

# IBPS SO Previous Year Question Paper 2017 - Verbal Ability

**Direction (1-10):** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

An influential new recruit has joined the chorus of bitcoin skeptics.

The chief investment officer of UBS Plc, the world's biggest wealth manager, says it's too risky to be added to the firm's portfolios—and his assessment is relatively mild. Others have called it "the very definition of a bubble" and even "a fraud". Those stronger terms are justified, especially after the latest spell of wild price volatility. But the idea underlying bitcoin—blockchain, or distributed-ledger technology—could be transformative.

The problem with bitcoin and other so-called digital currencies is that they're a misuse of this technology. As either a new form of money or an investment, bitcoin has fatal disadvantages. Tokens that are privately created—"mined," if you insist—can succeed in a limited way as a means of exchange and be used to execute certain kinds of transactions. (Cigarettes in prison are a kind of currency.) But as a reliable store of value, bitcoin is much less useful, because its volatility is so extreme.

The value of ordinary currencies is underwritten by governments and stabilized by central banks acting as trusted monopoly producers. Bitcoin and its rivals leave those vital roles vacant. Moreover, bitcoin has no fundamental value as an asset—no stream of future income, no ultimate assurance of liquidity or security, and (unlike gold, say) no alternative use. Its scarcity (hence some floor on its value) is purportedly guaranteed by the underlying technology, but most of its buyers simply take that on trust.

Should they come to doubt that guarantee, its price will collapse. In the meantime, bitcoin's utility as a means of exchange depends on official tolerance—a point rightly emphasized by UBS's Mark Haefele. That tolerance cannot be taken for granted, especially as bitcoin's appeal rests so much on the anonymity of its users. At the moment, its comparative advantage is its usefulness for illicit purposes. All this said, the blockchain technology that underlies bitcoin is potentially very powerful.

By reducing the need for central intermediaries, it holds out the promise of processing transactions of various kinds more efficiently than today. Many banks and exchanges are exploring these applications. Blockchain technology might also be used one day to produce new kinds of central bank money. Central bank digital currency could start to replace the electronic payment systems that financial institutions use with each other. A more radical idea is to use digital currency, issued and supervised by

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the central bank, at the retail level to replace physical cash. All these ideas are worth study now. And they'll still be worth pursuing after the bitcoin bubble bursts.

**Q.1** Why is blockchain technology perceived to have a promising future for financial transactions ?

1. Because it is very secure and reliable
2. Because it provides anonymity to its users
3. Because it is cost effective and transparent
4. Because it does not require any intermediary
5. None of these

**Answer: 4**

**Q.2** How can financial institutions benefit from the blockchain technology ?

- (i) It can be used as an alternative to digital transactions for inter-financial markets
- (ii) Digital transactions can become more efficient with the use of blockchain technology
- (iii) It can help banks in cost saving as it is a cheaper alternative to physical cash

1. Only (i)
2. Only (ii)
3. Only (iii)
4. Both (i) and (ii)
5. Both (i) and (iii)

**Answer: 1**

**Q.3** Which of the following statements can be concluded about cryptocurrency ?

- (i) It has an unending supply
- (ii) It is not backed by the government
- (iii) There is no guarantee of its liquidity

1. Both (i) and (ii)
2. Both (i) and (iii)
3. Both (ii) and (iii)
4. All of these
5. None of these

**Answer: 3**

**Q.4** Why does the author feel that calling “bitcoin” as “the very definition of a bubble” and even “a fraud” is justified ?

1. Because it is a misuse of a transformative technology like blockchain
2. Because it is not backed by any security
3. Because of bitcoin’s volatility
4. Because bitcoin has the potential to be used as a means for illicit purposes
5. Because the bitcoin bubble may burst any moment crippling the financial system

**Answer: 3**

**Q.5** Which of the following statements is definitely FALSE in the context of the given passage ?

1. Bitcoin cannot be used as a reliable store of value
2. The technology used for bitcoin has a huge potential for future usage
3. Bitcoin lacks stability and is highly volatile
4. Bitcoin can have only limited usage as a means of exchange
5. None of these

**Answer: 5**

**Q.6** Which of the following statements can be inferred from the given passage ?

(i) Many banks are supportive of bitcoin due to its underlying technology that enables efficiency in certain types of transactions

