

SBI PO Prelims Previous Year Question Paper 2017

English Language (Questions and Answers):

Directions Q. (1 - 10): In the passage given below there are blanks, each followed by a word given in the brackets. Every blank has five alternative words given in options. Find the word which best suits the respective blank. If the given word suits the blank, mark 'No correction required' as the answer.

The widespread consternation over the rupee hitting a 27-month low against the dollar is unwarranted, for the Indian currency has been among the better ___ **Q. (1) [hiking]** ___ currencies over the last couple of years. While other ___ **Q. (2) [trickling]** ___ market currencies such as the Russian rouble and the Brazilian real are down more than 20 per cent this year, the rupee is lower by just 6 per cent. This follows a strong performance in 2014 when the Indian currency lost just 1.2 per cent against the greenback. It is obvious that the rupee is in a sweet spot ___ **Q. (3) [peculiar]** ___ to its emerging market peers, which have been hit hard by the ___ **Q. (4) [ascent]** ___ in commodity prices. India, on the other hand, has benefited from this fall. The crash in crude prices combined with the checks on gold imports have helped ___ **Q. (5) [recede]** ___ the current account deficit to just 1.27 per cent of GDP. Strong foreign inflows — from both portfolio and direct investments — have pushed India's forex reserves to \$351 billion; we are among the few countries that have ___ **Q. (6) [considered]** ___ to increase forex reserves since the middle of last year. These reserves provide the Indian central bank with ___ **Q. (7) [ammunition]** ___ to protect the rupee from short-term volatility that may arise once the Federal Reserve goes through with its long-anticipated rate hike. Since the Fed has given financial markets sufficient time to ___ **Q. (8) [discern]** ___ the move, a 25 basis points move is not likely to cause too much turbulence. True, some short-term money will flow out of the equity markets; foreign portfolio investors have ___ **Q. (9) [turned]** ___ net sellers since November. But long-term investors are likely to stay put due to the better growth ___ **Q. (10) [contrariety]** ___ of Indian companies. The superior real yield, falling inflation and a stable rupee also make a strong case for staying invested in Indian debt instruments.

Q. (1) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Moving
2. Performing
3. Doing

4. Stagnating
5. No correction required

Answer: 2 ('Performing' is the most suitable response. It refers to operating/functioning)

Q. (2) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Emerging
2. On-going
3. Suiting
4. Menacing
5. No correction required

Answer: 1 ('Emerging' is the most suitable response. It refers to developing/rising)

Q. (3) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Known
2. Employed
3. Straight
4. Relative
5. No change required

Answer: 4 (The statement highlights a comparison. Corresponding to that, 'relative' is the most suitable response.)

Q. (4) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Spree
2. Rise
3. Plunge
4. Demolition
5. No correction required

Answer: 3 (Since the passage talks about the downfall in the prices, 'plunge' is the most suitable response. It refers to a quick drop.)

Q. (5) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Boost
2. Recover
3. Maintain
4. Sustain
5. No correction required

Answer: 1 (According to the context of the theme, 'boost' is the most suitable response.)

Q. (6) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Managed
2. Agitated
3. Breached
4. Stood
5. No correction required

Answer: 1

Q. (7) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Gadget
2. Thing
3. Product
4. Process
5. No correction required

Answer: 5

Q. (8) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Hinder
2. Assimilate
3. Nullify
4. Ostracize
5. No correction required

Answer: 2 (**Assimilate** is the most suitable response. It means to comprehend/accommodate.)

