

## SBI Clerk Previous Year Question Paper 2019 - Verbal Ability

**Directions Q.1 - Q.7:** Read each sentence to find out if there are any errors in it. The error, if any will be in one part of the sentence. The number of that part is the answer if there is no error, the answer is (5).

**Q.1** It is widely believe (1) / that the village which is situated on the (2)/ eastern coast of India will be wiped out in a decade. (4) / No error. (e)

**Answer:** (1)

**Q.2** Yesterday I met (1)/ an old friend (2)/ when I am going (3)/ to the market. (4)/ No error. (e)

**Answer:** (3)

**Q.3** The criminal was (1) / sentenced to the (2)/ death and was (3) hung for his crime (4)/ No error. (5)

**Answer:** (4)

**Q.4** FATF strongly urges (1)/ Pakistan to swiftly complete its action plan (2)/ by October 2019 to stop (3)/ terror funding in the country (4)/ No error (5).

**Answer:** (5)

**Q.5** Elon Musk is determined (1)/ to be success (2)/ in whatever field (3)/ he chooses. (4)/ No error. (5)

**Answer:** (2)

**Q.6** New purchasing power will increasingly (1)/ come from Asia and Africa where (2)/ demographics are still favourable (3)/ for high income growth. (4)/ No error (5).

**Answer:** (5)

**Q.7** Not only the (a)/ students but also (2)/ the principal were (3)/ laughing at the joke he cracked. (4) / No error (5)

**Answer:** (3)

**Solution Q.1 - Q.7:**

**Solution 1:** There is an error in part (1) of the sentence in place of “believe” we will use “believed”.

**Solution 2:** There is an error in part (3) of the sentence.

In place of “am” we will use “was” because the events of the sentences are in the past

**Solution 3:** Use “hanged” in place of “hung”

**Solution 4:** There is no error in the sentence

**Solution 5:** There is an error in part (2) of the sentence. Use “to succeed” in place of “to be successful” because after determined” we use “to infinitive”.

**Solution 6:** There is no error in the sentence

**Solution 7:** Replace ‘were’ with ‘was’.

When two subjects are joined by ‘not only...but also’, the verb must agree with the second subject. The correct sentence should be: “Not only the students but also the principal was laughing at the joke he cracked.”

The same rule applies when two subjects are joined by ‘or’, the verb must agree with the second subject.

For e.g. Krish and his brothers were there. (Second subject is ‘plural’)

Mohan or Sohan is responsible for this (Second Subject is ‘singular’)

**Directions Q.8 - Q.12:** In each of the following sentences, there is a blank space. Below in each sentence, there are five words out of which one can be used to fill the blank to make the sentence grammatically and coherently correct. Find the most appropriate word that fit into the blank contextually.

**Q.8** There is nothing to indicate the building’s past, \_\_\_\_ the fireplace

1. Except
2. Included
3. Belonged
4. Barred

5. Foster

**Answer:** (1)

**Q.9** Two circus elephants that performed together \_\_\_\_\_ when crossing paths 23 years later

1. Happy
2. Believe
3. Angered
4. Rejoiced
5. Greater

**Answer:** (4)

**Q.10** The law \_\_\_\_\_ farmers not only to save and resow (multiply) seeds, but also to sell them to other farmers, no matter what the original source of the seed is.

1. Coverts
2. Implements
3. Emits
4. Permits
5. Deserts

**Answer:** (4)

**Q.11** Small farmers must be educated and \_\_\_\_\_ with proper incentive structures, to engage with agriculture.

1. Fascinated
2. Encouraged
3. Discouraged
4. Harvested
5. Invited

**Answer:** (2)

**Q.12** Raipur despite being \_\_\_\_\_ between two rivers, the Krishna and the Tungabhadra, it is a dust bowl in May first week.

1. Surrounded

2. Located
3. Revealed
4. Settle
5. None of these.

**Answer:** (2)

### **Solutions Q.8 - Q.12**

**Solution 8:** “Except” which means “not including” is the word which should fit the blank

**Solution 9:** “Rejoiced” which means to feel or show great joy or delight will fit the blank most appropriately

**Solution 10:** Here, “permits” which means “officially allow (someone) to do something” perfectly fits in the given blank making the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (4) is the most suitable answer choice.

Coverts: a thicket in which game can hide.

Implements: put ( a decision, plan, agreement, etc) into effect

Emits: Produce and discharge (something, especially gas or radiation)

Deserts: What a person deserves with regard to reward or (more usually) punishment.

**Solution 11:** Here, “encouraged” which means “give support, confidence, or hope to (someone)” perfectly fits in the given blank making the sentence grammatically correct and contextually meaningful. Hence, option (b) is the most suitable answer choice.