(ii) The role of central intermediaries also has an adverse effect on the execution of certain transactions to some extent

(iii) The digital currency may soon replace physical cash in the near future

1. Only (ii)
2. Only (i)
3. Only (iii)
4. Both (i) and (ii)
5. Both (i) and (iii)

**Answer: 1**

**Q.7** Choose the word which is most nearly the SAME in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

**Purportedly**

1. Purposedly
2. Seemingly
3. Supposedly
4. Authentically
5. Implicitly

**Answer: 3**

**Q.8** Choose the word which is most nearly OPPOSITE in meaning as the word printed in bold as used in the passage.

**Radical**

1. Exceptional
2. Revolutionary
3. Complex
4. Fundamental
5. Conservative

**Answer: 5**

**Q.9 Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence. Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (5) i.e. No correction Required.

**There is little room for free and open inquiry**, and fundamental values and cultural norms remain largely unquestioned.

- I. There is a little room for free and open inquiry
- II. There is the little room for free and open inquiry
- III. There is lessening room for free and open Inquiry

1. Only I

2. Only II
3. Only III
4. Both I and III
5. No correction required

**Answer: 5**

**Q.10** Direction: In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence. Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (5) i.e. No correction required.

Historians believe that much of Jesus' story can be reconstructed, **without the help of Bible, and with just the views** of historians who lived during his time.

- I. without the help of Bible, and by just the views
- II. without the help from Bible, and with just the views
- III. without the help of the Bible, and with just the views

1. Only I
2. Only II
3. Only III
4. Both I and III
5. No correction required

**Answer: 3**

**Q11.** Direction: In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence.

Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (5) i.e. No correction required.

At first glance, it seems implausible that **such an intricately engineered bio system such as our could** have come about merely as a result of random modifications.

- i. such an intricately engineered bio system as ours
- ii. such intricately engineered bio system such as our

iii. such intricately engineered bio system such as ours

1. Only I
2. Only ii
3. Only iii
4. Both ii and iii
5. No correction required

**Answer: 1**

**Q.12 Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence.

Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (5) i.e. No correction required.

Monu and Sonu **attempted to make light of their difficulties**, but it was obvious that things were going badly for them.

- i. attempted to make their difficulties light
- ii. has attempted to make light their difficulties
- iii. attempted to make light of their difficulties

1. Only I
2. Only ii
3. Only iii
4. Both ii and iii
5. No correction required

**Answer: 3**

**Q.13 Direction:** In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence. Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (5) i.e. No correction required.

The only bright spot so far this year for Apple is with its iPhone 8 Plus, which at 0.4% market share, **topped early performance** for the iPhone 7 Plus and iPhone 6 Plus, which attracted 0.2% and 0.3% market share, respectively.

i. Topped in early performance

ii. Topped to perform early

iii. Topped in earlier performing

1. Only i
2. Only ii
3. Only iii
4. Both i and iii
5. No correction required

**Answer: 5**

**Q.14** Direction: In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence. Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (5) i.e. No correction Required.

They hurried **up the booth's back** and waited for the malformed youth to disperse.

- i. to the booth's back
- ii. for towards the booth's back
- iii. for the booth's backing

1. Only i
2. Only ii
3. Only iii
4. Both i and ii
5. No correction required

**Answer: 1**

**Q.15** Direction: In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the



sentence. Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (5) i.e. No correction required.

Although I don't have any special bond **with the rank and folder of the Labour Union**, I know some top engineers.

- (i) in the rank and folders of the Labour Union
- (ii) with the rank and portfolio of the Labour Union
- (iii) with the rank and file of the Labour Union

1. Only (i)
2. Only (ii)
3. Only (iii)
4. (i) and (ii)
5. No correction required

**Answer: 3**

**Q16.** Direction: In the given question, a part of the sentence is printed in bold. Below the sentence, three alternatives to the bold part are given which may help improve the sentence. Choose the option that reflects the correct use of the phrase in the context of the sentence. In case the given sentence is correct, your answer is (5) i.e. No correction required.

Living in the **heart of New York City is certainly a far cry from** living in the rural countryside.

