

RBI Grade B Verbal Ability Question Paper 2018 - Phase I

Directions (1-3): In the following question, two columns are given containing a connector and three phrases each. In the first column, the phrases are A, B and C and in the second column, the phrases are D, E and F. You have to make meaningful sentences using the connectors in the starting and from the phrases of both the columns. There are five options, four of which display the sequence(s) in which the phrases with the connectors can be joined to form a grammatically and contextually correct sentence. If none of the options given forms a correct sentence after combination, select 'none of these' as your answer.

Q 1.

I	II
Not only	But also
A. This investigation is one that is continuing and worldwide	D. The members were compelled to acknowledge him under the influence of autocracy
B. She was left behind home	E. Her father was the CEO of one of the topmost companies
C. Anna Moorey was the Chairman of the committee formed to resolve the issues of the Braylo society	F. The investigation is one that we expect to continue for quite some time

1. A-F
2. B-E
3. A-F, B-E
4. A-F, C-D & B-D
5. B-D

Answer: 1

Solution 1:

The only statement that can be formed after using the phases in the statement and is grammatically correct is:

- Not only this investigation is one that is continuing and worldwide but also the one that we expect to continue for quite some time.

Q 2.

I	II
Hardly	When

A. They had spoken these words	D. The door opened and Arjun himself stood before them
B. I had closed my eyes	E. I began to imagine the most fantastic shapes
C. My Aunt was stubborn	F. She was elected as the President of her company

1. C-F
2. C-F & A-E
3. A-D
4. A-D & B-E
5. None of the above

Answer: 4

Solution 2:

There are two grammatically correct statements:

- Hardly had they spoken these words when the door opened and Arjun himself stood before them
- Hardly had I closed my eyes when I began to imagine the most fantastic shapes

Q 3.

I	II
No sooner	than
A. A lion's share has been allocated to development work	D. She started to have terrible doubts
B. She had agreed to marry him	E. It usually done by solid waste management and welfare programmes
C. He also demanded a comprehensive enquiry	F. It was implemented for the particular project

1. A-E
2. B-D
3. A-E & B-F
4. A-E, B-D & B-F
5. A-D

Answer: 5

Solution 3:

Only one statement can be formed using the phrases, which is logically and grammatically correct.

- No sooner had she agreed to marry him than she started to have terrible doubts.

Direction (4-9): In the following passage there are blanks, each followed by a word given in bold. All these bold words are jumbled and do not necessarily fit in the blank against them.

Find the appropriate fit for every blank and mark the answer accordingly.

There is a lot of academic **(A) (unique)** in Marketing on retailing and most of it looks at the retail industry in North American and European countries. The retail industry in **(B) (organised)** economies such as India presents challenges that are typically not seen in these contexts. The learning from the developed world cannot be applied directly to the retail industry in the emerging economies. The Indian retail industry has certain key features that makes it **(C) (requires)**. First, the retail space is dominated by traditional Kirana stores. Walkthrough a street and you will find more Kirana stores than **(D) (emerging)** retail outlets like Big Bazaar or Reliance Fresh. Second, the government regulation **(E) (printed)** fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) manufacturers to print the “Maximum Retail Price” or MRP on the package of the product. In the US, the retailer **(F) (relatively)** the price paid by the consumer but here the MRP is **(G) (decides)** on the package. This anchors the final retail price for a product. Third, you often see retailers offering extra price and quantity benefits at the store level like discounts or bundled products. Manufacturer-led promotions are **(H) (reshaping)** infrequent. Very rarely would you see Unilever India or a Proctor & Gamble offering a 15% extra for their regular 180ml shampoo. Finally, we have the **(I) (research)** of rural areas and cities of different sizes spread across the country. Increasing urbanisation, increasing incomes, and rising aspirations for a better quality of life are **(J) (diversity)** the Indian retail space.

Q 4. Which of the following fits in blank A?

1. Printed
2. Research
3. Diversity
4. Requires
5. Reshaping

Answer: 2

Q 5. Which of the following fits in blank B?

1. Emerging
2. Printed
3. Reshaping
4. Unique
5. Research

Answer: 1

Q 6. Which of the following fits in blank C?

1. Diversity
2. Decided
3. Printed
4. Unique
5. Reshaping

Answer: 4

Q 7. Which of the following fits in blank D?

1. Research
2. Diversity
3. Emerging
4. Organised
5. Printed

Answer: 4

Q 8. Which of the following fits in blank F?

1. Printed
2. Decided
3. Requires
4. Diversity
5. Organised

Answer: 2

Q 9. Which of the following fits in blank H?

