

SBI Clerk Mains 2020 English Language Practice PDF - Questions

Directions (1-5): In the following questions a sentence is given, some parts of the sentence are given in bold which may have grammatical or spelling error or they may be contextually incorrect. Two columns (A) and (B) are given, column (A) consists of bold parts of the sentence and column (B) consists of the appropriate replacement for the bold parts. Match the correct replacements. If the sentence is correct mark no error as your answer.

Q1. Entrepreneurs have often regarded as national assets which are motivated and rewarded to the greatest possible extent mainly because they contribute in terms of innovation, jobs and improve the conditions for a prosperous society.

COLUMN A

- (A) Entrepreneurs have often regarded
- (B) which are motivated and rewarded
- (C) because they contribute in terms of
- (D) conditions for a prosperous society
- (a) D-IV and B-II
- (b) B-II and C-III
- (c) A-I and B-II
- (d) None of the given options are correct
- (e) No error

COLUMN B

- (I) Entrepreneurs are often regarded
- (II) who are motivated and rewarded
- (III) because they contribute for terms of
- (IV) conditions with a prosperous society

Q2. Since banks have professional and specialized status, they are in a strength position to advise entrepreneur on sustainable lines of investment by analyzing the to and fro of each investment as well as management of investment of customers.

COLUMN A

- (A) Since banks have professional
- (B) they are in a strength
- (C) by analyzing the to and fro of
- (D) of investment of customers
- (a) D-IV and B-II
- (b) B-II and C-III
- (c) A-I and B-II
- (d) None of the given options are correct
- (e) No error

COLUMN B

- (I) Since banks had professional
- (II) they are in a strong
- (III) by analyzing the pro and cons of
- (IV) of investment in customers

Q3. Rs. 91,000 in grants as well as additional non-financial support has been awarded to local change-makers to the finals of the 2018 Malta Social Impact Awards.

COLUMN A

- (A) Rs. 91,000 in
- (B) additional non-financial support
- (C) has been awarded
- (D) to the finals of the

COLUMN B

- (I) Rs. 91,000 with
- (II) addition non-financial support
- (III) have been awarded
- (IV) at the finals of the

- (a) C-III and D-IV
- (b) B-II and C-III
- (c) A-I and B-II
- (d) None of the given options are correct
- (e) No error

Q4. To make the connection and distinction among economic growth and human development is important for India where a wrong choice can alter the developmental future of the nation.

COLUMN A

- (A) To make the connection
- (B) among economic growth
- (C) where a wrong choice
- (D) the developmental future of the nation

- (a) C-III and D-IV
- (b) B-II and C-III
- (c) A-I and B-II
- (d) None of the given options are correct
- (e) No error

COLUMN B

- (I) Making the connection
- (II) between economic growth
- (III) which a wrong choice
- (IV) the development future to the nation

Q5. Even though the agrarian crisis has taken a political turn with every party trying to portray itself as the saviour of the farming community, there is no serious thought from any of them on how to revive the agrarian economy.

COLUMN A

- (A) has taken a political turn
- (B) to portray itself as the saviour
- (C) there is no serious thought
- (D) on how to revive

- (a) C-III and D-IV
- (b) B-II and C-III
- (c) A-I and B-II
- (d) None of the given options are correct
- (e) No error

COLUMN B

- (I) had taken a political turn
- (II) to portray themselves as the saviour
- (III) there is not serious thought
- (IV) on to revive how

Directions (6-10): In each of the given questions an inference is given in bold which is then followed by three paragraphs. You have to find the paragraph(s) from which it is inferred. Choose the option with the best possible outcome as your choice.

Q6. Political parties should come up with smarter solutions to gain farmer's electoral clout.

[I] It makes sense for the government to procure directly from farmers at MSP and, instead of hoarding and resorting to open market sales at a later date, introduce it under the subsidized public distribution system. This will not only help farmers growing pulses with better prices, but also improve India's terrible nutritional indicators—about 38% of our under-five children are stunted.

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[II] That rural anger can cause noticeable political damage was proved beyond doubt when the ruling Bhartiya Janata Party performed poorly in rural areas in the Gujarat elections. Ground reports from the current phase of state elections suggest that farmers in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan have set the tone of electoral discourse in these states. Simultaneously, they are also setting the stage for the general elections next year to remind governments that there is a political cost to ignoring rural India.

[III] Indian farmer face a pressing problem that they are often at a loss about what to plant without any useful market intelligence. They take the previous year's prices for a particular crop as a market signal, not where prices will be when they harvest their crop.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None of these

Q7. There is an acute shortage of regular non-farm jobs in most parts of the country.