(i) heart of New York City is certainly a far cry from

(ii) heart of New York city is a far cry than

(iii) heart of the New York city is certainly ruing

1. Only (i)
2. Only (ii)
3. Only (iii)
4. Both (ii) and (iii)
5. No correction required

**Answer: 1**

**Q.17 Direction:** 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 (i) as the first statement.

(i) The new year, 2018, is here! Nothing seems to have changed, despite the Firecrackers.

1) Of course, in many parts of the world the firecrackers might have been confused with, or replaced by, bombs, and millions in those and other regions find firecrackers (let alone bombs) an unimaginable luxury as they struggle to obtain food or shelter.

2) I am aware that a group of increasingly loud fellow nationals might accuse me of celebrating 'foreign festivals'.

3) That too was widely celebrated, as it should be, though in a world where the homeless, children, refugees and foreignness are often abused.

4) New Year's Eve came, as it does, close on the heels of Christmas, which commemorates the birth of a homeless child to poor refugees in a foreign place.

1. 2431
2. 4312
3. 1432
4. 3412
5. 3124

**Answer: 3**

**Q18. Direction:** 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 (i) as the first statement.

i) In Hindu mythology, when Shiva opens his third eye, it is considered a terrible warning for the cosmos.

1) In somewhat similar fashion, in 2017, women across the world seemed to declare war — on harassment, abuse, rape, inequality and every form of injustice.

2) Anger, however, is only one facet of the fight for empowerment. Concomitantly, the year saw women stack up achievements on an unprecedented scale.

3) It means he is angry enough to incinerate anything that comes in his way.

4) Across the world, there was a furious outpouring of rage against men in power, men on the street, men at home, and in families.

1. 1234
2. 3241
3. 4213
4. 4132
5. 3142

**Answer: 5**

**Q.19 Direction:** 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 (i) as the first statement.

(i) On one online forum, the sysadmins were enjoying some gallows humour.

1) They were discussing a pair of recently announced security flaws, known as Meltdown and Spectre that between them affect any computer powered by processors designed by Intel, AMD, ARM and others.

2) Another wrote, with tongue only half in cheek, that "computers were a mistake".

3) One simply posted a picture of a fire raging in a skip.

4) That's most of them, in other words, from smartphones and desktop PCs to games consoles and the racks of machines that run cloud-computing services from Microsoft, Amazon and the like.

1. 3214
2. 1423
3. 2341
4. 3142
5. 4231

**Answer: 1**

**Q20. Direction:** 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 (i) as the first statement.

(i) You'd think the Indian economy had returned to rosy health.

1) Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision just over a year ago to withdraw 86 per cent of the currency in circulation, and the poorly planned rollout in the middle of 2017 of a new goods-and-services tax.

2) The Purchasing Managers' Index expanded the fastest it has in five years. At least one international rating agency has upgraded India's credit rating.

3) It seems to have recovered from two enormous disruptions.

4) Exports are no longer declining, as they had for several quarters; indeed, for the last month that data is available, they rose 30 per cent.

1. 1243
2. 1324
3. 3142
4. 2341
5. 4231

**Answer:** 3

**Q21. Direction:** The given sentences, when properly sequenced, form a coherent paragraph. Each sentence is labelled with a letter. Choose the most logical order of the sentences from among the five given choices to construct a coherent paragraph keeping (i) as the first statement.

(i) For first-time Indian travellers, stepping out of the airport in Singapore or Japan is a momentous, potentially mindset-changing experience.

1) But walk in a cramped gully in Delhi or even on the main road and everything that is not desirable inside, finds its way outside.

2) Public littering is a social issue that results in massive aesthetic, financial and health related costs for India. It's not as if we don't value cleanliness. Our homes are the textbook

definition of clean.

3) How does that compare with our paan stained buses filled with peanut shells?

4) How can bustling cities packed with people be so spotless? As far as the eye can go, there is not a single piece of stray paper on the road or in public transport.

1. 2314
2. 4321
3. 4231
4. 1423
5. 1324

**Answer: 2**

**Direction (22-26):** In the given questions, one statement with a blank is given along with four words. Two of the given words can fit into the given blank. Five options with various combinations of these words are given. Pick up the combination of the words that fits into the blank.

**Q.22** Due to the complexity of American water laws, water issues in the united states are not very \_\_\_\_\_ nor easily fixable.