1. Decided
2. Printed
3. Relatively
4. Organised
5. Unique

Answer: 3

Directions (10-13): A sentence with two blanks is given, each blank indicating that something has been omitted. Choose the words that best fit the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Q 10. The move to allow the dumping of mercury _____ an outcry from residents of the area who _____ that high levels of mercury will affect their health and destroy ecologically sensitive forest area.

1. Resulted, Insisted
2. Provoked, Fear
3. Incited, Determined
4. Activated, Supported
5. Angered, Believed

Answer: 3

Q 11. The court had directed the directorate of education to _____ that all schools that had been allotted land on the condition that they would _____ 25 per cent of EWS students fill the allotted seats.

1. Certify, Admitted
2. Confirmed, Receive
3. Ensure, Admit
4. Ensured, Granted
5. None of these

Answer: 3

Q 12. When building plans of these malls and hospitals are sanctioned, the parking area is not taken into account. While they show parking _____ as common areas, they get _____ space for parking and claim that the facility would be provided free of cost.

1. Spaces, Additional
2. Area, Necessary
3. Portion, More
4. Segment, Extra
5. None of these

Answer: 1

Q 13. If a junior executive neglects his professional development and _____ education, he can easily and quickly become obsolete in a world-changing at _____ rates.

1. higher, vulnerable
2. management, supreme
3. better, supreme
4. administrative, leading
5. continuing, dizzying

Answer: 5

Direction (14-18): The given sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of sentences from among the five given choices to construct a coherent paragraph keeping (6) as the last statement.

A) Arif Jamal, a New York Times correspondent, reported, "This time, India's victory was nearly total: India accepted cease-fire only after it had occupied 740 square miles, though Pakistan had made marginal gains of 210 square miles of territory."

B) On September 22, it ended after the intervention of the UN and a ceasefire was _____ declared the next day.

C) In August of 1965, Pakistani forces infiltrated India-occupied Kashmir in what they called Operation Gibraltar.

D) While our textbooks taught us that we did, people from across the border believe that they were victorious.

E) Their troops carried extra-ammunition and entered posing as locals of the area and their attack on Indian soil led to war without a formal declaration, disrupting peace in the Valley.

6) Even though neutral assessments suggest our superiority in the war but technically it remains militarily inconclusive.

Q 14. Which of the following would be the SECOND sentence after rearrangement?

1. A
2. E
3. B
4. D
5. F

Answer: 2

Solution 14:

The final sequence is CEBDA

Q 15. Which of the following can precede the FIFTH sentence of the passage?

1. Under the orders of the then Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indian forces had marched on to Lahore and were in striking distance of the cantonment while denying the enemy's attempt to capture Indian territory.
2. But if you think about it, Pakistan's aim was to conquer a large part of our territory but they did not.
3. It is important to note that a ceasefire had been ordered at the Rann of Kutch after ceasefire violations from April through June of the same year (1965).
4. Pakistani forces had managed to capture an area called Khemkaran, but they were pushed back by Indian troops, who managed to reach the outskirts of Lahore.

5. Historian John Keay wrote this in his book 'India: A History': "Pakistan made gains in the Rajasthan desert but its main push against India's Jammu Srinagar road link was repulsed and Indian tanks advanced to within sight of Lahore."

Answer: 5

Q 16. Which of the following pairs form two consecutive statements after rearrangement?

1. A-E
2. A-D
3. E-B
4. B-C
5. None of these

Answer: 3

Solution 16:

Since the correct sequence of statements is CEBDA, the combination of C-E forms two consecutive statements.

Q 17. Which of the following word would fill the blank given in statement B?

1. Formally
2. Eventually
3. Abruptly
4. Suddenly
5. Slowly

Answer: 1

Q 18. Which of the following would be the FIRST sentence after rearrangement?

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. E

Answer: 3

Solution 18:

The correct order of statements is CEBDA. So the first statement is C.

Directions (19-23): In the given question, a sentence is divided into four parts. There are errors in three parts. Choose the part which doesn't have an error. If all the four parts are correct, mark E, i.e. 'All are correct' as the answer.

