

**SET 9**  
**A SET OF 25 QUESTIONS**  
**BASED ON MISCELLANEOUS ERROR**  
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**ANSWERS WITH EXPLANATION**

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**The following sentences are divided into four or five segments. Identify which part contains an error. There may be sentences without any error.**

**1. The poor (A) / has no money (B) / therefore they cannot afford (C) / proper medical facilities. (D) / No error. (E)**

(B) In part B, the verb 'has' must be replaced with 'have' as it has to be in agreement with the number of the subject 'The poor' which is plural. An adjective preceded by the definite article 'the' is considered plural.

**2. While speaking to (A) / the students, the motivational speaker (B) / advised them not to (C) / brood under failures. (D) / No Error (E)**

(D) The word 'brood' takes the preposition 'over' after it.

**3. While examining the patient, (A) / the ENT specialist noticed (B) / that his patient's palette was unusually bent (C) / towards the base of the mouth. (D) / No Error (E)**

(C) 'Palette' means a thin board or slab on which an artist lays and mixes colours. 'Palate' means the roof of the mouth, separating the cavities of the mouth and nose in vertebrates. 'palate' should be used.

**4. Authorities banned elder cars (A) / with higher emission levels (B) / from the roads in an attempt to (C) / offset a peak in air pollution. (D) / No error (E)**

(A) The word 'elder' is incorrect in this context because it only used while referring to blood relations in humans. The correct expression in this context is 'older' which can be used with both living as well as non-living things.

**5. I've finally decided (A) / to bite a (B) / bullet and learn (C) / how to code. (D) / No error (E)**

(B) The correct idiomatic expression is 'bite the bullet' and not 'bite a bullet'.

**Bite the bullet (Idiom):** Decide to do something difficult or unpleasant that one has been putting off or hesitating over

**6. Some economists had conjectured (A) / that a 20 per cent growth rate (B) / was required to get atop (C) / the unemployment problem. (D) / No error (E)**

(C) The correct phrasal verb to be used here is 'get over' which means 'to overcome.'

**7. The sowing of summer crops (A) / such as rice, soybeans and corn (B) / have been (C) / lagging as a result. (D) / No error (E)**

(C) The subject 'sowing' is singular. Hence the singular form of the verb 'has' should be used.

**8. The medical fraternity (A) / fears that the law (B) / would be adversely (C) / used against it. (D) / No error (E)**

(E) The sentence is absolutely correct.

**9. The index is a useful tool as it helps identify (A) / the problems as well as the success stories (B) / and provides an opportunity for states to learn (C) / from each other's successes as well as failures. (D) / No error (E)**

(D) The error is in fragment D. The reciprocal pronouns 'each other' is used when we refer to two entities and 'one another' is used when referring to more than two. Here 'one another' should be used instead of 'each other' in order to make the sentence correct.

**10. We see citizens who are quiet (A) / irresponsible and continue (B) / to go jogging (C) / between midday and 2pm. (D) / No error (E)**

(A) The error is in fragment A. The word 'quiet' which means 'silent' is incorrect in this context. The correct expression in this context is 'quite' which means 'completely'.

**11. The problem is nothing else than a repeated attempt (A)/ to give a satisfactory answer to the question (B)/ of how prices are related to labour values.(C)/ No Error (D)**

(a) Replace 'nothing else than' with 'nothing else but'. As 'else' is followed by 'but'.

**12. Whatever may be the shape or size of the particles, (A)/ there is no scattered light in a direction more parallel (B)/ to the primary electric displacements.(C)/ No Error (D)**

(b) Remove 'more' before 'parallel'. Words like parallel, golden, milky, lunar, round, circular, rectangular etc. are 'positive degrees' in appearance but superlative degrees of adjectives in meaning. And don't take 'more' or 'most' before them.

**13. He allowed me to speak and after a month (A)/ he appreciated me for supplementing the (B)/ questions of the most appropriate points. (C)/ No Error (D)**

(c) There is a preposition related error. Replace 'questions of' with 'questions with'. As 'supplement something with' is the correct usage.

**14. They are faced with the task of dismantling (A)/ the state machineries in order to create (B)/ more democratic structures. (C)/ No Error (D)**

(b) Replace 'machineries' with 'machinery'. Machinery, Dirt, Dust, Traffic, Information, Electricity, Bread etc. are uncountable nouns and are used in singular form only.

**15. Economic Survey 2019 estimates that India's (A)/ demand for total material would double (B)/ by 2030 at current rates of growth. (C)/ No Error (D)**

(b) Replace 'would' with 'will' as the context is referring to the future.

**In the questions given below, a statement has been given in bold. This is then expressed in three different ways. You are required to choose the one/s which is/are correct grammatically and contextually and expresses the same meaning as the original one in bold.**

**1. Water and food scarcities during drought periods not only accentuate household suffering, but can distort intra-household conflicts.**

I. Drought periods lead to distortion of intra-house conflicts due to household suffering leading to water and food scarcities.

