's global workforce take advantage of the anywhere working model. This is a significant shift since May of 2012 when only 14% of employees benefited from remote working. The survey results also provide insights into some of the concerns among companies in moving forward with the anywhere working model. Two significant concerns are a lack of trust and the perception that employees are not working as hard when they are not in the office. Also, among the 45-60-year-old age group, 59% worry that working anywhere will cause them to work longer hours. The fear of being always connected to work and overworking is a significant deterrent for this age group.

A good first step for companies to overcome the trust and perception concern is to ensure workers are measured by output and not by the hours they have worked, commonly referred to as 'presenteeism.' Countries like Brazil lead the pack here with 80% of employees adopting the anywhere working model, and 64% respondents use video to communicate several times a day. When respondents were asked how their companies could improve trust and perceptions with the anywhere working model, the most popular recommendations were to: Equip workers with technology that is easy to use and which connects them to their colleagues; Ensure the same policies are applied to everyone in the business,

regardless of seniority or their situation; and Provide guidelines on how to manage working from anywhere.

91% of those surveyed agreed that technology is a key factor in improving relationships and fostering better teamwork. This suggests that investing in the right technologies, in particular video collaboration, to get the most out of individuals and teams can help solve the lack of trust and perception concerns. And this is where the IT department can become a difference maker as they can implement technologies, such as video conferencing, to ensure colleagues can seamlessly collaborate wherever they are.

Q. (5) What is the shift in attitude of employees as discussed in the passage?

- I. They want to work in an office.
 - II. They want to work from home.
 - III. They want to work from anywhere.
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- a. Only I
 - b. Both II & III
 - c. Only III
 - d. Only II
 - e. None of I, II & III

Answer: c (only III). The shift in attitude of employees as discussed in the passage is that they want to work from anywhere.

Q. (6) How could companies accommodate the recent shift in attitudes of employees as discussed in the passage?

- a. By offering work from home option to employees
- b. By enabling secure and remote collaboration
- c. By increasing the salaries of employees
- d. Options (a) & (b)
- e. None of the above

Answer: b (By enabling secure and remote collaboration)

Q. (7) Which of the following mention(s) the concern of the companies to accommodate the latest preference of employees for working styles?

- a. Lack of trust for employees;
- b. Perception that employees will not work hard anywhere apart from office;
- c. Working anywhere would make employees to work longer hours;
- d. Options (b) & (c)
- e. Options (a) & (b)

Answer: d [Options (b) & (c)]. Lack of trust for employees and perception that employees will not work hard anywhere apart from office are two significant concerns of the companies.

Q. (8) How could companies overcome their concerns for the latest preferences of employees for style of working?

- a. By not offering work from home model
- b. By measuring employees for the output, they generate and not by the hours they have worked
- c. By offering work from anywhere model

- d. By allowing only those who are interested to work from anywhere.
- e. None of the above

Answer: b (By measuring employees for the output, they generate and not by the hours they have worked.)

Q. (9) Which of the following opinions as expressed in the survey about solving the trust and perception concerns of the companies in accommodating the latest preference of employees for style of work has received more than 91%?

- a. Investing in technology
- b. Providing guidelines on how to manage working from anywhere
- c. Ensuring the same policies are applied to everyone regardless of seniority
- d. Options (a) & (c)
- e. None of the above

Answer: a (Investing in technology)

Q. (10) Which of the following options has a meaning which is SIMILAR to the word 'fostering'?

- a. asserting
- b. focusing
- c. collaborating
- d. encouraging
- e. admitting

Answer: d (encouraging)

Direction Q. (11-14): Choose the word that best fits the blank appropriately.

Q. (11) Usually, when the local festival is a week away, the number of customers in the shop _____.

- a. Will have increased
- b. Has increasing
- c. Will be increased
- d. Increases
- e. Increased

Answer: d

Solution: Usually, when the local festival is a week away, the number of customers in the shop.

Q. (12) You will have to undergo a _____ of tests before the interview.

- a. large
- b. series
- c. design
- d. booklet
- e. delegation

Answer: b

Solution: You will have to undergo a series of tests before the interview.

Q. (13) The Board members could not arrive at a unanimous _____ on the issue.

- a. Judgement

- b. Progress
- c. Policy
- d. Dissent
- e. Action

Answer: a

Solution: The Board members could not arrive at a unanimous judgement on the issue.

Q. (14) The judge used his _____ in settling the matter.

- a. Know
- b. Tactics
- c. Discretion
- d. Brains
- e. Bias

Answer: d

Solution: The judge used his brains in settling the matter.

Directions Q. (15-18): In the following questions, a sentence is given consisting four highlighted words. Choose the option reflecting the word which is either misspelt or grammatically incorrect. If all the highlighted words are correct, choose option (e) i.e. "no error" as your answer choice.

Q.(15) Making the **request** for a non-smoking room seemed **resonable** for everyone since the woman was **allergic** to smoke.

- a. Making
- b. Request
- c. Resonable
- d. Allergic
- e. No error

Answer: c

Solution: In the given question, the word '**resonable**' is misspelt. The correct word will be '**reasonable**'

Q. (16) When we are **involved** in large-scale projects, we must make **judgemants** on an **individual basis** about whether they are good or bad.

- a. Involved
- b. Judgemants
- c. Individual
- d. Basis
- e. No error

Answer: b

Solution: In the given question, the word '**judgemants**' is misspelt. The correct word will be '**judgements**'

Q. (17) Several **experiments** were tried, to **determine** positively whether or not she had any **perception** of sound.

- a. experiments
- b. determine

- c. whether
- d. perception
- e. No error

Answer: a

Solution: In the given question, the word '**experiments**' is misspelt. The correct word will be '**experiments**'

Q. (18) When the man gave the **terrific** persuasive speech at the **conference**, the observers **applaud** with gusto by **putting** their hands together.