Q. (9) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Spanned
2. Produced
3. Acquired
4. Raised
5. No correction required

Answer: 5

Q. (10) Choose the correct answer from the given options to fill the blanks which are numbered.

1. Features
2. Plight
3. Matters
4. Prospects
5. No correction required

Answer: 4

Directions Q. (11 - 20): Read the passage carefully and answer the question that follows. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of the question:

Technology can be most broadly defined as the entities, both material and immaterial, created by the application of mental and physical effort in order to achieve some value. In this usage, technology refers to tools and machines that may be used to solve real-world problems. It is a far-reaching term that may include simple tools, such as a crowbar or wooden spoon, or more complex machines, such as a space station or particle accelerator. Tools and machines need not be material; virtual technology, such as computer software and business methods, fall under this definition of technology. The word "technology" can also be used to refer to a collection of techniques. In this context, it is the current state of humanity's knowledge of how to combine resources to produce desired products, to solve problems, fulfill needs, or satisfies wants; it includes technical methods, skills, processes, techniques, tools and raw materials. When combined with another term, such as "medical technology" or "space technology," it refers to the state of the respective field's knowledge and tools. "State-of-the-art technology" refers to the high technology available to humanity in any field. Technology can be viewed as an activity that forms or changes culture. Additionally, technology is the application of math, science, and the arts for the benefit of life as it is known. A modern example is the rise of communication technology, which has lessened barriers to human interaction and, as a result, has helped **spawn** new subcultures; the rise of cyber culture has, at its basis, the development of the Internet and the computer. Not all technology enhances culture in a creative way; technology can also help facilitate political **oppression** and war via tools such as guns. As a cultural activity, technology **predates** both science and engineering, each of which formalizes some aspects of technological **endeavour**.

Q. (11) What is virtual technology, according to the passage?

1. A space station or particle accelerator.
2. Computer software and business methods.
3. Technical methods, skills, processes, techniques, tools and raw materials.
4. The state of the respective field's knowledge and tools.
5. None of the above.

Answer: 2 (virtual technology refers to the act of creating virtual versions such as computer software and business methods.)

Q. (12) How do developments of technology bring out cultural changes?

1. It has lessened barriers to human interaction and, as a result, has helped spawn new subcultures; the rise of cyber culture has, at its basis, the development of the Internet and the computer.
2. It combines resources to produce desired products, to solve problems, fulfill needs, or satisfies wants.
3. Technology refers to tools and machines that may be used to solve real-world problems.
4. As a cultural activity, technology predates both science and engineering.
5. None of the above.

Answer: 1 (According to the paragraph, the development of technology affects not only one aspect but changes all aspects like social, cultural and political. Advancement in technology decreases barriers to human interaction. Consequently, new subculture arises in society.)

Q. (13) Which two fields have been stated as an example which when combined with technology state the respective field's knowledge and tools?

1. Virtual technology, space technology.
2. Science, engineering technology.
3. Medical technology, space technology.
4. All of the above.
5. None of the above.

Answer: 3 (Medical technology and space technology have been stated as an example which when combined with technology state the respective field's knowledge and tools)

Q. (14) Pick out the word that is most nearly the same in meaning as the word printed in bold type, as used in the passage.

SPAWN

1. Generate
2. Beget
3. Ruin
4. Halt

5. None of these

Answer: 1 (Spawn means to produce. Corresponding to it, **generate** is the most suitable response.)

Q. (15) Pick out the word that is most nearly the same in meaning as the word printed in bold type, as used in the passage.

OPPRESSION

1. Persecution
2. Democracy
3. Emergency
4. Fair
5. 2 and 4

Answer: 1 (The term **Oppression** means unjust treatment, which is similar to the word '**Persecution**'.)

Q. (16) Pick out the word that is most opposite in meaning as the word printed in bold type, as used in the passage.

ENDEAVOR

1. Negligence
2. Avocation
3. Contemplate
4. Exertion
5. 2 and 4

Answer: 1 (**Endeavor** means to try hard to do or achieve something. **Negligence** is the opposite word. Negligence means to avoid something or try not to get something.)

Q. (17) Pick out the word that is most opposite in meaning as the word printed in bold type, as used in the passage.

PREDATES

1. Antedate

2. Follow
3. Antecede
4. Forego
5. None of the above

Answer: 2 (**Predates** means to put the date on something that is earlier than the current date. **Follow** is the opposite word. Follow refers to postdate which means occur or come later than.)