II. Accentuation of household suffering is caused by water and food scarcities and focuses on distorting intra-household conflicts.

III. Drought periods lead to water and food scarcities which accentuate household suffering as well as distort intra-household conflicts.

- A. Only II
- B. Only III
- C. Only I and II
- D. Only II and III
- E. None of the above

Correct Option: B

As per the original statement, **Water and food scarcities that occur during times of drought increase household suffering along with distorting intra-household conflicts.**

I states that droughts lead to conflicts because of household suffering and lead to scarcities. This is absurd and changes the meaning of the statement.

II. states that the increase in household suffering focuses on distorting intra-household conflicts. This again changes the meaning of the statement and is incorrect.

III. is correct contextually and grammatically.

Hence, option B is correct.

**2. Over the last 50 years, groundwater has emerged as the backbone of irrigated agriculture in India.**

I. After 50 years, groundwater has emerged as the backbone of irrigated agriculture in India.

II. Groundwater has become the sole source of irrigated agriculture in India over a span of 50 years.

III. In the last 50 years, groundwater has survived as the backbone of irrigated agriculture in India.

- A. Only I
- B. Only III
- C. Only I and II
- D. Only II and III
- E. All are incorrect

Correct Option: E

The original statement conveys that over a time period of 50 years, groundwater has become the backbone / mainstay / corner-stone of irrigated agriculture in India.

I is incorrect as it states after 50 years which makes it seem as if it happened all of a sudden after 50 years while the process has been gradual over the years.

II is incorrect as it uses the words sole source which changes the meaning.

III is incorrect as it uses the word survived and does not convey the same meaning.

Hence, option E is correct.

**3. Water scarcity is expected to grow in the future, exacerbated by climatic changes in precipitation patterns and increase in temperatures.**

I. Compounded by climatic changes in terms of rainfall patterns and increase in temperatures, water scarcity is expected to grow in the future.

II. Climate changes like precipitation patterns and temperature increase are expected to grown in the future and would result in more water scarcity.

III. It would be an exaggeration to state that water scarcity, due to climatic changes in precipitation patterns and increase in temperatures, is expected to grow in the future

A. Only I

B. Only III

Only I and II

D. C. Only I and II

E. Only II and III

Correct Option: A

The original sentence conveys that worsening of climatic changes like rainfall and temperature would lead to more water scarcity in the future.

I is correct.

II is incorrect as it uses the past participle form of grown instead of grow.

III is incorrect as exaggeration refers to enhancing something/making it sound better or worse than it actually is. The original statement does not mention this and hence, this is incorrect.

Hence, option A is correct.

**4. India has come a long way from the small, meaningless and ineffectual pictorial warnings that were first used on tobacco products in May 2009.**

I. India uses small, meaningless and ineffectual pictorial warnings that were introduces in May 2009 and uses tobacco products to do so.

II. India has progressed considerably since the time in May 2009, when it first used small, meaningless and ineffectual pictorial warnings on tobacco products.

III. In May 2009, when India introduced pictorial warnings on tobacco products, they were considered small, meaningless and ineffectual but it has shown significant improvement since then.

A. Only III

B. Only I and II

C. Only I and III

D. Only II and III

E. All of the above

Correct Option: D

The original statement wants to convey that India has shown a lot of improvement since May 2009 when it first introduced pictorial warnings on tobacco products which were small, meaningless and ineffectual.

I is absurd in terms of grammar and context.

Both II and III are correct.

Hence, option D is correct.

**5. The development of groundwater in the region has been credited with increased farm profits, reduction of rural poverty, and equitable access to water.**

I. The development of groundwater in the region has been because of increased farm profits, reduction of rural poverty, and equitable access to water.

II. Groundwater development in the region has led to an increase in farm profits, reduction in rural poverty, and equitable access to water.

III. Groundwater development in the region was in terms of increased farm profits, reduction of rural poverty, and equitable access to water.

A. Only III

B. Only I and II

C. Only II

D. Only I and III

E. Only II and III

Correct Option: C

The original statement conveys that positives like increased farm profits, reduction of rural poverty, and equitable access to water can be attributed to groundwater development in the region.

I reverses the cause and effect relationship and is clearly incorrect.

III is incorrect as it seems to state that Groundwater development is the same as increased farm profits, reduction of rural poverty, and equitable access to water. This is clearly absurd.

II is correct contextually and grammatically.

Hence, option C is correct.

**In each of the questions, there are sentences that form a paragraph. Identify the sentence/s or part/s that is/are correct in terms of grammar and usage and choose the answer accordingly.**

1. I. It is impossible to believe that the government does not know how to handle the situation with sincerity and effective.

II. But it is also true that they are unable to decide the best among the two options available in front of them.

III. It seems that the perpetrators of the crime are smarter than brave.

IV. However, the police are of the opinion that they will be able to nab the criminals very soon.

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A. Both I and IV are correct

- B. Both I and II are correct
- C. Both II and III are correct
- D. All I, II and III are incorrect
- E. All I, II, III and IV are correct

**Correct Option: A**

Coming to Statement I, there is no error in the sentence since it is grammatically and contextually right. Therefore, it is a correct sentence.