Fascinated: Strongly attracted and interested

Discouraged: Having lost confidence or enthusiasm; disheartened

Harvested: gather (a crop) as a harvested

Invited: Make a formal or polite request for (something) from someone

**Solution 12:** ‘Surrounded’ should be followed by ‘By’ or ‘with’, hence it is an incorrect option. Also, option (4) is grammatically incorrect and option (3) doesn’t make a meaningful sentence. So, option (2)

is the only option which makes the sentence both meaningfully and grammatically correct. Hence, option (2) is the most suitable answer choice.

**Directions Q.13 - Q.17:** Given sentences are not in their exact position. Rearrange them to make a coherent paragraph and then answer the questions given below.

- A. It can even make exercise more fun and productive
- B. Plus, hearing others laugh, even for no apparent reason, can often trigger genuine laughter.
- C. To add simulated laughter into your own life, search for laughter yoga or laughter therapy groups. Or you can start by simply by laughing at other people's jokes, even if you dont find them funny
- D. A Georgia State University study found that incorporating bouts of simulated laughter into an exercise program helped improve older adult's mental health as well as their aerobic endurance.
- E. Believe it or not, its possible to laugh without experiencing a funny event - and simulated laughter can be just as beneficial as the real thing

**Q.13** Which of the following should be the FOURTH sentence after the rearrangement?

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

**Answer:** (2)

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

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

**Answer:** (1)

**Q.15** Which of the following should be the THIRD sentence after the rearrangement?

- 1. A
- 2. B

3. C
4. D
5. E

**Answer:** (4)

**Q.16** Which of the following should be the FIRST sentence after the rearrangement?

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

**Answer:** (5)

**Q.17** Which of the following should be the FIFTH sentence after the rearrangement?

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

**Answer:** (3)

**Solution Q.13 - Q.17**

**Solution 13:** The correct sequence for the given sentence is EADBC

**Solution 14:** The correct sequence for the given sentence is EADBC

**Solution 15:** The correct sequence for the given sentence is EADBC

**Solution 16:** The correct sequence for the given sentence is EADBC

**Solution 17:** The correct sequence for the given sentence is EADBC

**Direction Q.18 - Q.22:** In the following questions, a sentence is divided into four parts consisting of a highlighted word in each part. Choose the option reflecting the word which is either misspelt or

grammatically incorrect. If all the highlighted words are correct, choose option (5) i.e. “all are correct” as your answer choice.

**Q.18** A British court has **ruled** that British arms **sales** to Saudi Arabia **wear** unlawful on Humanitarian **Grounds**

1. Ruled
2. Sales
3. Wear
4. Grounds
5. All are correct

**Answer:** (3)

**Q.19** I'm **tyred** of **hearing** politicians making **pious** pronouncements about their **devotion** to the people

1. Prospered
2. Relocated
3. Within
4. Contractors
5. All are correct

**Answer:** (1)

**Q.20** It is likely that weaving **prospered** and partly **relocated** towards areas **within** easy reach of the army **contractors**.

1. Prospered
2. Relocated
3. Within
4. Contractors
5. All are correct

**Answer:** (5)

**Q.21** The cat and mouse **tactic** was **purposely** designed to provoke, **inrage** and **panic** the unemployed.

1. Tactic

2. Purposely
3. Inrage
4. Panic
5. All are correct

**Answer:** (3)

**Q.22** Indian democracy's **robustness** is underscored by high voter **turnouts**, and large number of **candedates** in the **fray**.

1. Robustness
2. Turnouts
3. Candedates
4. Fray
5. No correction required

**Answer:** (3)

**Solution Q.18 - Q.22**

**Solution 18:** "Were" should be used in place of "wear"

**Solution 19:** Correct Spelling is Tired

**Solution 20:** All the given words are correct

**Solution 21:** The correct spelling is "enrage"

**Solution 22:** From the given highlighted words, 'Candedates' is misspelled, correct spelling is 'Candidates' Hence, option (3) is the correct answer.

**Directions Q.23 - Q.30:** Read the following passage and answer the following questions based on the given passage. Some of the words are highlighted which would help you to answer some of the questions given.

For years, worldwide organisations have become increasingly excited about the prospect of a cloud-based future. As the dream becomes an even closer reality for many kinds of business and, Forrester predicted that enterprise spending on cloud services is **set to surge**. IDC also predicted that global spending on public cloud services and infrastructure would reach \$ 210 Billion in 2019, an



increase of 24% from 2018. But one obstacle stands to create friction and introduce a risk: the process of migration.

