

## Rearrange Jumbled Sentences in a Paragraph

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If some sentences are given in a jumbled manner, the students should be able to perceive the logical order and sequence in which they should properly be written. For this, their knowledge of grammar will come in handy. The following are some of the indicators of the correct order and sequence.

- (a) See whether the indefinite articles 'a' and 'an' or the definite article 'the' have been used. Sentences containing 'the' should generally come later.
- (b) Use of personal pronouns normally comes after the use of proper nouns.
- (c) Sentence connectors also indicate sequence. Connectors like 'then', 'because', 'since', 'before', 'after', etc. give time reference and are helpful in determining the sequence.

◆ **Read the sentences given below. They are not in the correct sequential order. Rewrite the sentences in a paragraph form placing them in the correct order:**

### Question 1.

- (a) of the/are venomous/only/300 out/species/2700 known
- (b) which is/yellow liquid/water/snake venom/90% of/is a
- (c) expelled/poison gland/that is/it is/from the/substance
- (d) of thick/are/connective/these glands/made/tissues
- (e) used it/in the/to treat/doctors/12th century/leprosy

### Question 2.

- (a) The eldest of the three sons would have become the king after his father.
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- (c) There was once a king in India who died leaving behind three sons.
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### Question 3.

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**Question 5.**

(a) of its residents/becomes a/it reflect /a house/the personality/home when

(b) has to look/no rules/how our/ there are/as to/home

(c) thing is/inhabiting them/should enjoy/the important/ that we

(d) about/houses are/our lives/personal statements

(e) the confidence/in ourselves/they reflect/we have

(f) we have/will be/the more/individualistic/confidence/the more/ our homes

**Question 6.**

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