- a) Amenable
- b) Controversial
- c) Irrelevant
- d) Compliant

1. a-b
2. b-c
3. b-d
4. c-d
5. a-d

**Answer: 5**

**Q.23.** Chronic drought and food insecurity plague Sahel, which is already one of the poorest in the world moreover the climate and geography of the region \_\_\_\_\_ regional communities to relative isolation.

- a) Alleviates

- b) Relegates
- c) Downgrades
- d) Transgresses

- 1. a-b
- 2. b-c
- 3. b-d
- 4. c-d
- 5. A-d

**Answer: 2**

**Q.24** The global transition to clean energy will most likely slow due to the Trump Administration's policies, but it will not halt or reverse which indicates under the Trump Administration clean energy will remain \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Compatible
- b) Unscathed
- c) Contentious
- d) Debatable

- 1. a-b
- 2. b-c
- 3. b-d
- 4. c-d
- 5. a-d

**Answer: 4**

**Q.25** Current transportation systems cannot meet the growing demand without increasing both congestion and pollution but the technological innovation spurred by the Fourth Industrial Revolution may offer opportunities to improve the system such as \_\_\_\_\_ vehicles, biometrics, and ultralight materials.

- a) Autonomous
- b) Self-sufficient
- c) Irresistible
- d) Customized

- 1. a-b

2. b-c
3. b-d
4. c-d
5. a-d

**Answer: 1**

**Q.26** The national power grid is woefully inefficient and the country is often crippled by power shortages and blackouts like the one in 2012 where three of India's five grids failed, leaving 20 of its 28 states and 700 million people without electricity for hours, which forced public services and private enterprises to shut down as \_\_\_\_\_ citizens rioted in the Streets.

- a) Unbridled
- b) Contented
- c) Disgruntled
- d) Amicable

1. a-b
2. b-c
3. b-d
4. a-c
5. a-d

**Answer: 4**

**Q.27 Direction:** In the given questions, one statement with a blank is given along with four words. Two of the given words can fit into the given blank. Five options with various combinations of these words are given. Pick up the combination of the words that fits into the blank.

After Chinese immigrants began arriving in \_\_\_\_\_ to work on the Central Pacific Railroad during the California Gold Rush, racial tensions between white laborers and Chinese newcomers began to emerge.

- a) Waves
- b) Perverse
- c) Swarms
- d) Diverge

1. a-b
2. b-c
3. b-d
4. c-a
5. a-d

**Answer: 4**

**Q.28 Direction:** In the given questions, one statement with a blank is given along with four words. Two of the given words can fit into the given blank. Five options with various combinations of these words are given. Pick up the combination of the words that fits into the blank. The second hour after sunset usually brought a night breeze that gave a little welcome respite from the \_\_\_\_\_ heat of the desert, where everyone was feeling weak, dehydrated and Undernourished.

- a) Taciturn
- b) Oppressive
- c) Prosaic
- d) Torrid

1. b-c
2. b-d
3. c-d
4. a-d
5. a-b

**Answer: 2**

**Direction (29-33):** A sentence divided into four parts (A), (B), (C) and (D) is given. The errors are in two parts of the sentence. Determine the parts which require correction and mark it as your answer. If the sentence is correct as it is, mark the answer as No error.

**Q.29.** They applauded almost (A)/ his tricks and at the end of the (B)/ perform begged him earnestly not (C)/ to go away again and leave them. (D)

1. A-B
2. C-D
3. B-C
4. A-C
5. No error



**Answer: 4**

**Q.30** He looked small in the middle (A)/ of the foyer, and he worn an insincere (B)/ smile like he might any other (C)/ piece of easily removed clothing. (D)

1. A-C
2. B-D
3. B-C
4. C-D
5. No error

**Answer: 2**

**Q.31** The expanse from the young population (A)/ makes it importance for India to (B)/ understand the needs, desires and (C)/ aspirations of its youth. (D)

1. A-B
2. B-C
3. C-D
4. B-D
5. No error

**Answer: 1**

**Q.32** First, it is important to realize (A)/ that in the video game industry, (B)/ much like in the film industry, an (C)/ idea is a miniscule part of the whole package. (D)