(I) Estimates of employment is usually done by the survey method either of households or enterprises. Household surveys give a better picture of unemployment/underemployment, while enterprise surveys provide better picture of employment growth or their industry classification. A third more recent attempt has been by tapping administrative sources of social security cover e.g., EPFO, PFRDA, etc.

(II) Manufacturing is the biggest employer only in a handful of districts: in the Coimbatore-Tirupur belt in Tamil Nadu, the Thane-Mumbai belt in Maharashtra, the Jalandhar-Ludhiana belt in Punjab and a few other districts scattered across the country

(III) The districts where the demand for jobs is the greatest, and where regular jobs are increasingly difficult to find. One big reason for the lack of much progress in creating regular non-farm jobs lies in India's failure in manufacturing. Barely 26 of the 640 districts in 2011 had more than a fifth of their workforce employed in manufacturing.

- (a) Only (III)
- (b) Only (I)
- (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None of these

Q8. ATM industry must work with banks to meet new security standards.

(I) It is the responsibility of banks to ensure that the cash logistics industry meets the new security and financial requirements. There can be a case where the industry may need an extension in deadlines but scaremongering is not the best way to go about it. In an age of increasingly sophisticated fraudsters, the cash logistics industry cannot expect their standards to be static.

(II) Automated Teller Machines, or ATMs, are ubiquitous. For many, they are the main source of cash withdrawals, with 2.21 lakh ATMs spread across the country. Over the last decade they have become a critical component in India's larger payments landscape. Now, the Confederation of ATM Industry claims that there is a risk that a large number of ATMs in non-urban locations may soon be shut down on account of new regulations introduced by Reserve Bank of India.

(III) With the objective of deepening financial inclusion, RBI kicked off an era of differentiated banking by allowing SFBs (small finance banks) and PBs (payments banks) to start services. A total of 21 entities were given in-principle nod last year, including 11 for payments banks.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None of these

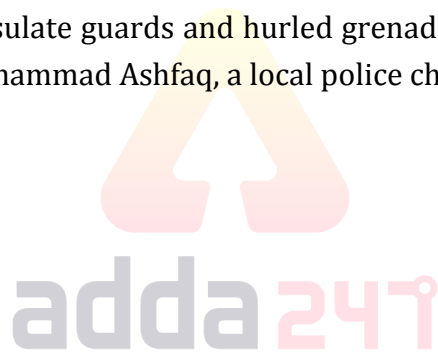
Q9. A Terror attack on Chinese consulate in Pakistan

(I) Armed separatists stormed the Chinese Consulate in Pakistan's Karachi on Friday, triggering an intense hour-long shootout during which two police officers and all three assailants were killed, Pakistani officials said.

(II) All the Chinese diplomats and staff at the consulate were safe and were not harmed during the attack or the shootout, senior police official Ameer Ahmad Sheikh said.

(III) The attackers stormed the Chinese consulate in Karachi, Pakistan shortly after 9 a.m., during business hours. They first opened fire at consulate guards and hurled grenades, then managed to breach the main gate and enter the building, said Mohammad Ashfaq, a local police chief.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) (I) & (III)
- (c) (II) & (III)
- (d) All of (I), (II) & (III)
- (e) None of (I), (II) & (III)



Q10. The spat will trigger periodic RBI scrutiny that will keep it on its toes.

(I) The RBI didn't concede the demand for alignment of the capital norms to Basel (they are higher now), but by pushing back the deadline by a year for increasing the capital buffer, it has freed up funds for banks to lend.

(II) THE Indian economy has just managed to swerve and avoid a collision which would have had an enormous downside. After an escalating public spat, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the financial regulator, and the government decided to take a step back.

(III) The market hesitated to offer fresh capital to NBFCs and they faced higher interest rates while refinancing their lines of credit, the government was keen on the RBI making capital available to the sector.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Both (II) and (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (III)
- (e) None of these

Directions (11-20): Read the following passage and answer the questions following it. Several alphabets are given to help u assist in answering those questions.

Any knowledge discipline is hard to define. Firstly, because it evolves continuously and secondly, because the range of **(A)** it studies cannot be captured by any one definition. This is even truer for psychology. The term psychology is derived from two Greek words psyche meaning soul and logos meaning science or study of a subject. Thus, psychology was a study of the soul or mind. **(B)** *But since then it has moved away considerably from this focus and established itself as a scientific discipline who deals with processes underlying human experience and behaviour.* The range of phenomena it studies are spread over several levels, viz. individual, dyadic (two person) group, and organisational. They also have biological as well as social bases. Naturally, therefore, the methods required to study them also vary greatly depending on the phenomenon one wants to study. A discipline is defined both in terms of what it studies and how it studies. In fact, more in terms of how or method/s it uses. **(C)** Keeping this in view, psychology is (1) **experiences** formally as a science which studies mental processes, **(2) defined** and (3) **behaviour** in different (4) **contexts**. In doing so, it uses methods of biological and social sciences to obtain data systematically. It makes sense of these data so that they can be organised as knowledge. Let us try to understand the three terms used in the definition, namely, mental processes, experience, and behaviour. When we say experiences are internal to the experiencing person, then we refer to **(D)**_____.