Q 19. The roof besides them had a (A) great hole smashed through it, (B)/ and pieces of glass was lying (C)/ scattered on every direction. (D)

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. All are correct

Answer: 2

Solution 19:

In A, the correct sentence should be - the roof beside them had a
In C, the correct sentence should be - and pieces of glass were lying
In D, the correct statement should be - scattered in every direction

Q 20. The Supreme Court has done (A)/ three weeks to the state government to (B)/ be respondent to its directive and (C)/ file an affidavit citing all the detail. (D)

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. All are correct

Answer: 2

Solution 20:

In A, the correct sentence should be - The Supreme Court has given
In C, the correct sentence should be - should respond to the directive
In D, the correct sentence should be - file an affidavit citing all the details

Q 21. Surely, she must feel bitter on (A)/ that fact, and yet neither her voice or (B)/ her expression gave any indication (C)/ that she felt antipathetic. (D)

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. All are correct

Answer: 3

Solution 21:

In A, the correct sentence should be - surely, she must feel bitter about
In B, the correct sentence should be - that fact, and yet neither her voice nor
In D, the correct sentence should be - that she felt antipathy

Q 22. Aside by his solemn expression, (A)/ there were nothing in the way he acted (B)/ with the children that might indicate (C)/ anything was wrong among them. (D)

1. A
2. B
3. C
4. D
5. All are correct

Answer: 3

Solution 22:

In A, the correct sentence should be - Apart from his solemn expression
In B, the correct sentence should be - there was nothing in the way he acted
In D, the correct sentence should be - something was wrong among them

Q 23. The number of acres (A)/ destroyed by wildfires (B)/ has increased dramatically (C)/ over the past several years. (D)

1. A
2. B

3. C
4. D
5. All are correct

Answer: 5

Directions (24-30): Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the questions.

In the public's eye, military men are still the sole sufferers of PTSD. But research shows that women are in some cases twice as likely to develop the disorder. Despite being far more vulnerable, women are often misdiagnosed due to cultural stereotypes, and there's a huge gap in research on which kinds of treatments work best for which kinds of people. Studies and research programs have been designed, until recently, to understand men with PTSD. The same is true for support systems and treatment centers. In the legal system, women who report PTSD from rape are less likely to be believed than men who report PTSD from combat. Research shows that women are at a higher risk of PTSD. While men experience more traumatic events in their lives, women are, depending on which study you look at, as much as twice as likely to develop PTSD, but no one really knows why. Pervasive male prejudice against women is another factor that can diminish unit cohesion for female soldiers. Because women are less likely than men to experience unit cohesion while serving in the military, women are less likely to develop the social support structures that will help prevent them from developing PTSD. For women, this hesitation to self-identify as a sufferer of PTSD could be even greater; historically, female soldiers have struggled to be counted as equals to men on the battlefield. Women, stereotypically considered to possess less emotional fortitude than men, may be unwilling to admit that they are suffering from PTSD lest they appear to conform to this stereotype. That domestic bit has another face too: Where men who've experienced trauma might be able to take time off to recover, women are expected to maintain their domestic, caregiving roles, which make it harder for women to address symptoms of post-traumatic stress for fear of "failing" at their roles as mother, daughter and wife. "Gendered social roles can compound the negative impact," said Dawne Vogt, a research psychologist at the Women's Health Sciences Division of the National Center for PTSD. "So they might have additional stress when they're dealing with something." Technically, PTSD is largely the same for men and women, characterized by things like fear based anxiety, sleep disturbance, flashbacks, feelings of detachment and more. And both men and women often experience multiple conditions alongside PTSD. But they seem to develop different sets of additional problems. Women tend to develop depression alongside their PTSD, while men tend to tack on substance abuse. What that means is that men with PTSD tend to show a different profile than women do. Men tend to lash out, showing anger, hostility, explosiveness and unpredictability. Women, often because of their depression, tend to do the opposite, becoming withdrawn and turning to self-harm. What is clear is that women who return from combat, with PTSD or not, often have a harder time returning to their lives. According to a report by the Departments of Veterans Affairs, Defence, Labour and Housing and Urban Development, "America's nearly 300,000 women veterans are put at risk by a system designed for and dominated by male veterans." This includes lack of access to peer support, group therapy and specialized mental health care for things like PTSD. Recent changes made by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs have improved treatment options for female veterans living with PTSD, but there is still more that needs to be done. Women veterans are also more likely to be unemployed than male veterans, and at least twice as likely to be homeless. On top of that, women veterans are more likely to be single parents and come back to dependents. But Vogt says that nobody knows how this might impact their PTSD, or which treatments might work best. And it's not necessarily clear that what works for veterans will work for civilians either. Right now, for example, most of the research on virtual reality uses for treating PTSD focuses on military men. Another challenge is that until very recently, treatment for PTSD has been more difficult for women than men to obtain. Before rule changes were enacted in 2010, only veterans who

encountered direct combat experience qualified to receive disability payments for PTSD. Because very few women are placed on the front lines, very few were eligible to receive free treatment for PTSD. However, recent regulation