1. A-C
2. B-C
3. B-D
4. A-B
5. No error

**Answer: 5**

**Q.33** The new agreements by Japan reflects efforts (A)/ to counter growing uncertainty in global markets, (B)/ largely due to unilateral actions by the Trump administration (C)/ and the trade war between the US and China. (D)

1. A-B
2. A-D
3. B-C
4. B-D
5. No error

**Answer: 2**

**Direction (34-43):** Given below is a passage in which each line is numbered (1) - (10). Four words in each sentence are highlighted. Find out which word is not grammatically/contextually suitable in each of the numbered sentences. (1) When **thinking** about retail in the **futuristic**, there are **several** areas to **consider**. (2) For instance, as VR **improved**, and the technology approaches real-world replication, many of the experiences once **thought** belonging to the brick-and-mortar world can be translated into the **digital** world. (3) The ability to **visualise** how pieces of clothes **would** look on you, to walk through a digital store, and to interact **virtually** with other people may take a lot **away** from the beauty of physical shops.

(4) As we become more and more **connected** to the digital world, and as our ability to make use of data **increase**, purchasing may become much more “**natural**” online. (5) **Although** far from perfect, we should **assume** that this will **continue** to improve **significant**.

(6) As this **happens**, the ability to **predict** our needs and wants might become just too **compelling** to ignore, and slowly chip **beyond** at the benefits of brick-and-mortar. (7) **Another** factor contributing to the **rise** of online **retailers** is fast **delivery**. (8) If you **order** something **online** a few years ago, it would **take** at least a few days to **arrive**. (9) Today, with **drone** technology, and with online **consumers** developing their own delivery chains, the **norm** has become 2-day delivery, and customer **expectations** have adapted. (10) **Accordingly** to Lin Grosman, we’re not too far **from** two-hour delivery, and Amazon **has** even talked **about** 30-minute delivery.

**Q.34** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 1 ?

1. Thinking
2. Futuristic
3. Several
4. Consider
5. All correct

**Answer: 2**

**Q.35** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 2 ?

1. Improved
2. Thought
3. Mortar
4. Digital
5. All correct

**Answer: 1**

**Q.36.** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 3 ?

1. Visualise
2. Would
3. Virtually
4. Away
5. All correct

**Answer: 5**

**Q.37** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 4 ?

1. Connected
2. Increase
3. Much
4. Natural
5. All correct

**Answer: 2**

**Q.38** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 5 ?

1. Although
2. Assume
3. Continue
4. Significant
5. All correct.

**Answer: 4**

**Q.39** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 6 ?

1. Happens
2. Predict
3. Compelling
4. Beyond
5. All correct

**Answer: 4**

**Q.40.** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 7 ?

1. Another
2. Rise
3. Retailers
4. Delivery
5. All correct

**Answer: 5**

**Q.41** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 8 ?

1. Order
2. Online
3. Take
4. Arrive
5. All correct

**Answer: 1**

**Q.42** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 9 ?

1. Drone
2. Consumers
3. Norm
4. Expectation
5. All correct

**Answer: 2**

**Q.43** Which of the following words is not appropriate in Sentence 10 ?

1. Accordingly
2. From
3. Has
4. About
5. All correct

**Answer:** 1

**Q.44 Direction:** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Certain words are printed in bold to help you locate them while answering some of these.

Britain is pushing ahead with tests of self-driving cars on public roads despite **mounting** public concern over safety after a pedestrian was killed by one in the US. The country's biggest carmaker, Jaguar Land Rover, has been experimenting with autonomous cars on roads in the Midlands and is set to demonstrate more of the cars' features, including an emergency braking warning system, on urban streets this week.

Government-backed trials using small autonomous vehicles in south London are due to end on Friday, with organisers reporting widespread public unease about the implications for road safety and cybersecurity.

A self-driving Uber car killed a woman in Tempe, Arizona on Sunday night – the first time a self-driving vehicle has killed someone that was not its occupant. Elaine Herzberg, 49, was wheeling her bicycle when she was struck by the Volvo, and later died of her injuries in hospital. The US government safety investigators were sent to examine the crash site and Uber has suspended its test fleets of self-driving cars across the US and Canada.

Police in Arizona said initial video footage suggested Herzberg walked out suddenly. One previous death involving autonomous cars, a Tesla Model S owner killed in Florida in 2016 when his car crashed on autopilot, was blamed on the driver's inattention, but investigators highlighted design flaws in the vehicle.