Q. (18) According to the passage, how is technology beneficial for a human being?

1. It helped spawn new subcultures.
2. Technology can be used to solve real-world problems.
3. It has lessened barriers to human interaction.
4. Only 1 and 2
5. All the above

Answer: 5

Q. (19) According to the passage, why is the development of technology referred to as a problem-solving tool?

1. It consists of material and immaterial entities which help in problem-solving.
2. It is a far-reaching term that includes complex tools which help to solve the problems.
3. It combines resources to produce desired products and to solve problems.
4. Only 2 and 4
5. All the above

Answer: 1 (It can be inferred from the first paragraph of the passage that development of technology is referred to as a problem-solving tool because it contains all the material and immaterial entities which help in solving problems.)

Q. (20) According to the author, the central idea of the passage is to _____

1. Demonstrate award-winning achievements of technology.

2. Support space technology.
3. Criticize technological changes.
4. Highlight the positive changes brought by technology.
5. All the above.

Answer: 4 (According to the author, the central idea of the passage is to highlight the positive changes brought by technology.)

Directions Q. (21 - 30): Which of the phrases (1), (2), (3) and (4) given below each sentence should replace the phrase printed in bold type to make the sentence grammatically correct. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark (5), i.e., 'No correction required' as the answer.

Q. (21) When we went to wonder of worlds, I loved that **big old silver antique car** that was parked in the parking lot of the East India Mall.

1. Really old silver big antique car
2. Really big silver old antique car
3. Really big silver antique car
4. Really big old silver antique car
5. No correction required

Answer: 4 (When we went to wonder of worlds, I loved that **really big old silver antique car** that was parked in the parking lot of the East India Mall.)

Q. (22) Each individual knows how to **protected on own life** and it should be left to his discretion.

1. Protected by own
2. Protect by own
3. Protect his own
4. Protected his own
5. No change required

Answer: 3 (**Each** individual knows how to **protect his own life** and it should be left to his discretion.)

Q. (23) The last few **decades has seen** a great deal of political instability in India.

1. Decade had seen
2. Decade has seen
3. Decades have seen
4. Decade have seen
5. No change required

Answer: 3 (The last few **decades have seen** a great deal of political instability in India.)

Q. (24) He admired the speed with which Koti completed the work and **appreciating the method adopted** by him.

1. appreciate the method being adopted
2. appreciated the method adopted
3. appreciate the method of adoption
4. appreciate the adopting method
5. No correction required

Answer: 2 (He admired the speed with which Koti completed the work and **appreciated the method adopted** by him.)

Q. (25) I had met him after the party **where he had** been given an inspiring speech.

1. when he had
2. where he would have
3. in which he was given
4. where he had
5. No correction required

Answer: 4 (I had met him after the party **where he had** given an inspiring speech.)

Q. (26) After the success of our project we have been receiving **more requests than** we do not have the resources to handle them.

1. many requests but
2. most of the requests

3. more requests that
4. too many requests
5. No correction required

Answer: 1 (After the success of our project we have been receiving **more requests but** we do not have the resources to handle them.)

Q. (27) The poor Brahmin led **a hand to mouthful existence** and could use any job which paid him a little.

1. handful to mouthful existence
2. hand to mouth existence
3. handing for mouthful existing
4. hand and mouth exist
5. No correction required

Answer: 2 (The poor Brahmin led **a hand to mouth existence** and could use any job which paid him a little.)

Q. (28) In order to **earning decent living** we need to have a good job which pays a substantial amount of money.

1. earned decency life
2. earning decency live
3. earn a decent living
4. earned decently life
5. No correction required

Answer: 3 (In order to **earn a decent living** we need to have a good job which pays a substantial amount of money.)

Q. (29) We went to the famous restaurant to eat and were **served piped hot food**.

1. served piping hotter
2. serving pipe hot
3. served piping hot
4. serve pipe hotten
5. No correction required

Answer: 3 (We went to the famous restaurant to eat and were **served piping hot food**.)

Q. (30) When he fell down the ditch, he shouted with all his might **so that to catch** someone's attention.

1. such that to catch
2. so as to catch
3. so that to catching
4. so then to catch
5. No correction required

Answer: 2 (**When** he fell down the ditch, he shouted with all his might **so as to catch** someone's attention.)