Changes have ended these stipulations, allowing women who serve in any capacity to be eligible for benefits. Even if female veterans are eligible for these benefits, the quality of the care a wartime PTSD sufferer receives can vary widely. The United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays disability benefits to service men and women who have been diagnosed with PTSD and also provides these individuals with free health care. But while mental health counselling that comes directly from VA doctors is completely free to veterans, there are often long waiting lists for those who need to be evaluated or treated. Therapy provided by non-VA professionals may not be covered by health insurance. Access to mental health professionals who have been specially trained to treat wartime PTSD is often difficult for those not living near major urban centres. On both the research level and the policy level, more must be done to help the women who have sacrificed so much for their country. Figuring out which treatment works best for PTSD is still an ongoing process for everybody, men and women alike. But if researchers want to help treat people equally, they'll need to include more women.

Q 24. What is the style of the passage?

1. Argumentative
2. Descriptive
3. Narrative
4. Expository
5. Persuasive

Answer: 4

Solution 24:

Expository writing style is explanatory writing style. In this style, the author's personal opinions are not described.

Q 25. Choose the word which is NOT a synonym for the word 'Traumatic' used in the passage.

1. Daunting
2. Atrocious
3. Formidable
4. Inchoate
5. Petrifying

Answer: 4

Solution 25:

'Traumatic' means 'deeply disturbing' or 'distressing'

'Daunting' means 'seeming difficult to deal with'

'Atrocious' means 'unpleasant' or 'wicked'

'Formidable' means 'intimidating'

'Inchoate' means 'not completely developed'

'Petrifying' means 'frightening'

So the word 'inchoate' is not a synonym of 'traumatic'

Q 26. Based on information in the passage, it can be inferred that negative stereotypes about women in the military contribute to their increased likelihood to develop PTSD in which of the following ways?

I. Some male members of the armed forces subscribe to negative stereotypes about women; this prejudice may prevent women from forming close bonds with their units.

- II. Women may be less likely than men to admit to suffering from PTSD because they do not want to conform to stereotypes that portray women as weak.
- III. Women are aware of the negative stereotypes that pervade the military. This awareness may lead to a reduction in self-esteem.

- 1. Only I
- 2. Only II
- 3. Both I and II
- 4. Both II and III
- 5. None of these

Answer: 3

Q 27. According to the passage, what are the reasons that treatment for PTSD has been more difficult for women than men to obtain?

- I. Most of the research on virtual reality uses for treating PTSD focuses on military men.
- II. Because very few women are placed on the front lines, very few were eligible to receive free treatment for PTSD as per the previous rules which include that only veterans who encountered direct combat experience qualified to receive disability payments for PTSD.
- III. Women do not follow the regularities properly that are needed in the treatment of PTSD and tend to recover slower than man.

- 1. Only I
- 2. Only II
- 3. Only III
- 4. Both I and II
- 5. All I , II and III

Answer: 4

Q 28. Which of the following is the primary purpose of the passage?

- 1. To explain why military veterans are more likely than civilians to develop PTSD
- 2. To persuade government officials to increase funding for PTSD treatment centers in non-urban areas for female veterans
- 3. To denounce the United States military for the way they have handled female veterans' mental health problems
- 4. To inform readers about the likely warning signs of PTSD among military veterans
- 5. To educate readers about the problem of insufficient treatment available for female veterans with PTSD

Answer: 5

Q 29. According to the passage, what makes PTSD harder for a female veteran as compared to a male veteran?

- I. Women also suffers from depression alongside their PTSD, because of their depression, they self-harm themselves.
- II. Women are not able to take time off to recover from PTSD because females give more importance and time in maintaining their domestic roles as compared to treatment of their PTSD.
- III. Most female veterans refuse to seek treatment

- 1. Only I

2. Only II
3. Only III
4. Both I and II
5. All I, II and III

Answer: 4

Q 30. Based on information in the passage, which of the following statements best reflects the author's opinion about the mental health care provided for female veterans?

1. Although the VA has not done nearly enough, state and independent agencies have made up for government deficiencies.
2. The government has done almost nothing to help; the way we treat our female veterans is a national disgrace.
3. Because service women are more likely than service men to develop PTSD, mental health care has been better for female veterans.
4. The VA and other government agencies have attempted to provide mental health care for female veterans, but most of them refuse to seek treatment.
5. The amount of care provided has improved over the past few years, but it is still insufficient

Answer: 5