As all indications point to a **massive** shift in data deployments to the cloud, it is more important than ever that the transition from on-premises to cloud is as risk-free as possible. In today's climate, any loss or disruption to data can have a huge business impact. It's a complex process, is frequently underestimated and many organisations have found there are lots of that can go wrong that can impact the business.

Organisations across the globe have found the cloud to be an ideal place to run modern data applications due to Big Data's elastic resource requirements. Furthermore, with the lack of data talent an ever-looming issue for most companies today they have been determined to **adopt** a cloud-first strategy to ensure business operations are accessible for a range of employees.

The cloud offers great promise for developers especially, as it can increase the speed at which they develop software features and increase the resilience of applications once they are deployed - along with enhanced security through the use of multiple server locations. With all this considered, it is no surprise that 42% of UK businesses leverage some kind of cloud service, according to Eurostat.

However, all the perceived benefits of leveraging the cloud are redundant if organisations come up against barriers to accessing cloud services. Cloud-based data pipelines still suffer from complexity challenges at the moment, along with the lack of visibility into cost and resource usage at the application and user level. The answer to this is automation, fuelled by robust Machine Learning training models and artificial intelligence. These concepts and the tools that enable them can determine the prerequisites of cloud infrastructure, application dependencies, the appropriate target cloud instance profiles, and provide troubleshooting in real-time.

To summarise, the promise of the cloud has created a sense of excitement amongst enterprises, however, they have proceeded to go **full steam ahead** into adopting a cloud service, without sufficient data to **ensure** performance service level agreements (SLA).

**Q 23.** How can we tackle the risks associated with the process of migration?

1. By ensuring that organisations only migrate the apps to the cloud that will thrive in the cloud.
2. The surge in the investment in cloud technology.
3. The use of predictive power of Artificial Intelligence
4. The transition from on-premises to Cloud.
5. None of these.

**Answer:** 3

**Q.24** Why the promise of the cloud has created a sense of excitement amongst enterprises?

1. As it ensures that business operations are accessible for a range of employees.
2. As the enterprise spending on cloud services is surging.
3. Reduction in the cost of operation it may entail.
4. The secure platform it provides to the data it stores.
5. None of these.

**Answer: 1**

**Q.25** How the process of migration stands as an obstacle to cloud technology?

1. The expensive cost of providing safety to the data.
2. The lack of sound technology in Artificial Intelligence.
3. Complexities of the data migrated to the cloud.
4. It exposes companies to the risk of losing important information.
5. None of these.

**Answer: 4**

**Q.26** Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct in the context of the passage?

- A. The cloud technology can help in increasing the speed at which the software features are developed.
- B. There is no risk associated with cloud technology.
- C. Cloud technology is not a very complex process.

1. Only B
2. Both (A) and (B).
3. Only C
4. Only A
5. All are correct.

**Answer: 4**

**Q.27** What is the meaning of “full steam ahead”?

1. Interrupting an activity
2. Acting cautiously

3. Great increase
4. Progressing quickly
5. Prudent progression

**Answer: 4**

**Q.28** Which of the following words is most similar to the word “**adopt**” as given in the passage?

1. Mold
2. Deduce
3. Embrace
4. Creative
5. Fluster

**Answer: 3**

**Q.29** Which of the following words is the most similar to the word “**ensure**” as given in the passage?

1. Confirm
2. Paced
3. Redundant
4. Weaken
5. Reject

**Answer: 1**

**Q.30** Which of the following words is most opposite to the word “**massive**” as given in the passage?

1. Prominent
2. Insignificant
3. Enlarged
4. Filthy
5. Vouch

**Answer: 2**

**Solutions Q.23 - Q.30**

**Solution 23:** Refer the last few lines of the 5th paragraph of the passage, “The answer to this automation fueled by robust Machine learning training models and artificial intelligence..... Provide troubleshooting in real-time”.

**Solution 24:**

Refer the 3rd paragraph of the passage, “Furthermore, with the lack of data talent an..... ensure business operations are accessible for a range of employees

**Solution 25:** Refer to the 2nd line of the 2nd paragraph of the passage, “In today’s climate any loss or disruption of data can have a huge business impact

**Solution 26:**

Statement (1) is correct. Refer the 4th paragraph of the passage, “The cloud offers great promise for developers..... the use of multiple server locations

**Solution 27:**

If something such as a plan or a project goes full steam ahead, it progresses quickly.

**Solution 28:**

Embrace means accepting (a belief, theory or change) willingly and enthusiastically hence it is similar in meaning to adopt.

**Solution 29:**

Ensure means to make something that (something) will occur or be the case hence confirm is the word which is most similar in meaning.

**Solution 30:**

Massive means exceptionally large hence insignificant is the word which is most opposite in meaning