Statement II is not correct since there is an error in the degree of the comparison used in the sentence. There are two options and the comparison is between two things. This means comparative degree should be used and not the superlative degree as used in the sentence. The correct sentence would have been: *But it is also true that they are unable to decide **the better among the two options** available in front of them.*

Statement III is not correct since there is an error in the degree of the comparison in the sentence. When two qualities of the same person are compared, the comparative degree as in *-er -is* not used but *more + Adjective* is used. Here, the correct statement would have been: *It seems that the perpetrators of the crime are **more wise than brave.***

Statement IV is correct since there is no grammatical error in the sentence. Therefore, there is no correction required in it.

Only II and III are incorrect whereas the rest of the two are correct statement.

This makes option A the correct choice among the given options.

2. I. The International Monetary Fund have decided that it will dole out subsidies to the developing countries in the present financial year.
- II. The President of IMF announced it during the press interaction with the central bank governors last month.
- III. The reason is to create the framework for the Trade Facilitation Agreement of the World Trade Organization to come into existence
- IV. The main contention regarding that agreement was that the developing countries and the developed countries were not on the same page regarding the subsidies

- A. I and IV are incorrect
- B. II and III are incorrect
- C. Only I is incorrect
- D. Both II and IV are incorrect
- E. All I, II, III and IV are incorrect

**Correct Option: C**

Statement I is not correct since *has* should have been used with the International Monetary Fund since it is a single organization and *have* used in this statement is not right. The correct sentence would have been: *The International Monetary Fund **has decided that it will dole out subsidies to the developing countries in the present financial year.***

All the other statements II, III and IV are correct as there is no grammatical and contextual error in those sentences.

This makes option C the correct choice among the given options.

3. I. The Central Bank will not decide the future course of action unless they are sure about the trend of inflation in the coming months.  
II. The Monetary Policy Committee of the bank will only give a call regarding this after the inflation framework is published by the Government.  
III. It is expected that there will be a rate cut in the next monetary policy review to control the inflation in the medium term.  
IV. However, the negative effects of rate cut will also have to be taken into account in a country with mass unemployment.

- A. I and III are incorrect  
B. II and III are incorrect  
C. II and IV are correct  
D. I, II and III are correct  
E. None of the above

**Correct Option: E**

Statement I is correct since there is no error in it either grammatically or contextually. Therefore no correction is required in this sentence.

Statement II is not correct since there is an error in the usage of the phrase *give a call* since it is implied that the central bank will decide the future course of action. *Take a call* should have been used in this context. The correct sentence would be: *The Monetary Policy Committee of the bank will only **take a call** regarding this after the inflation framework is published by the Government.*

Statement III and IV are grammatically and contextually correct. No correction is required in either of the two statements. None of the given options gives the correct combination of correct / incorrect statements.

This makes option E the correct choice among the given options.

4. I. The Foreign Portfolio Investors are pumping in more and more funds in India due to the sluggish outlook of the developed countries.  
II. The developed countries have reached a point of saturation in terms of domestic demand and exports are not that promising.  
III. It is a proven fact now that domestic demand is the key factor for sustainable growth for any country.  
IV. That is why emerging markets with more population are coming up as popular destinations for investment inflows by the investors from around the world.

- A. Both I and IV are incorrect  
B. II and III are incorrect  
C. I and III are incorrect  
D. II and IV are incorrect

E. I, II, III and IV are correct

**Correct Option: E**

All the given statements are correct grammatically and contextually. No correction is required in any of the given statements.

This makes option E the correct choice among the given options.

5. I. It was alleged that the Police were prevented from to do their duties.

II. The public were so angry with the incident that they did not allow the Police entering the crime scene.

III. It is because of a series of such incidents taking place in the same area in the last couple of months and the failure of the Police to arrest the miscreants.

IV. The media is also giving constant pressure on the police to crack the case immediately.

A. I and IV are correct

B. II and III are correct

C. II and IV are correct

D. I, II, III and IV are incorrect

E. I and II are incorrect

**Correct Option: E**

Statement I is not correct since according to the rules of grammar, it is necessary that if any principal verb is used after *from*, the *-ing* form of the verb should be used. It is not correct to use *prevented from to do their duties*. The correct usage would have been *prevented from doing their duties*. The correct sentence would be: *It was alleged that Police were prevented from doing their duties.*

Statement II is not correct since there is an error in the usage of the verb in the part *did not allow the Police entering the crime scene*. The correct usage would have been *did not allow the police to enter the crime scene*. The correct sentence would be: *The public were so angry with the incident that they did not allow the Police to enter the crime scene.*

Statements III and IV are correct and therefore no correction is required in such statements.

This makes option E the correct choice among the given options.

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