We use our mental processes when we think or try to solve a problem, to know or remember something. One level at which these mental processes are **(E)** is the brain activity. As we think or solve a mathematical problem, our brain activities can be observed using different structure of brain imaging. However, we cannot say that brain activities and mental processes are the same, although they are **(F)unallied**. *Mental activities and neural activities are mutually overlapping processes but, they are not identical.* **(G)** *Mind emerges and evolves as our interactions and experiences in this world get dynamically organised in the form of a system which is responsible for the occurrence of various mental processes.* Brain activities provide important clues as to how our mind functions. **(H)** But the **(1) neural** of our own **(2)experiences** and mental processes are much more than the **(3)consciousness** or brain **(4)activities**. Even when we are asleep some mental activities go on. We dream, and receive some information such as a knock on the door while we are asleep. Some psychologists have shown that we also learn and remember in our sleep. **(I)** *Mental processes, such as remembering, learning, knowing, perceiving, feeling are of interest to psychologists.* They study these processes to try to understand how the mind works and to help us improve the uses and **(J)** of these mental capacities.

Q11. Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as (A) in the above passage to make it grammatically correct and meaningful? Also, the word should fill in the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful.

(i) Many of the _____ of Winter are suggestive of an inexpressible tenderness and fragile delicacy.

(ii) In all his travels he studied only the _____ of nature and human life.

- (a) expansion
- (b) phenomena
- (c) abysmal
- (d) arrogance
- (e) compliance

Q12. In the above passage, a sentence B is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer. If there is no error, then choose option (e) as your answer.

- (a) But since then it has moved away considerably from this focus
- (b) and established itself as a scientific discipline
- (c) who deals with processes underlying
- (d) human experience and behaviour
- (e) No error

Q13. The sentence given in (C) has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words which of the followings must interchange to make the sentence grammatically and contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) 1-2
- (b) 2-4
- (c) 1-4
- (d) 2-3
- (e) 3-4

Q14. Which of the following phrases should fill the blank (D) to make it contextually and grammatically meaningful and correct respectively?

- (a) subjectivity is a necessary aspect of human experience.
- (b) psychology as a discipline today has two parallel streams.
- (c) evolutionary approach which is dominant in physical sciences.
- (d) states of consciousness or awareness or mental processes
- (e) interesting cases that have been published.

Q15. Which of the following words given in the options should come at the place marked as 'E' in the above paragraph to make it grammatically and contextually meaningful and correct? Also, the word should fill the two sentences given below to make them contextually correct and meaningful?

- (i)** I suddenly saw myself _____ in a window pane and it startled me.
- (ii)** The shift in the balance of forces is also _____ in international finance.
- (a) complaint
 - (b) reflected
 - (c) converted
 - (d) disguised
 - (e) forecasted

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Q16. A word is given in bold in F. Choose the word which should replace the word given in bold to make the sentence correct and meaningful. If no change is required, choose option (e) as your answer.

- (a) futile
- (b) organised
- (c) interdependent
- (d) jumbled
- (e) No change

Q17. Two sentences are given in italics on both sides of G. Which of the following statements can come in between the two sentences in place of G and maintain the continuity of the paragraph?

- (a) Unlike the brain, the mind does not have a physical structure nor has a location.
- (b) Developmental psychologists collaborate with anthropologists,
- (c) Therefore behaviour should be studied in its socio-cultural context.
- (d) The purpose is to develop general principles about behaviour and mental processes.
- (e) psychologists make certain interventions into the lives of needy people.

Q18. The sentence given in H has four words given in bold. Amongst the given bold words, which of the followings must replace each other to make the sentence contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) 2-4
- (b) 2-3
- (c) 1-4
- (d) 3-4
- (e) 1-3

Q19. In the passage given, a sentence I is given in Italics. There may or may not be an error in one part of the sentence. Choose the part which has an error in it as your answer.

- (a) Mental processes, such as
- (b) remembering, learning, knowing
- (c) perceiving, feeling are of
- (d) interest to psychologists
- (e) No error

Q20. Which of the following words should fill the blank given in J to make it contextually correct and meaningful?

- (a) illusions
- (b) facades
- (c) expenses
- (d) applications

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