

Quiz Date: 22nd April 2020

Directions (1-10): Read each sentence to find out whether there is any grammatical or idiomatic error 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 option (e). (Ignore errors of punctuation, if any.)

Q1. Banks are on the verge (A)/ of facing a formidable challenge (B)/ of losing over fifty percent of (C)/ their employees due to retirement. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q2. The movement, which aims to (A)/ raise awareness about climate change, hopes (B)/ to bring people together to think about (C)/ what they can do for reduce harmful pollution. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q3. The main problem concerning farming (A)/ is that the income earned by farmers (B)/ is not adequate to (C)/ meet their consumption needs. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

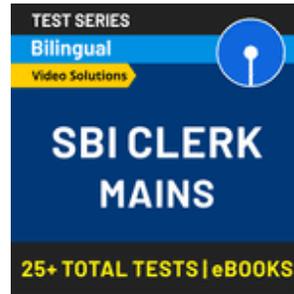
Q4. The city's excellent law and order development (A)/ and its sophisticated ability (B)/ to fight on crime (C)/ make it a preferred destination of choice. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q5. Kindly confirm by letter (A)/ and telephone that (B)/ you will be able (C)/ to attend the interview. (D)/ No error. (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D

(e) E



Q6. I declined the invitation (A)/ not because I did not (B)/ want to go but (C)/ because I have no time. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q7. Let us (A)/ congratulate him (B)/ for his success (C)/ in the examination (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q8. Ancient artefacts are (A)/ a part of global heritage (B)/ and should not be (C)/ sold to the highest bidder. (D)/ No error (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q9. When I heard his knock (A)/ I went to the door and opened it, (B)/ but I did not recognize him (C)/ at first because I was not wearing my glasses. (D)/ No error. (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E

Q10. We had heard the engine roar (A)/ as the plane began to move (B)/ and we saw the people (C)/ on the ground waving good bye (D)/ No error. (E)

- (a) A
- (b) B
- (c) C
- (d) D
- (e) E



Directions (11-15): In the following questions, a word is given in bold followed by three sentences. Choose the appropriate option mentioning the sentence(s) that uses the highlighted word in a grammatically correct and contextually meaningful manner.

Q11.

Internecine

- (I) This was a bitter **internecine** warfare within the CBI, and the government's discomfiture was clear.
- (II) Hardly has the din in the election fray subsided, and the **internecine** squabbles in the Congress are assuming feverish pitch once again.
- (III) Flooded with multiple applications for every vacancy, school **internecine** are going the corporate way to recruit new staff.

- (a) Only (I)
- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) All of the above

Q12.

Maverick

- (I) The **maverick** President puts in personal diplomacy in the conduct of America's foreign affairs
- (II) He was considered as something of a **maverick** in the publishing world.
- (III) The myth of the **maverick** artist and the frisson of his conversations have often clouded the more substantive aspects of Satyadev Dubey's five decade long.

- (a) Only (I)

- (b) Only (II)
- (c) Only (III)
- (d) Both (I) and (II)
- (e) All of the above

Q13.

Misconceived

- (I) The government should also **misconceived** contract, casual and “honorary” jobs and make them regular jobs.
 - (II) I would suggest you have some **misconceived** conceptions about the gentility of World War II, or certainly its portrayal to the public.
 - (III) You may regard some decisions as **misconceived** and wrong-headed, but we must have an authoritative structure to preserve the rule of law.
- (a) Both (II) and (III)
 - (b) Only (II)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (II)
 - (e) All of the above

Q14.

Perverse

- (I) Market pricing for bulk consumers may prune the subsidy bill of the government significantly but it is a **perverse** policy.
 - (II) State transport corporations will have no **perverse** but to pass on the higher fuel costs to their passengers.
 - (III) To define one’s identity or community in terms of a single, exclusive religion — Hindu, Muslim or any other — is a **perverse** European notion.
- (a) Both (II) and (III)
 - (b) Both (I) and (III)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (II)
 - (e) All of the above

Q15.

Punitive

- (I) New Delhi has said consistently that India’s nuclear weapons were based on staggering and **punitive** retaliation, in case deterrence failed.
 - (II) There ought to be no scope for **punitive** here because security is, after all, a dynamic concept.
 - (III) In a nuclear **punitive** it is much better to convey the overwhelming nature of the deterrence than to keep the potential adversary guessing.
- (a) Only (I)
 - (b) Both (I) and (III)
 - (c) Only (III)
 - (d) Both (I) and (II)
 - (e) All of the above



Solutions

S1. Ans. (c)

Sol. Use 'above' in place of 'over' because to tell 'level', 'above' is used whereas 'over' implies movement from one place to another. Ex. Inflation is above 6%. Temperatures have been above average.

S2. Ans. (d)

Sol. Use 'for reducing' in place of 'for reduce' because the verb coming after preposition 'for' should always be in fourth form of the verb.

S3. Ans. (d)

Sol. The use of 'consumption' is superfluous.

S4. Ans. (c)

Sol. In place of 'on', 'against' or 'with' will be used as 'fight against/with' is used.

S5. Ans. (b)

Sol. Use 'by' before 'telephone'.

S6. Ans. (d)

Sol. 'had' will be used in place of 'have' because words like 'declined' and 'did' infer that the sentence is in past.

S7. Ans. (c)

Sol. Use 'on' in place 'for' because 'congratulate somebody on something' or 'Be congratulated on something' is used. Ex. I congratulated him on his grand success.

S8. Ans. (e)

Sol. The sentence is grammatically correct.

S9. Ans. (a)

Sol. In place of 'his', 'him' will be used because pronoun used after verbs like 'hear, watch, behold, see, let, make and bid' is in objective case. Ex. I saw him yesterday.

S10. Ans. (a)

Sol. Use 'heard' in place of 'had heard' because 'had+ third form of verb' is used in Past perfect while second form of verb is used in simple past.

S11. Ans. (d)

Sol. The term 'internecine' means 'Destructive to both sides in a conflict'.

S12. Ans. (e)

Sol. The term 'maverick' means 'An unorthodox or independent-minded person'.

S13. Ans. (a)

Sol. The term 'misconceived' means 'Wrongly or badly planned or judged, typically because of faulty understanding'.

S14. Ans. (b)

Sol. The term 'perverse' means 'Showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is unreasonable or unacceptable'.

S15. Ans. (a)

Sol. The term 'punitive' means 'Inflicting or intended as punishment'.

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