Many in the motor and insurance industries expect safety benefits from autonomous cars since more than 90% of accidents involve human error. In 2016, the latest full year for which data is available, 448 pedestrians were killed by vehicles on UK roads, and more than 6,000 in the US. But fears remain over how driverless cars will interact with humans on the roads.

Christian Wolmar, the author of *Driverless Cars: A Road to Nowhere*, said the Arizona accident would have a big impact: “We don’t know precisely what happened, but it is clear Uber are worried by withdrawing all their cars. Driverless cars will not be accepted if there is a perception that they are not 100% safe.

Of course, new technology has **blips**, but this one, that no one has particularly asked for, is being sold on the basis that it’s so much safer.” Noel Sharkey, emeritus professor of artificial intelligence at the University of Sheffield, said: “Autonomous vehicles present us with a great future opportunity to make our roads safer. But the technology is just not ready yet and needs to mature before it goes on the road.

Too many mistakes and the public may turn its back on the technology.” In London, members of the public have been using low-speed autonomous pods on cycle paths and walkways around the Greenwich peninsula as the culmination of a three-year Gateway study into people’s responses to driverless technology. Gateway said that under half of 1,300 public responses were positive about the new technology, with those uncertain or opposed citing cybersecurity and road safety fears.

A spokesman said: “The lesson is you absolutely have to build in security and road safety from the get-go.” The pods have had one reported collision, hitting a barrier with the roads minister, Jesse Norman, onboard.

He has nonetheless pledged to keep the UK in the **vanguard** of developing autonomous technology, recently confirming an overhaul of road laws to include self-driving cars. Greenwich is expected to allow Ford and Jaguar Land Rover autonomous cars on its streets in the next phase of testing. Gatwick announced it would be testing autonomous vehicles to shuttle staff across the airfield, which it said could lead to “an Uber-like service” for ground staff to hail.

**Q.44.** How would the insurance agencies benefit from some driven cars?

1. Auto-mode being unsafe, would cause more accidents. So, people would take insurance from insurance agencies.
2. With the advent of autonomous vehicles, there will be an increase in vehicle density which would lead to more accidents.
3. 90% of accidents are due to human error.
4. It won’t benefit.
5. Data Inadequate

**Answer: 5**

**Q.45** What is the following is the most similar to “blip” ?

- A. Characteristics
- B. Specifications
- C. Interruptions
- D. Elements
- E. Trace

**Answer: 3**

**Q.46** As per the author of the book “Driverless cars: A road to nowhere”, driverless cars would not be accepted until;

1. The year 2030. It will take that much time to legalize autonomous vehicles.
2. The next generation becomes active drivers. The current one being too scared to trust computer programmed cars.
3. People start selling their private cars and start using public transports or share cab or Taxi.
4. They will never be accepted by the public.
5. They're not perceived to be 100% safe

**Answer: 5**

**Q.47** What is the irony in the case of 'driverless cars' ?

1. They were supposed to be cheaper but are way costlier.
2. Driver is getting blamed for accidents involving autonomous vehicles.
3. They were supposed to be safe but had killed people.
4. The fuel costs more than the driver's salary.
5. A driver always sits in the driver's seat, despite the car being driverless.

**Answer: 3**

**Q.48.** Which of the following words are similar in meaning to 'vanguard' ?

1. Bodyguard, Protective shield
2. Followers, disciples
3. Cutting edge, forefront
4. Bodyguard, forefront
5. Followers, forefront

**Answer: 3**

**Q.49** As per the passage, why did the government back trials in south London ?

1. Public grew uneasy about implications on road and cyber security.
2. Increasing accidents due to autonomous vehicles.
3. The parameters of testing had failed.
4. It was getting far too expensive to continue testing.
5. Public grew uneasy because of the risks involved in testing self-driven vehicles.

**Answer: 1**

**Q.50.** What were the main reasons behind the Uber accident ?

- A. A glitch in the technology
- B. No sensors were installed in the front
- C. Braking system failed due to inefficient usage
- D. The woman suddenly came in front, car couldn't break in so little time.
- E. A bug in the system's software, which made its reaction time too slow.

**Answer: 4**