- a. Terrific
- b. Conference
- c. Applaud
- d. Putting
- e. No error

Answer: e (no error)

Direction Q. (19-23): The following questions consist of a sentence with a highlighted phrase which may or may not be grammatically or contextually correct. Choose the most suitable option that will replace the incorrect highlighted phrase to form a grammatically correct and meaningful sentence. If the given highlighted phrase is correct, choose option (e) i.e. "no replacement required" as your answer choice.

Q. (19) India has suffered from terrorism. So has Pakistan. And **it turns out**, now the first world too is not immune.

- a. turning out to
- b. it turns to
- c. it turned out to be
- d. it turning out
- e. No replacement required

Answer: e

Q. (20) The advocate declared in the court that his client **has prepared to** surrender.

- a. Was prepared to
- b. Has been preparing for
- c. Was prepared at
- d. Has prepared for
- e. No correction required

Answer: a (was prepared to)

Solution: The advocate declared in the court that his client **was prepared to** surrender.

Q. (21) Any step that the Prime Minister takes to remove violence in the country **will be appreciate**.

- a. will appreciated
- b. will have appreciated
- c. was appreciating

- d. will be appreciated
- e. were appreciating

Answer: d

Solution: Any step that the Prime Minister takes to remove violence in the country **will be appreciated**.

Q. (22) If this is freedom of speech, then it **must be curtailed immediately**.

- a. have being curtailing
- b. must be curtailed
- c. must have been curtailed
- d. have been curtailed
- e. No correction required

Answer: b

Solution: If this is freedom of speech, then it **must be curtailed** immediately.

Q. (23) When the police started asking questions, the suspect **clammed up**.

- a. camped down
- b. clamped up
- c. clam out
- d. clamed off
- e. No correction required

Answer: e

Solution: The word '**clammed up**' means 'to become silent suddenly due to nervousness'. Therefore, the given sentence needs no correction.

Directions Q. (24-28): In the following questions, some words are printed in bold, one of which may be wrongly spelt or inappropriate in the context. Choose that word as the answer. If all the words printed in bold are correct, mark (e), i.e. 'All are correct' as the answer.

Q. (24) The protagonist wanted to **unearth** the **marvellous** power which magnetized the needle and **supervised** a thousand **celesial** observations.

- a. unearth
- b. marvellous
- c. supervised
- d. celesial
- e. All are correct

Answer: d

Solution: In the given sentence, the word '**celesial**' is wrongly spelt. The correct word will be '**celestial**' which means 'belonging to heaven'

Q. (25) We can ensure more **business** investment in the **region** if we have laws which **guarantee** property **rites**.

- a. business
- b. region
- c. guarantee
- d. rites

e. All are correct

Answer: d

Solution: The word 'rites' meaning 'ceremony or rituals' is inappropriate in the context of the word property. The appropriate word will be 'rights'.

Q. (26) Unless more **information** is collected, the police will not **reveal** the details of the **altercution** between the arresting officer and the **suspect**.

- a. information
- b. reveal
- c. altercation
- d. suspect
- e. All are correct

Answer: c

Solution: There is no word termed as 'altercution'. The appropriate word for the given sentence is 'altercation' meaning 'disagreement'.

Q. (27) Considering the **fact** that Indians have **outsed** the non-natives almost always, it is not **flawed** to state that the nation will remain integrated till the kingdom come.

- a. Fact
- b. outsed
- c. flawed
- d. conjointly
- e. All are correct

Answer: b

Solution: In the given sentence, the word 'outsed' is wrongly spelt. The correct word will be 'ousted' which means 'drive out or expel'.

Q. (28) He was famous not only for his interest in **schemes** for the **allevation** of poverty in Moscow, but also as the **founder** of new churches and **monasteries**.

- a. Schemes
- b. Allevation
- c. Founder
- d. Monasteries
- e. All are correct

Answer: b

Solution: In the given sentence, the word 'allevation' is wrongly spelt. The correct word is 'alleviation' which means 'the action of making suffering less severe'

Direction (29 – 30): Rearrange the following five sentences A, B, C, D and E in a proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph; then answer the questions given below them.

- A. And people like the Indian President and Prime Minister get 3 cents and 1 cent respectively.
- B. Sachin Tendulkar, arguably India's best-ever cricket player, earns some \$30 a minute.
- C. India's highest-paid CEO, Mukesh Ambani of Reliance Industries, gets \$10, and celluloid superstar Amitabh Bachchan, \$8.
- D. That makes it tempting to assume that the business of cricket must be huge and thriving, too.

E. But even if you ignore the numbers, the conclusion is that India's cricket stars are handsomely paid.

Q. (29) Which of the following should be the first sentence after rearrangement?

- a. B
- b. D
- c. A
- d. C
- e. E

Answer: a (Sachin Tendulkar, arguably India's best-ever cricket player, earns some \$30 a minute)

Q. (30) Which of the following should be the fifth sentence after rearrangement?

- a. B
- b. D
- c. A
- d. C
- e. E

Answer: e (But even if you ignore the numbers, the conclusion is that India's cricket stars are handsomely paid)

Solution: The correct sequence of the given sentences are:

- Sachin Tendulkar, arguably India's best-ever cricket player, earns some \$30 a minute.
- India's highest-paid CEO, Mukesh Ambani of Reliance Industries, gets \$10, and celluloid superstar Amitabh Bachchan, \$8.
- And people like the Indian President and Prime Minister get 3 cents and 1 cent respectively.
- That makes it tempting to assume that the business of cricket must be huge and thriving, too.
- But even if you ignore the numbers, the conclusion is that India's cricket stars are handsomely paid.